



# First Generation Initiative

## News, Events & Updates

**Hey Slugs! We're three weeks into Spring Quarter. We hope you're off to a good start. Check out our events section to find student-based events coming up soon. It's your last chance to register for the UC First-Gen Systemwide Conference being held TOMORROW if you haven't already! As always, we invite you to visit our social media sites in the LinkTree below. Happy Spring!**

[Linktree](#)

## Alumni Spotlight

### Reyna Grande (Kresge '99)



Reyna Grande is an Award-winning novelist and memoirist. She attended UC Santa Cruz after her junior college English teacher urged her to leave the urban confines of Los Angeles and try living somewhere different.

In 2007, she received an American Book Award for her debut novel, *Across a Hundred Mountains*. She wrote the first 80 pages of the novel—a poignant story about immigration and family based on her own personal experience—as part of her senior project in the Literature Department. In 2012, Reyna was a finalist for the prestigious National Book Critics Circle Award. In 2015, she was honored with a Luis Leal Award for Distinction in Chicano/Latino Literature. Her works have been published internationally.

## News Spotlight

### Inaugural Hayden White lecture to explore the afterlife of slavery with author Saidiya Hartman

Award-winning literary scholar and cultural historian Saidiya Hartman will be the featured guest at the inaugural *Hayden V. White Distinguished Annual Lecture*, a virtual event that takes place on April 19..[Read More](#)



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## Upcoming FGI Events!

### Join us for the UC First-Gen Systemwide Conference TOMORROW!

Join us for tomorrow for The UC First-Gen Systemwide Conference at 11 am. The conference will feature UC First-Gen alumni panelists that specialize in the First-Gen student experience, mental health and battling imposter syndrome, how to get jobs in your career field, and financial literacy. There will also be an interactive Q&A session with the each of the panelists. We are excited to invite you to this event! Students from all UC Campuses are invited to attend this free virtual conference.



**UC FIRST-GEN CONFERENCE**

**JOIN US on April 17th from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm!**

With First-Gen Alumni Panelists:

**Ace Lehner: Queer Contemporary Art and Visual Culture**  
**Ernest Lopez: Student Success Coordinator for College of the Sequoias, and More...**

Featuring an Interactive Q&A Session with all speakers

....And Workshops! *Focused on cultivating conversations around The First-Gen Experience, Personal Finance for Undergrads with Patricia Kelly, Battling Imposter Syndrome, and more!*

**REGISTER NOW!**  
<https://ucsc.zoom.us/meeting/register/tj0lcuqrrj1qGNQU9xND-iBfM2QcwJn4Cz>  
For accommodations, please email [firstgen@ucsc.edu](mailto:firstgen@ucsc.edu)

UCSC  
UCLA  
UCB  
UC Merced  
UCSD  
UCSB  
UC Irvine  
UC  
Riverside  
UC Davis

[Register Here!](#)

## Career Advice Panel by First-Gen Alumni

Saturday, April 24th from 11 am to 1 pm!

This event will feature sharing of advice and experiences from UCSC First-Gen Alumni including:

- **Thomas Greene:** Astrophysicist at Ames Research Center, NASA
- **Joseph Aguilera:** PhD Student in Molecular Biology at Brown University
- **Raul Lara:** Engineer at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory
- **Joseline Arreaga:** Pursuing a Master's degree in Social Work at CSU Fullerton and former UCSC First Generation Initiative intern

With a Live Q&A Session!



**REGISTER HERE!**

<https://ucsc.zoom.us/j/9123456789>

[Register Here](#)

## Attend the Career Advice Panel by First-Gen Alumni!

The Career Advice Panel will feature a lineup of UCSC First-Generation alumni from different career fields offering advice and experiences in entering the workforce, career development, and post-grad financing from the First-Gen perspective. This event will include conversations with Jocelyn Arreaga, a recent UCSC Graduate, along with Tom Greene of the NASA Ames Research Center, along with other UCSC First-Gen Alumni. There will be a live Q&A session with all panelists!

**This event will be held on Saturday, April 24th, from 11 am to 1 pm. Register Now!**

*If you need accommodations to attend this event, please contact [fristgen@ucsc.edu](mailto:fristgen@ucsc.edu)*

## Other Opportunities!

A colorful poster for a budgeting workshop. It features the UC Santa Cruz EOP logo and a gold coin. The text reads: "EOP PALS and SlugCents Present: BUDGETING FOR BEGINNERS APRIL 23RD 3PM-4PM PT REGISTER THROUGH LINKTR.EE/EOPUCSC Join us for some hands on budgeting fun! UC SANTA CRUZ".

EOP PALS and SlugCents Present:

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## ATTEND EOP PALS x SlugCents Budgeting for Beginners Workshop!

The EOP PALS and SlugCents programs will be coming together to host a workshop covering the basics about budgeting and managing your money as a college student. Need help learning how to budget? Want to know why a budget matters? Students will learn how to create an effective budget grid and start managing their money more effectively during this workshop! All students are invited to join.

**Date/Time:** Friday April 23, 2021 3PM-4PM



## Attend the conversation with Terri McCullough, chief of staff to Nancy Pelosi, in memory of Gabe Zimmerman

Gabe Zimmerman (Stevenson '02, sociology) was U.S. Congresswoman Gabby Giffords's community outreach director. He organized the "Congress on Your Corner" event on January 8, 2011, in Tucson, Ariz., where he was among six people killed in a shooting that also severely wounded Giffords and 13 others. To mark 10 years since Gabe's tragic death, we are honoring his legacy with a conversation that celebrates the transformative power of honest and conciliatory public service.

[Register Here](#)

**This Event will be held on April 24th at 5:30 pm**

### Feeling Stressed?

Be in community to promote mental health and wellbeing, resilience. Practice self-care, connection, and empathy for others.  
Sponsored by the Radical Resilience Initiative

**WHO**  
All are welcome!  
Undergrad Students  
Graduate Students  
Staff & Faculty

**WHAT**  
Three 90-minute  
Online Workshops  
+  
Self-Paced Online  
Canvas Course

**WHERE**  
Synchronously on  
Zoom, not recorded  
+  
Asynchronously  
on Canvas

**WHEN**  
Tues / Thurs / Sat:  
May 4 at 5-6:30PM  
May 13 at 12-1:30PM  
May 22 at 10-11:30AM

**WHY**  
Explore themes of:  
Self-Care  
Supporting Others  
Community Care

**HOW**  
Use the links for  
Zoom registration,  
Canvas, and more:  
[linktr.ee/RRTP](http://linktr.ee/RRTP)

Certificates of Completion offered to those who complete the self-paced course in Canvas and the three workshops.

Workshop Facilitator: Nikita Gupta, MPH specializes in designing and implementing Trauma Healing and Resiliency programs and initiatives in educational as well as public and private settings.

[Learn More Here](#)

## Attend the Radical Resilience Training Workshop!

Join Workshop Facilitator *Nikita Gupta, M.P.H.*, who specializes in designing and implementing Trauma Healing and Resiliency programs and initiatives. Gupta will lead three workshops and researched and designed a new online self-paced Canvas course promoting *self-care, connection, mental health, and wellbeing for our campus community.*

This Program includes Three, 90-minute facilitated workshops with Nikita:  
**Self-Care: Tuesday, May 4 (5:00 PM to 6:30 PM)**  
**Supporting Others: Thursday, May 13 (12:00 PM to 1:30 PM)**  
**Community Care: Saturday, May 22 (10:00 AM to 11:30 AM)**  
 You must register to participate in this workshop series. Click each link to register.

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