

## Dr. Daniel Estrada



As an Policy Analyst for California LULAC from 2014 to 2018, Dr. Daniel M. Estrada advised the state organization on issues of higher education policy. The issues addressed included: enrollment, retention and graduation rates for Latinos in California's tripartite system of community colleges, state universities and University of California campuses. Dr. Estrada published several articles for California LULAC's website on California higher education. In addition, he organized workshops at California LULAC's annual conferences in coordination with other Latino education advocacy groups such as the Campaign for College Opportunity and the Education Trust West. From 2016 to 2017, Dr. Estrada organized a series of meetings with the California State University (CSU) Chancellor's Office to discuss issues of Latino student enrollment, retention and graduation rates, ethnic studies curriculum, as well as faculty and administrative diversity in the twenty-three CSU campuses. Besides his statewide work with California LULAC, Dr. Estrada chaired an advisory committee to California State University Fullerton (CSUF) President Mildred Garcia from 2014 to 2018. Dr. Estrada is an alumnus of CSUF.

While serving as California LULAC's policy analyst, Dr. Estrada organized meetings with California LULAC's executive officers and immigrant advocacy groups such as the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of LA (CHRILA), CARECEN, and the National Immigration Law Center. These meetings led to a series of workshops on citizenship and a panel discussion on Immigration Issues for the California LULAC 2016 Convention, led by a colleague Dr. Linda Lopez, Director of the Office of Immigrant Affairs for the City of Los Angeles.

From 2013 to 2018, Dr. Estrada has volunteered to assist with LULAC National's advocacy programs in Washington DC. He has also organized meetings in California with the Chair of the Assembly Higher Education Committee, State Assemblyman, Jose Medina, and his legislative staff.

Dr. Daniel M. Estrada received his doctorate degree from the Claremont Graduate University focusing on Political Theory and International Relations. He has been an Assistant Professor of Political Science and Ethnic Studies at Washington State University (WSU). While at WSU, Dr. Estrada was a visiting scholar at the University of Michigan's Survey Research Center (SRC). Dr. Estrada has published articles on the demography and politics of Mexican origin communities in Central and Eastern Washington state. Before retiring from LA County Probation, Dr. Estrada accepted an adjunct professorship at California State University Los Angeles (CSULA) teaching classes in: "Constitutional Law and Latino Equity," "Environmental Justice," and "Race, Class and Gender." He is currently working on a book manuscript examining California's Voting Rights Law. Previously, he has organized voting rights classes working with Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF) attorneys and NALEO policy analysts.

Dr. Estrada's father, Raymond, is from Houston Texas and a twenty-three Marine. His mother, Melinda, is from Tehachapi California and an immigration paralegal. Although, growing up mostly in California, Dr. Estrada's family lived in Florida for about four years after his father returned from three years in Japan and was transferred to the Jacksonville Naval Air Station. When his family returned to California, he entered high school five months later. Dr. Estrada has also lived in Central America for over two years doing doctoral and postdoctoral research in that region.