

From: Mariana Astorga-Almanza

Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 11:55 AM

To: IQC

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Hi Mariana, Hoping to Speak with you-- Armenian-American Studies, West Asian racialization and the ESMC

Hello,

I would like to forward an email I received about the Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum. Let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mariana Astorga-Almanza

Visual and Performing Arts Coordinator
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From: **Sophia Armen**

Date: Sun, Aug 9, 2020 at 3:10 PM

Subject: Hi Mariana, Hoping to Speak with you-- Armenian-American Studies, West Asian racialization and the ESMC

To: <[email redacted]>

Dear Mariana Astorga-Almanza,

My name is Sophia Armen, I am a scholar and researcher in the Ethnic Studies department at the University of California, San Diego, and I am writing to you on behalf of the scholars in this thread who do Armenian-American Studies in Ethnic Studies.

We are hoping to set up a meeting with you or speak briefly on the phone with you about the upcoming Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum meeting at the IQC August 13th. We are experts in the fields of the racialization of MENA/West Asian populations, and the history of Armenian-Americans in the United States that use frameworks that undo oppressive representations of our students and speak to the intersecting systems that they are facing.

Can we discuss the Armenian-American Studies and the larger West Asian portion with you on a brief phonecall or meeting? We would love to address both the issues with the revised draft and provide insight into alternatives.

Thank you for your time. We truly thank you for all your work!

Best,
Sophia Armen

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