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# Illegal in Arizona

## Banned Ethnic Studies: Can this be a national trend?

Sean Arce, former director of Arizona's Tucson Unified School District will speak about the outlawed Mexican American Studies (MAS) program and the next phase of this struggle to save ethnic studies, to raise awareness, and organize and mobilize support for a precedent setting case that will decide the legitimacy of Chicana/o Studies in 2014.

A May 2013 ruling from Judge Wallace Tashima upheld the constitutionality of HB 2281 (the legislation that makes MAS illegal) setting the stage across the country for legal challenges to ethnic studies programs at every level of education. We have seen one such challenge already in Texas. Please join us for this urgent discussion.

**4:15 pm**

**Friday**

**November 8, 2013**

**Peter Graham Scholarly  
Commons, Bird Library**

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