Professor Olivas will deliver a presentation entitled “Dreams Deferred: Deferred Action, Discretion, and the Vexing Case(s) of DREAM Act Students” at Pomona College on October 10.

The following announcement was added to the Pomona College Master Calendar on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 (available online at http://emsweb.claremont.edu/PomonaMC/EventDetails.aspx?data=hHr80o3M7JtTsrAX4dxOQomWVwofYyl0IRGMevoj%2IEgwHkWFefsVQRhjJmHR3o8):

**Dreams Deferred: Deferred Action, Discretion, and the Vexing Case(s) of DREAM Act Students**

**Event Type:** (none)

**Location:** Pomona - Rose Hills Theatre
Monday, October 10, 2011
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM

**Calendar:** Pomona - Public Events

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**Title Url:** http://Dreams Deferred

**Department:** Dean of Students Office

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In Fall, 2010, at the urging of Latino groups, Sen. Harry Reid (D-NV) brought forward a bill, the DREAM Act being the first building block toward future comprehensive reforms. As had been the case in 2007, the DREAM Act was tantalizingly close, and followed many public stories about undocumented college students in the media; these continued through the lame-duck session, where once again the votes were not there. The “third time” may be the mythical “charm,” but not in this subject matter: Democratic backers of the legislation fell short of the 60 Senate votes required to move the DREAM Act legislation forward.

The action at the state level has increased, and a number of developments have occurred since the December, 2010 Congressional failure. Connecticut passed a resident tuition bill, but legislation enacted in Wisconsin was rescinded, while legislation in Maryland is on hold, pending a statewide ballot measure. Litigation has occurred in California, Maryland, Nebraska, and Texas—either upholding state statutes or attempting to strike down restrictionist efforts to eliminate the recent tuition provisions. Professor Olivas, who helped the State of Texas draft its original statute, and who has litigated these matters and assisted other states in enacting resident statutes, will review these developments, and discuss the rise of these statutes and the discourse aimed at thwarting immigration reform.