

Immigration Clinic Update 4

Throughout the months of October to early November, the Student Immigration Relief Clinic at Berkeley was busy focusing on one of the new initiatives for the year, the Informational Know Your Immigration Rights Workshop.

In the 5 weeks leading up to the informational workshop event, all the interns, some general students, and I were busy planning for the event. Prior to the past five weeks, Nicole and I held meetings to discuss our vision for what the informational workshop would look like. At the core, we hoped to invite guest speakers to provide insight on immigration law in the Trump administration. Afterwards, we hoped to have some time set aside so that students would be able to be trained to complete immigration documentation. After this initial meeting, the workshop intern, Nicole, set meeting times and invited UC Berkeley students to help plan for this event. These planning meetings were held every Tuesday starting on October 10th.

Throughout the four meetings, the entire team discussed potential guest speakers, drafted invitation emails, divided contact/invitation requests between the entire team, drafted question prompts for the guest speakers, created advertisement materials, discussed advertisement techniques, created a presentation slideshow, created event and sign-up pages for the event, planned gifts for the guest speakers, and also event logistics. Students from UC Berkeley were welcome to attend the meetings and several attendees provided input that was applied to the actual event. Meeting minutes will also be attached.

On November 9, 2017, the Student Immigration Relief Clinic at Berkeley held its first informational workshop event. First, Sara Hunter was a UC Berkeley Law student who presented her research on refugees and IRAP. Second, Antonio Medrano presented the assistance available through ACLU as well as anecdotal stories about immigrants in the Trump era. 66 people

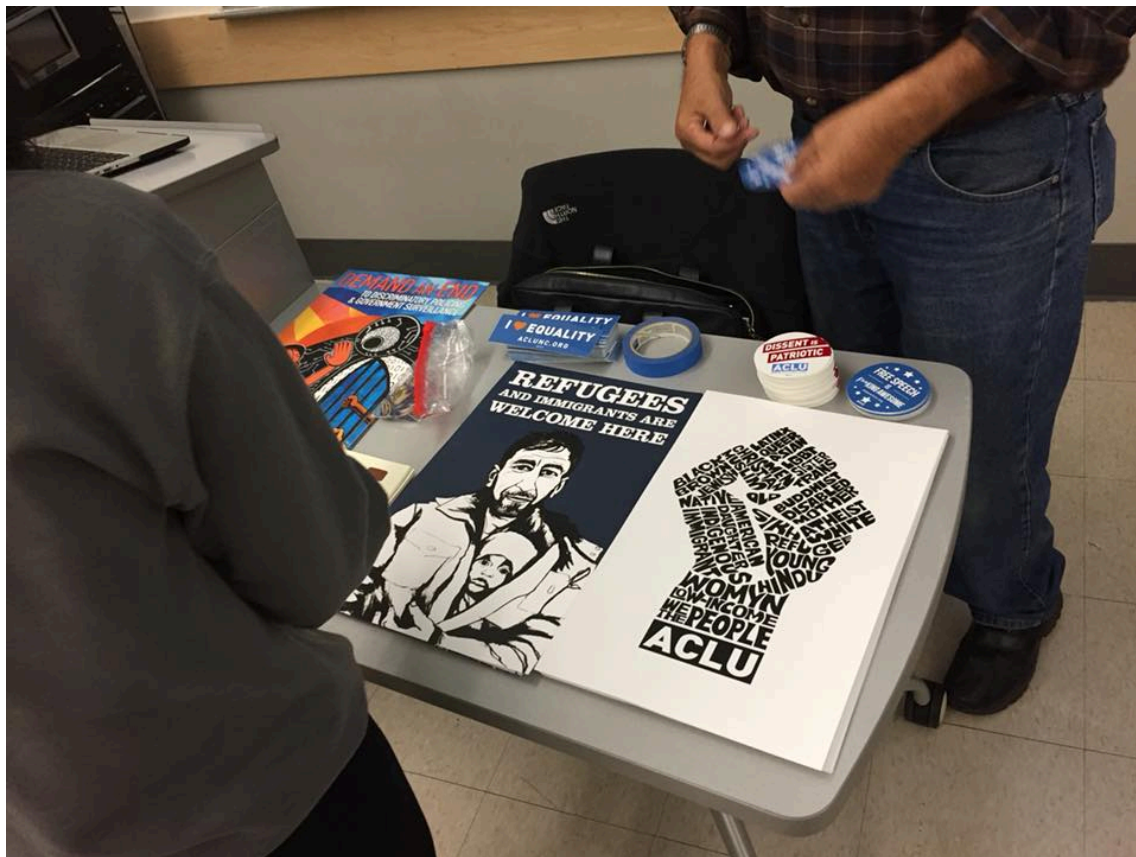
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registered for the event. On the day of the event, 51 people attended this event, not including guest speakers and Student Immigration Relief Clinic interns. This means that 51 new people have been trained to complete immigration documentation and attend future clinics.

After the event, I also debriefed with my team over dinner. During the meeting, I asked everyone questions regarding their accomplishments, pros, and deltas. Moreover, I also discussed what they could do for the future. I concluded by assigning future assignments.

Overall, this event was a success. Participants were excited about the guest speakers and training offered. Free pizza and refreshments were provided for all attendees. Aside from the hard work and planning from the entire team, I attribute the success of this event to having the clinic include a training as well as the free food. Moving forward, now that the informational workshop is concluded, the Student Immigration Relief Clinic at Berkeley will turn our focus onto general club recruitment, general advertisement materials/free swag, and the future Naturalization clinics.





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