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**Antioch University Santa Barbara Presents Forum and Panel on May 29:
The Future of California: Immigration & Education**

Summary: On Wednesday, May 29 at 5:00pm, Antioch University Santa Barbara will host a Trustee Forum with expert speakers and panel discussion: *The Future of California: Immigration & Education*. The event is free and open to the public.

Santa Barbara, CA – Anyone interested the effects of immigration reform on education in the U.S. and California is invited to attend Antioch University Santa Barbara’s (AUSB) next Trustee Forum: *The Future of California: Immigration & Education*—the latest in a series of community programs about the issues of our time, with expert speakers and a panel discussion. The free event will be held on Wednesday, May 29 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at AUSB’s Community Hall, 602 Anacapa Street, downtown Santa Barbara.

Immigration, legal and otherwise, is a pressing national issue with special consequences for education. Many are concerned about the impact of immigration reform on the economy, social services, and national security. Congress is considering comprehensive immigration reform that would strengthen border security and provide a path to citizenship for 11 million persons living in the U.S. Businessmen like Warren Buffett are clamoring for more skilled immigrant employees. “Dream acts” in California and other states have opened higher education to “undocumented” students. A pending bill in the California Legislature would allow non-citizens to serve on juries.

Featured speaker, Dr. Marcelo Suarez-Orozco, Dean of the UCLA Graduate School of Education and Information Studies and immigration expert, will present the experiences and achievements of immigrant students. He will be joined on a panel by: 24th District U.S. Congressional Rep. Lois Capps, addressing the progress of legislative reform in Congress; an AUSB alumna who will give a firsthand account of the challenges she faced as an undocumented student; and Maricela Morales, Deputy Executive Director of CAUSE, a local community action group, who will discuss efforts to empower documented and undocumented constituents to develop a voice for social change in the public arena.



The panel will be moderated by AUSB trustee, journalist Lou Cannon, and sponsored by: Pacific Standard, Montecito Bank and Trust, SB League of Women Voters, AUSB Trustee Dee Dee Barrett, and AUSB Board Chair Vicki Riskin.

Learn more about the event, read biographies of the panelists, and make reservations at www.antiochsb.edu/immigration

About AUSB

Antioch University provides learner-centered education that empowers more than 5,000 students worldwide with the knowledge and skills to lead meaningful lives while advancing social, economic, and environmental justice. Antioch University Santa Barbara, founded in 1977 as one of five campuses in California, Washington, New England, and the Midwest—provides graduate degrees and bachelor's completion programs at its thriving downtown campus, drawing students from throughout the United States, Canada, Asia, South America, and Europe with its unique curriculum. Antioch University is a nonprofit, private, 501(c)3 organization and member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. AUSB is located at 602 Anacapa Street, Santa Barbara, California 93101, (805) 962-8179. To learn more, visit www.antiochsb.edu.

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