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From Child Farmworker to Political Director: Daniel Chavez Shares His Story

Mr. Daniel Chavez, former Political Director for the CA State Council, SEIU, and Political Director for the CA State Labor Federation, will be speaking with LACCD students to share his own story of being a child migrant farm worker beginning at age 7 and working alongside founders of the United Farm Workers—Larry Itliong and Cesar Chavez—on ongoing migrant worker struggles. Mr. Chavez recently spoke with students from professor Michael Powelson’s history class at LA Valley College on March 9. He is scheduled to speak at an event organized by Political Science professor Olga Shewfelt at West LA College on March 29, and for professor Julio Tsuha’s sociology class at LA Pierce College on April 14.

Inside the World of Restaurant Work in Los Angeles

UCLA doctoral candidate Eli Wilson, working with Restaurant Opportunities Center, presented findings to Pat Allen’s Sociology classes on March 15, 2016 from his ethnographic research in which he describes the growth of restaurant work into a major site of labor, particularly in large U.S. cities like Los Angeles, Chicago, and New York. As guests enjoy delicious plates of food in the high-end dining room, there lurks behind the kitchen door a much more sobering story of precarious labor, class inequality, and divergent opportunities for workers. The talk introduced students to many rich sociological threads found in the case of restaurant labor, including interactive service work, "affective/emotional" labor, immigrant niche employment, and workplace segregation/inequality.

Food Vending on Los Angeles’ Sidewalks

Fernando Abarca from the Los Angeles Street Vendor Campaign will be speaking about efforts to legalize food vending in LA on May 4, 2016 at LA Mission College. Discussion will cover street vending as precarious work and the challenges vendors face on the streets day-to-day. Mr. Abarca will also describe a campaign driven by a city-wide coalition of organizations who are committed to developing a system that gives micro-entrepreneurs an opportunity to make an honest living, encourages healthy eating, and supports existing small businesses in communities all over Los Angeles.

Upcoming Labor Simulation Workshops for April

Date	Time	Campus	Topic	Class	Instructor
April 18 & 20	10:10am-12:35pm	Southwest	Collective Bargaining	Sociology	Maisha Jones
April 19 & 21	9:35am-11:00am	Southwest	Collective Bargaining	Sociology	Maisha Jones
April 26 & 28	10:10am – 11:35am	Trade Tech	Collective Bargaining	Labor Studies	Lou Siegel

Want more information? Interested in labor simulations, events, speakers, developing a new labor course or labor-themed course? Please contact Mindy Chen at chenmm@lattc.edu or call 213-763-7070.