



The James Carney Latin American Solidarity Archive (CLASA) and the African American Studies Program (AASP) invites you to:



Wed. Feb. 23, 7:30  
p.m., Life Science 115  
Norma and Jose  
Gonzales

Two Tucson teachers challenging the constitutionality of Arizona's ban against ethnic studies, HR 2281



## Saving Ethnic Studies

Tucson's Mexican American Studies program, "La Raza," has been the target of new Arizona legislation, HB 2281 that passed last year. The legislation bans public schools from teaching ethnic studies that "promotes resentment" against other races or encourages solidarity based on race. Teachers in this program insist instead that their program teaches students realistic accounts of Mexican American history and heritage. They argue that their program has improved the academic achievement levels of Mexican American students. As they explain: **"The dropout rate in this program is 2.5 percent,** as opposed to 56 percent nationally. **Students** in the program **significantly outperform their peers on the state's standardized AIMS tests.** And **66 percent of these students go on to college,** versus 24 percent nationally." Currently 11 Tucson teachers in the targeted program have filed a lawsuit charging that HB 2281 is unconstitutional. Please visit this link to an article: [http://education.change.org/blog/view/tucson\\_teachers\\_stand\\_strong\\_against\\_ethnic\\_studies\\_ban#share\\_source=blog-top\\_fb](http://education.change.org/blog/view/tucson_teachers_stand_strong_against_ethnic_studies_ban#share_source=blog-top_fb) Also visit [www.saveethnicstudies.org](http://www.saveethnicstudies.org).

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