

MELLON MAYS UNDERGRADUATE FELLOWSHIP **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

DR. IRENE SANCHEZ



Title of Talk: Tell Them Where You're From: Researching, Teaching, and Writing Stories From the Inland Empire

Dr. Sanchez's talk will share her research and teaching methods focused on local Inland Empire stories. This work challenges the concept of "Fantasy Heritage," identifies current community needs, and inspires students to imagine a better future.

A key teaching method involves students reimagining citrus crate labels through local issues assignments to discuss critical topics such as segregation, education, environment, health, and labor.

By examining local archives and utilizing historical and social science research, Dr. Sanchez engages students in issues directly relevant to their families and communities



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