

The following timeline documents White supremacists' coordinated campaign of harassment and intimidation at UC Merced and the fascist deterioration of the campus climate. We call on all our communities and comrades to stand with us and help us fight the fascism developing on our campus, roll back the fascism developing in the larger Central Valley, and crush the fascism developing everywhere else.

- 1) Various acts of racial harassment and intimidation were perpetrated upon graduate and undergraduate students in the Graduate Cultural Resource Center (GCRC) by a member of the College Republicans (including but not limited to Robert Serrano).

- I. On September 5th, 2017, the GCRC was defaced with:

- a) racist, anti-Latinx graffiti
 - MAGA (Trump rescinded DACA on Sept 5th and this was a racist celebration)
 - Pepe the Frog (classified as hate speech by the Southern Poverty Law Center)
 - b) postings of satirical, anti-Black posters saying "Go Black People Yay"
 - c) the destruction of the GCRC's community agreements

- II. On September 12th, 2017, the GCRC was defaced with:

- a) racist, anti-Latinx graffiti (several Pepe the Frogs)
 - b) racist, anti-Black graffiti
 - tagging "Don't" to posters in support of the "Drop the Charges" movement (a campaign protesting the violent targeting of Black students by Merced PD at the Hookah Lounge)
 - tagging "White Lives Matter too" (in opposition to "Black Lives Matter")
 - satirical tagging of "Black People Are Great"



- c) general racist graffiti
 - “Hate Zone”
 - satirical “I love minorities”

III. On September 13th, 2017, the GCRC was defaced with:

- a) racist, anti-Muslim graffiti (“Islam is not Peace”)
- b) general racist graffiti
 - “Hate Zone”
 - “Ironically, this is a room for RACISTS”

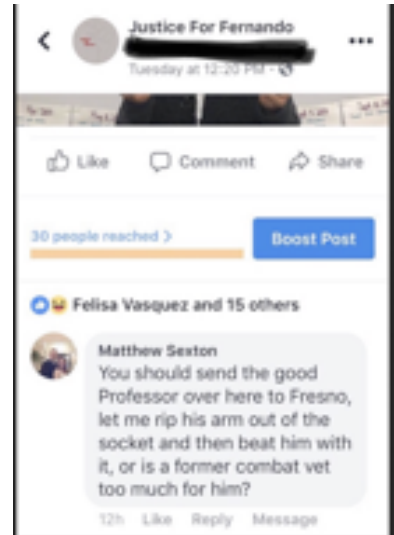
2) December 6th, 2017 when Campus Reform (an alt-right group) published an article about Dr. Chirino written by Nikita Vladimirov. The article did not engage with the substance of the lecture (which provided a Marxist analysis of mass media and the policy planning network). The article, through its framing of the lecture, incited its audiences to harass Dr Chirino. The article was picked up by an extensive network of alt-right media outlets (e.g., the Daily Wire)

- I. December 1st, 2017 when members of the College Republicans (including but not limited to Harry Duran and Genavie Hernandez) recorded Dr. Fernando Cortés Chirino’s lecture without his consent and distributed it to Campus Reform and other alt-right social media outlets with the explicit purpose of doing professional and personal harm to Dr. Chirino. Dr. Chirino was targeted due to his Marxist analysis, vocal defense of students of color against the racist vandalism by the College Republicans, and his opposition to allowing the racist, sexist, anti-Trans Ben Shapiro speak on campus.
- II. December 3rd, 2017 when the President of the College Republicans (Harry Duran) sent a harassing email to Dr. Chirino that included a media file of a recital by Ben Shapiro in anticipation of the December 6th publishing of the Campus Reform article. Harry Duran was central in the distribution of the

materials to alt-right media groups including chapters of the College Republicans at other UC campuses (e.g., UC Irvine).

III. After December 6th, 2017 when Dr. Chirino was doxxed on alt-right websites (including the Daily Wire) and began receiving hate mail from the White nationalist audiences of Campus Reform, the Daily Wire, and other alt-right media groups who carried the story.

- a) Some of these emails explicitly use anti-Marxist and anti-Latinx slurs to harass and intimidate Dr. Chirino.
- b) Some of these emails make direct and indirect threats of violence
- c) Dr. Chirino was doxxed on Dec. 8th.



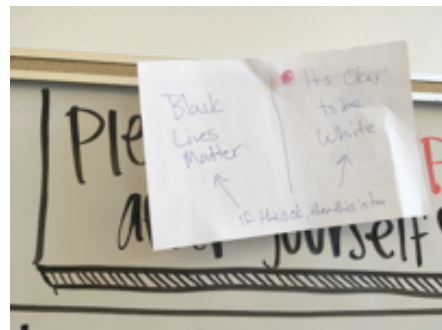
IV. December 29th 2017, when UCM students running the Justice for Fernando Facebook page received posts threatening violence against Dr. Chirino as a result of the article and the campus community's counter-mobilization in defense of Dr. Chirino. The group is primarily composed of students color—especially Latinx students.

- 3) After December 6th, 2017 when College Republicans harassed students online (i.e., Classifieds/ Facebook) for criticizing alt-right attacks. The College Republicans defended colonialism (particularly the brutal domination imposed on Central America) and made anti-Marxist arguments.
- 4) Various acts of racial harassment and intimidation were perpetrated upon undergraduate students at the Intercultural Hub by members of the College Republicans (including but not limited to Robert Serrano and Genavie Hernandez).
 - I. on October 9th, 2017 when students defaced the Intercultural Hub by posting MAGA signs inside of the space.

II. throughout the week of December 4th when members of the College Republicans began showing up in the Hub despite their opposition to the Hub's existence. Students from the Hub report that they were being surveilled by members of the College Republicans and that these students were attempting to instigate confrontations with Hub students. These students were eventually asked to leave after the alt-right article attacking Dr. Chirino was published and students were scared that they too would be victimized by the College Republicans.

III. throughout the week of December 4th when anti-immigrant/ anti-Latinx posters of Kate Steinle stating "She had dreams too" postings began to emerge around the campus. These posters are part of racist propaganda used by the alt-right to smear undocumented, Latinx immigrants.

IV. on December 12th when anti-Black postings of "It's okay to be White" were made within the space. This is a slogan being used across the nation on college campuses by White nationalists to recruit White students and intimidate students of color.



V. on February 16th when College Republicans threatened to occupy the Intercultural Hub to harass and intimidate students of color while denying them a safe space on campus

VI. on February 16th when the College Republicans were approached at a tabling event by students from the Intercultural Hub to ask them to only come into the Intercultural Hub with good intentions and a member of the College Republican responded by saying that "freedom of speech allows [them] to inflict pain on the students who use the Intercultural Hub" (largely students of color).

5) February 1st when the College Republicans and their advisor attended a picket in front of the Kolligian Library (organized by students of color whom are affiliated with the

Intercultural Hub and workers with AFSCME 3299) as a group to ridicule and record the participants—especially students from the Intercultural Hub.

- 6) February 20th when College Republicans tabled for a workshop calling for the campus to no longer be a gun free zone in response to the February 14th Florida school shooting by a White supremacist.
 - I. Their advisor (Phil Cunningham) posted anti-immigrant rants calling for the right to carry weapons on campus to protect against people who were not born in this country. We believe the advisor may be connected to right-wing militia groups based on his contacts in Mariposa and the Bay area through a group called Hammer Stryke.

- 7) February 22nd when magnets featuring Trump and swastikas were found near the bathrooms in SSM. Similar incidents occurred on February 26th and 27th in other parts of the campus.

- 8) February 27th when members of the College Republicans tabled in front of the Kolligian library (advertising an anti-abortion workshop using a misogynist, coded racist slogan “abort the THOT, not the TOT”) and stalked students who criticized them.
 - I. Members of the College Republicans followed students (mainly women) to their cars. Students asked the UCM Housing Office to escort them to their cars rather than campus PD.
 - II. when a member of the College Republicans (Johnathon Turner) carrying a sign reading “Stop THOTs” threatened Alondra Morales Aguilar and other students tabling for their organization. He passed by and told them “you girls be careful”. Alondra and the other students felt threatened based on the interaction.

- 9) March 6th when members of the College Republicans (including but not limited to Devon Hunter, Robert Serrano) tabled in front of the Kolligian Library and called for the

deportation of undocumented students. They held signs that read “I love undocumented firearms” (with love written in rainbow colors taunting the LGBTQ+ community), “End Gun Free Zones”, “ICE, ICE, baby”, and displayed the phone number to the local ICE office. ICE had begun raids in the Merced area (intimidating undocumented workers to sign their own deportation orders at the Circle K in Atwater). At the time of the tabling, approximately 200 people were detained by ICE in the Northern California area. This constitutes a terrorist threat against the campus community’s undocumented population.

I. The advisor to the College Republicans harassed students (putting his hands on students to jostle them) while recording them with his phone.

10) March 9th when members of the College Republicans met in front of the Intercultural Hub for 40 minutes (an attempt to harass given that the College Republicans had previously been asked to leave the space).

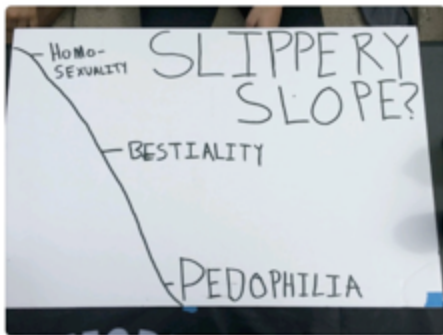
I. a member of the College Republicans (Christina Gonzales) came into the Hub to take resources (e.g., pamphlets and flyers for campus resources) and pictures of the space without the consent of the Hub.

11) March 13th when College Republicans coordinated with Campus Reform (an alt-right group) to publish an article demonizing students, alumni, and faculty who criticized the College Republicans’ March 6th anti-immigrant, anti-LGBTQ+ tabling event. The article was written by Mitchell Gunter.

I. students and faculty who were mentioned in the article began receiving hate mail—including death threats—from Campus Reform’s White nationalist, fascist audiences

12) April 3rd when College Republicans tabled in front of the Kolligian Library across Scholars’ Lane from LGBTQ+ organizations during PRIDE week and displayed anti-LGBTQ+ slogans. They held signs reading “End Gay Marriage”, “Only 2 Genders”, and “Build the Wall”.

13) April 10th when a College Republican (Devon Hunter) tabled in front of the Kolligian Library during UndocuWeek with an anti-LGBTQ+ sign reading “Slippery Slope? Homosexuality, Bestiality, Pedophilia”.



We demand chancellor Leland hold a press conference (April 30th, 2018) to acknowledge the discrimination of UCM students and workers based on their race, gender, sexuality, nationality/immigration status, dis/ability, age, and etc. and allocate resources needed for the students and workers with the input of all cultural organizations.

If a press conference and formal meeting with students and workers regarding the allocation of such resources is not held by April 30th, 2018, major news outlets will be informed to raise awareness of the Chancellor’s negligence of students’ rights.

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