



# First Generation Initiative

News, Events & Updates

**Hey Slugs! We hope Winter Quarter is wrapping up well for you. Happy Finals Week! This week we've included some fun virtual events if you need a study break. As always, we encourage you to check out all of our social media and visit our website to view some awesome remote learning tips in one easy click below. Good Luck on your Finals!**

[Linktree](#)

## Alumni Spotlight



### **Hector Arroyo De La Paz ('19, Legal Studies & Latin American Latino Studies)**

From a young age, Hector Arroyo De La Paz knew college would be a part of his future.

While his parents didn't attend themselves, they stressed the importance of a college education, taking him and his sisters to visit several campuses around California. "It was not about if I wanted to go to college but what school I would go to," he said. [Read More](#)

## Student Engagement

### **Campus Launches First Black Studies Minor**

Students at UC Santa Cruz are now getting the opportunity to explore an area of study that delves deeply into the realms of Black revolutionary history, Black social movements, Black cultural expression, and Black studies as a formation. Associate

Professor of Feminist Studies Xavier Livermon is the first and, at this time, the only UC Santa Cruz faculty member hired to teach in the minor. Continue reading below.



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## Upcoming Events

### Tips for Finals

With finals around the corner the FGI team wants to give you some tips to succeed and stay motivated!

1. Organize a socially distanced, group study session.
2. Clear your space of any distractions so that you can be as efficient as possible.
3. Make sure to take breaks so that you don't overwork yourself and possibly burnout.
4. Stay positive and know that if you try your best you will be successful.
5. Support your friends through finals week and collaborate on studying and quizzing each other.



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### HOLD THE DATE!

We are excited to announce that we will be holding the first ever First-Gen Systemwide Conference on **Saturday, April 17th from 11am-1pm**. There will be students from other UC Campuses involved in this event! Look out for more details to come

shortly.

UCSC RESOURCE CENTERS & UNDOCUMENTED STUDENT SERVICES

# WE ARE NOT DREAMERS

Undocumented Scholars  
Theorize Undocumented Life  
in the United States

Bigger than any border

WINTER/SPRING 2021 E-BOOK CLUB

Join the Resource Centers and Undocumented Student Services as we read and discuss *We Are Not Dreamers*, a collection of writings by undocumented Scholars. We will be meeting biweekly during Winter quarter and hosting a culminating event with several of the writers during Spring quarter 2021. Don't miss out and join the conversation for your chance to win a signed copy of the book!

First meeting: January 19th @ 6:00 pm  
REGISTER TODAY!  
[bit.ly/ebookclub2021](http://bit.ly/ebookclub2021)

HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED ACCOMMODATIONS? EMAIL [ELCENTRO@UCSC.EDU](mailto:ELCENTRO@UCSC.EDU)

[Sign Up Here](#)

## Join the WE ARE NOT DREAMERS Book Club

The UCSC Resource Center is working in partnership with the Undocumented Student Services team to hold the *We Are Not Dreamers* e-book club for Spring Quarter. The *We Are Not Dreamers* book club highlights readings and theories by Undocumented Scholars with interactive discussions among group members. Meetings will be held biweekly, and students can join any time. There will also be a panel with book authors/contributors at the end of Spring Quarter.

Sign up today!

### Art and Biology

Immersive Arts Alliance

Emilia Tikka, Danielle Siembieda,  
Jennifer Parker, Vanessa Chang

Tuesday, 23rd of March, 11am (Pacific Time)  
Register free: Facebook > "Art and Biology"

[Registration Link](#)

## Attend the Art And Biology Panel Discussion

Learn about the emerging field at the boundary of art and science, using tools and technologies of science to create artworks that explore the relationship between humans and nature: Our three panelists work with Biology and Art: Emilia Tikka at Aalto University in Helsinki. Jennifer Parker at UC Santa Cruz. Our third panelist, Danielle Siembieda, is the Deputy Director of Leonardo/ISAST. Vanessa Chang hosts this discussion.

This event will be held on Tuesday, March 23rd, at 11 am

## UCSC experts in human-computer interaction featured at Women in Tech Symposium

Leila Takayama, associate professor of computational media at UC Santa Cruz, will join Dean of Berkeley

5TH ANNUAL WOMEN IN TECH SYMPOSIUM

# THE NEW ERA IN HUMAN-COMPUTER INTERACTION

FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2021  
9:00 AM TO 6:00 PM  
VIRTUAL EVENT

BE PART OF THE #NEWHCI  
REGISTER TO ATTEND: [WIT2021.EVENTBRITE.COM](http://WIT2021.EVENTBRITE.COM)




Engineering Tsu-Jae King Liu to kick off this year's Women in Tech Symposium with a "fireside chat" on defining the new era of human-computer interaction. Now in its fifth year, this annual symposium will showcase sector opportunities, current challenges, and the career paths of experts in human-computer interaction (HCI). The Fifth Annual Women in Tech Symposium on the New Era of Human Computer Interaction will take place virtually on Friday, March 12.

[More Info](#)



## NOW HIRING!

### PEER ADVISING LEADERS (PALs)

**Job Description**

- Work 5-12 hours per week
- Peer advise EOP students
- Plan & facilitate workshops
- Manage EOP social media platforms
- Collaborate with campus partners

**Requirements**

- EOP Student (preferred)
- Available during entire 2020-21 year
- Maintain 3.0 Cumulative GPA

**How to Apply**

1. Review full job description (ER# 4192)
2. Prepare cover letter & resume
3. Apply no later than February 12, 2021



Contact Wassila George with any questions  
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[Website](#)

## EOP Peer Advising Leaders (PALs)

Do you enjoy working with first-gen college students and a diverse student body? Are you interested in pursuing an opportunity to gain professional development with the Educational Opportunity Programs (EOP)? Apply today to be a Peer Advising Leader!

**ER System Number: 4192**

Click [here](#) to watch a short one minute video of previous PALs experiences at EOP.

Feel free to contact us at [eop.pals@ucsc.edu](mailto:eop.pals@ucsc.edu) or [wageorge@ucsc.edu](mailto:wageorge@ucsc.edu) for more information

# We Want to Hear From You!

## Calling all First Generation Students and First Generation Supporters

If you are a first generation student or not we want to hear from you! If you would like to be featured on our Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter send in a picture of yourself and a paragraph talking about



either what it means to be a first generation student to you or why you support first generation students. DM us your picture and paragraph @ucscfirstgen to be featured. We are also looking for first gen students that we can feature on our website to tell their stories about being first generation students and what it means to them. If you would like to be featured on the website fill out the google form attached.

[Google Form](#)

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