



Instructionally Related Activities Funds Request Spring 2015

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IRA Funds Request for The Politics of Race and Ethnicity Speaker Series

Instructionally Related Activities Funds Request Summary

Project Sponsor	Mary McThomas
Activity Title	The Politics of Race and Ethnicity Speaker Series
Activity/Event Date	2/10/2015 & 3/9/2015
Date Funding Needed By	1/20/2015
Previously Funded?	No
Semester/Year	—
Proposal #	—
Report submitted for previously Funded Activity?	—
Report submitted for previously Funded Activity	—
Additional Report #1	—
Additional Report #2	—
Additional Report #3	—
Additional Proposers	Sheen Rajmaira
Academic Program(s) / Center Name(s)	Political Science
Estimated total Course Fee revenue	0
Amount Requested from IRA	2030.00
Estimated Number of Students Participating	75
Conditions and Considerations	Artist/Performer/Speaker Fees & Honoraria
Brief Activity Description	The event is a speaker series in which we will bring in some of the top political scientists in the field of race/ethnicity and politics. They will present their latest research on a range of issues: ongoing racial discrimination, the impact of racial resentment on policy assessments, the effect of policies on various ethnic groups, media bias regarding migration and its impact on public opinion and policy making, and the political behavior and participation of different racial and ethnic groups. Our students will benefit from exposure to the speakers' broad range of research topics and methodologies, meeting top scholars in the field who are interested in issues of diversity and social justice, and seeing examples of academically rigorous research designs that answer difficult and contentious questions about the politics of race and ethnicity. This will further the Political Science program's learning outcomes of

	teaching our students how to participate as civically engaged members of society, analyze political and policy problems, and critically assess key issues of public policy and politics. While the primary intention is for the speaker series to complement our related classes, the event will be open to the campus community as the topics and speakers will be of interest to a more general audience of students, faculty, and staff.
Learning Outcomes and Relation to IRA to Course Offerings	<p>POLS 306: The Politics of Race and Ethnicity (Rajmaira) This course examines the roles of identity, race, and ethnicity as they intersect with and affect politics and political participation in American democracy. This speaker series at CSUCI will allow students to hear from various experts on issues that face numerous communities of color here in Ventura County. Working in groups, students will read specific excerpts taken from the works of the invited speakers and will integrate these with a specific topic we address in the course (for eg, representation, voting rights, immigration, policymaking, etc.). The students will present their analysis to the class for discussion.</p> <p>POLS 402: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (McThomas) The class spends several weeks on the history of the civil rights movement and ongoing racial and ethnic-based discrimination. The students will be assigned articles written by the invited speakers related to current civil rights issues prior to seeing the scholars present their research. They will then be required to write a response paper integrating the research presented with topics we cover in class.</p> <p>POLS 492: Immigration Policy and Politics (McThomas) This class explores the history, myths, public opinion, political behavior, laws, social movements and potential policy prescriptions related to migration and immigrant communities. Two of the identified speakers will present research on the impact of immigration policies on Asian-American and Hispanic/Latino communities respectively. Students will write reflections on how the research presented illuminates issues covered in class and if the presentations altered their own presumptions.</p>
Description of Assessment Process	A survey will be administered to students and attendees.
Activity Budget	1314iraregularbudget_McThomas.xlsx
CIA Budget	—
CIA Proposal	—
Course Syllabus	—
CIA Certification	—
Other Sources of Funding	N/A
Target Audience/Student Marketing	The intended audience is students, faculty and staff. The events will be built into the relevant course syllabi (as described above). In addition, the speaker series will be announced to other classes and student groups, and publicized through the Center for Multicultural Engagement.
Bring Benefit to Campus	—
Sustainability	N/A
Program Chair/Director	scott.frisch
Academic Affairs AVP	karen.carey
Acknowledgement	I acknowledge that I have reviewed and accepted the Conditions and Considerations herein. Please check off boxes as appropriate.

Program Chair/Director Approval

Approval	I approve the IRA Funds Request described on this page
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Academic Affairs AVP Approval

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