

Vision Talk for the UCLA Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Faculty Director

The Chicano Studies Research Center (CSRC) is excited to partner with the Division of Life Sciences to recruit the CSRC's inaugural Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) STEM Faculty Director.

The Search Committee would like to invite you to attend the following job talk. The candidate will present during a Special Seminar both in-person at the Chicano Studies Research Library (144 Haines Hall), and streamed via Zoom. The talks will also be recorded for those unable to attend.



Mónica Medina

Thursday, May 30, 2024

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Haines Hall 144 (CSRC Library)

[Zoom link](#)

Meeting ID: 983 8630 8545

Passcode: 671856

[Post-Talk Survey Link](#)

Abstract: Becoming a Hispanic Serving Institution positions UCLA to become a global leader in Justice, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion initiatives. Establishing synergies between the ongoing programs at the Chicano Studies Research Center and STEM departments on campus is forward thinking and timely. I will share my experiences as a life scientist in trying to blend my research with efforts to recruit students and increase representation in my discipline. I hope to build on those experiences to develop a collective vision for intersectional research and support to the incoming Latinx student population at UCLA.

Speaker Bio: Mónica Medina trained as a marine biologist at the University of Miami. She did a first postdoc at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, MA and a second postdoc at the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco. Mónica took a research scientist position at the Joint Genome Institute in Walnut Creek, CA where she started her work on coral genomics. After 8 years at the University of California Merced, she relocated to Penn State University where she is a Professor of Biology.