The Sociology Dept., EOP/Pathways to Research, and the Community-Based Action Research and Advocacy Program (CARA) of Oakes College are launching an exciting, community research project on immigrant justice in Santa Cruz, and we invite undergrads to participate. Both Santa Cruz County and UCSC have large and growing Latinx populations: a third of SC County is Latinx while UCSC is officially a Hispanic Serving Institution. But many immigrant families still face daunting obstacles to their well-being: rising anti-immigrant politics; housing and employment discrimination; lack of resources and services; social and political exclusion; and legal limbo. So what is it like to belong to a mixed status family or immigrant community? How does immigrant status impact the ability of mixed-status families and immigrant communities to thrive? **We Belong** is an action-research project to better understand immigrant experiences, and to form an action agenda to improve conditions.

After initial training, students will get out of the classroom both on and off campus 1-2 times a week, working directly with community and campus partners to apply their research skills in the field. We will conduct in-depth interviews and focus groups, participate in community events, analyze data, and more. We will learn how immigrants and their families experience mixed legal status, focusing on: migration stories; experiences at school and with other institutions; and how people create a sense of “home” and belonging under current conditions.

Enrollment into SOCY 139T is by permission code only. All students interested in enrolling must fill out the course application/survey online: [https://tinyurl.com/ybudprsh](https://tinyurl.com/ybudprsh) (You must be signed into your UCSC email to have access). We will review the applications and issue permission codes directly to students until the course is full (60 seats total). There are no specific requirements or previous research experience necessary, but we are looking for the following skills: fluent Spanish; interviewing or interpersonal skills; visual documentation skills (photo and/or video); qualitative data analysis (coding). For more information, please email Prof. McKay at smckay@ucsc.edu.