



# UC Center Sacramento

## UCCS Emerging Scholars Program Part I: Air Quality Equity in US Climate Policy Part II: DACA Under the Trump Administration

***Pascal Polonik, UC San Diego & Reem Zaiour, UC Davis***

Wednesday,  
March 8th

12:00—1:00pm  
Limited in person  
attendance or by  
Zoom webinar

UC Center  
Sacramento  
1130 K Street  
Room LL 22  
Sac, CA 95814

Register by:  
March 6th at:  
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Lunch will be  
served.

This special UCCS Speaker Series program features the top two submissions from the 2022 UCCS Emerging Scholars Award Competition. Each year since 2017, UCCS has invited graduate students from all ten UC campuses to submit synopses of their policy-relevant research. Winners are chosen by a panel of UCCS-affiliated faculty, graduate students, and policy consultants.

Our first co-winner will examine air pollution reduction from climate policy, including the current inequities in air pollution exposure and the potential for addressing these through prioritizing emissions reductions. Our second co-winner will explore the impact of the Deferred Action of Childhood Arrivals program on undocumented immigrants in the U.S. labor market and education outcomes.

**Pascal Polonik** (UC San Diego) is a PhD candidate at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography with the Environment and Policy Group. In recent work, he explores how different decision criteria in climate policy implementation might influence the equitable distribution of air pollution. His results indicate that emission reductions will improve air quality for everyone and although inequities in air quality are deeply entrenched, reductions from transportation hold outsized potential for improving equity.



**Reem Zaiour** (UC Davis) is a PhD candidate in the Department of Economics and a Graduate Student Affiliate in the Global Migration Center at UC Davis. Her research lies at the intersection between labor and public economics, specifically evaluating the effects of migration policies and the importance of migration networks. She is particularly interested in understanding how these factors shape the labor market outcomes and the integration of migrants in host economies.



For questions contact Brooke Miller-Jacobs at (916) 445-5161 or [UCCS-talks@ucdavis.edu](mailto:UCCS-talks@ucdavis.edu)

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