

BA-PIER Meeting

Thursday, February 16, 2017

San Jose State University

Meeting started at 1:13pm

Leann Cherkasky Makhni, director of SJSU International House and Interim Director of ISSS, gives welcome and some information about Dr. Martin Luther King Library and San Jose State.

1st city/university library partnership in the U.S.

Steinbeck Center

Beethoven Center

14 years since SJSU hosted a BA-Pier Meeting

3,300 international students

1,500 students on OPT/STEM OPT

Introductions by everyone in attendance

Currently BA PIER has 188 members (active on LinkedIn group). Still collecting a \$5 membership fee to join.

How to use the money? A suggestion was made that we use the money to sponsor people to go to conferences. Perhaps have applicants state why it would be a good professional development opportunity and present at the next meeting.

Susan Sermeno – treasurer for the Northern district spoke about the district conference on March 13<sup>th</sup> at University of San Francisco. The theme is Crossing Cultural Bridges. March 5<sup>th</sup> is the last day for early bird registration. There will be four sessions, two in the morning and two in the afternoon.

8:15 coffee

8:45 newcomer's session

9:30 first session starts, conference ends at 4:20

SEVP will be there but CBP will not.

\$77/\$97 at the door

Wine and dessert reception

Please contact the conference team if you want suggestions for places to stay

25 sessions

6 choices for each of the 4 sessions

Keynote speaker during lunch. Will discuss Open Doors data.

Louis mentioned that there will be education abroad and ESL sessions.

Northern District open positions:

Knowledge community chairs, workshop and resource coordinator, chair elect

Contact current chair if interested in chair elect position:

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Job openings:

San Jose State has two international student advisor positions coming open soon.  
Santa Clara University has opening for an assistant director and international student advisor.  
EC at UCSC Extension has openings for TESOL teachers.

Announcements:

March 1 – UC Hastings professors giving a lecture in classroom about the travel ban.



**TEACH-IN: EXECUTIVE ORDERS & RESISTANCE**

THIS TEACH-IN WILL FOCUS ON THE CONTOURS OF PRESIDENTIAL POWER AS THEY RELATE TO EXECUTIVE ORDERS  
HOW TRUMP'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS AFFECT IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE COMMUNITIES  
AND HOW INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS ARE RESISTING.

**MARCH 1, 2017**  
**3:30PM – 5:00PM**  
**ALUMNI RESOURCE CENTER**

**JANE KIM SF SUPERVISOR**  
**EUNICE LEE UC HASTINGS**  
**KAREN MUSALO UC HASTINGS**  
**ANGELA CHAN ASIAN LAW CAUCUS**  
**ZAHRA BILLOO CAIR**  
**FRANK WU UC HASTINGS**

Co-Sponsors: APALSA, BLSA, Constitutional Law Quarterly, ELLSA, HIHRO,  
HSIR, Hastings Race & Poverty Law Journal, ILSA, If/When/How,  
KALSA, La Raza, MELSA, OUTLAW, PALS, SALSA, and WOC

The poster features a central image of the Statue of Liberty with her hands covering her eyes, symbolizing the 'I see, I don't see' meme associated with the travel ban. The background is black, and the text is in white and yellow.

March 10- immigration attorney at the Morris Daly Auditorium at SJSU form 2-4pm.

Roundtable discussion:

Visa issues in India and at the port of entry  
Suggest to students to have someone that has all of their travel information and the authority to intercede on their behalf.

Marijuana advice to students

Do schools accept e-signatures?

Does taking online classes help students get visas later?

SEVIS updates – electronic document update delayed, added termination reason

STEM extension discussion – how thoroughly do advisors review the training plan?

Representative Zoe Lofgren introduced a bill to allot H1B visas to employers who offer the highest salaries and not through a lottery. The bill proposes doubling the current minimum wage from \$60,000 to \$130,000.

Location for next meeting? If you are interested in hosting the next BA-PIER meeting, please contact Michael Mrache at (408)861-3740 or [mfmrache@ucsc.edu](mailto:mfmrache@ucsc.edu).