History Department Commencement Ceremony
Speaker: Anthony D. Romero, Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Tuesday, May 21st, 2013, at 9:30am
Zellerbach Auditorium (the main theater in Zellerbach Hall)

Reception to follow at Ishi Courtyard (in Dwinelle Hall)

When to Arrive:
Gates open for guest seating at 8:30 AM. Seats are general assignment, so the earlier you arrive, the more seating choices are available for you. Please be aware that we expect to have a full house.

Note: Cal Performances does not allow strollers, balloons, food, drinks (except for water), confetti, or air horns inside Zellerbach Auditorium. These items or other large items, such as large flower arrangements, can be checked for you once you enter the venue. Cal Performances staff will also assist in storing strollers in the lobby area.

Tickets:
If you have not purchased tickets before the day of the event, they will be available at the Cal Performances Box Office for $6 each (cash or check only). Please be advised that there is the possibility that we will sell out before the event if not on the morning of the ceremony. If you have extra tickets that will not be used by your party, they can be returned to the ticket table on the day of event. Although no refunds are available, the tickets will be distributed (not resold) to guests who are still in need of tickets. Note that all children over two will need their own ticket, as will younger children if you’d like them to have their own seat.

Tickets go on sale beginning February 26th. Tickets must be purchased by the graduating student online at http://commencement.berkeley.edu. If you would like to pay for the tickets for your graduate, have them create an account at http://commencement.berkeley.edu and provide you with the login information. Please note that there is a limit of 10 total tickets per graduate. If this is not sufficient have the graduate contact Kira at history-ssc.berkeley.edu.

Schedule:
The ceremony will begin promptly at 9:30 AM and will last approximately 2 hours (usually less). Then, follow the crowd as the masses move toward Dwinelle Hall for the reception in Ishi Courtyard (Dwinelle Hall).
Parking:
Parking is limited. Detailed information can be found on the following website:
http://pt.berkeley.edu/park/special/commencement
The Parking and Transportation office updates their website on April 1 of each year, so be patient for their current commencement posting.

Special Parking for Disabled Guests:
Parking is available for $10 at all designated disabled spaces and non-reserved spaces for those with disabled placards or license plates. Please contact history_commencement@berkeley.edu if you would like for us to reserve a disabled parking space for you. In the email, please confirm that you have a disabled placard for your car, and provide the name of the disabled guest as well as the name of the graduate. If you choose not to make a reservation through the History Department, plan to arrive early, as these spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Although we will make every attempt to make last-minute accommodations, we cannot guarantee any reservations made after 12pm May 3rd.

Special Seating:
Guests who require wheelchair seating should send an email to history_commencement@berkeley.edu. Because wheelchair seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis, we encourage you to contact us ASAP so that we can be certain to have an accurate count of who will require special seating. We will make every attempt to allow one attendant to sit with each wheelchair user. Please note that Cal Performances does not provide wheelchairs. Because over half of the seating in Zellerbach is accessible without stairs, there will be no reserved special seating section for those with mobility problems. For that reason, we recommend that if anyone in your party needs special seating, ARRIVE AT THE VENUE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE in order to be seated before the crowd pours into the auditorium.

Vendors Available:
PHOTOGRAPHY
Professional photography services will be available. GradImages gives a percentage of the proceeds to the department; therefore, patronizing this great vendor not only rewards you with a great product, it helps to give back to the History Department.

Photographs of graduates will be taken by GradImages. For more information about their services, please contact them at 1-800-261-2576 or visit http://www.gradimages.com.

FLOWERS
Moe’s Flowers graciously provides us with a large vase of flowers for the stage. Please reward Moe's generosity by buying your flowers from his stand. Flowers will be sold at his nearby flower shop on Durant Ave. before (or after) the ceremony. Additionally, please note that there is a public parking structure directly above Moe’s flower shop
AND HE VALIDATES a portion of the parking fee if you make a purchase, so it’s the best deal in town for parking – and it’s close, making it one of the best deals in town.

If you want to pre-order a bouquet, or orchid lei with specific colors or flowers, you can call Moe at 510-849-9039. His shop is conveniently located at 2446 Durant Ave., just below Telegraph Ave, one block from Zellerbach Auditorium. The entrance to the parking structure is on either Durant or Channing.

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http://www.berkeley.edu/map/3dmap/3dmap.shtml

**UC Berkeley Visitor Services:**
http://visitors.berkeley.edu/

**Berkeley Convention and Visitors Bureau:**
http://www.visitberkeley.com/