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## **Understanding the Daily Life of Undocumented Youth**

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.—On Nov. 8, from 4-6 p.m., Professor Roberto Gonzales will present Understanding the Daily Life of Undocumented Youth, a workshop sponsored by Sigma Delta Pi, a national collegiate Hispanic honor society.

The event, which is free and open to the public, will be held in the Davidson Room of the Memorial Center (104 University St., Bloomington).

Gonzales, who is known by his colleagues as an expert on immigration, will speak about the life of undocumented students and the DREAM Act. He will also address the plight of these students and “what can be done to help break the barriers that this undocumented status creates.” Other topics will include: Psychosocial Constraints: Living with Depression, Anxiety, Exclusion, Stigma and Stereotypes, Cross-Status Dating, Barriers in Peer and Familial Relationships and Getting Help: So what can we do about it?

According to his biography, Gonzales’, who is an assistant professor at the University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration, interests include “immigration incorporation and adaptation, the transition to adulthood of vulnerable populations, urban poverty, youth civic involvement and Latino communities and families.” His research has found that “while most American youngsters today face some difficulty managing adolescent and adult transitions, undocumented youth face added challenges. Their exclusion from important rites of passage in late adolescence and movement from protected to unprotected status leave them in a state of developmental limbo preventing subsequent and important adult transitions.”

Gonzales received his undergraduate degree in sociology from Colorado College, a master’s degree from the School of Social Service Administration at the University of Chicago and master’s and doctoral degrees in sociology from the University of California, Irvine.

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