

DECADE SPEAKER SERIES presents

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PIVOTAL MOMENTS: HOW FACULTY-STUDENT RELATIONSHIPS SHAPE CAREER ASPIRATIONS AND SUCCESS

Roberta Espinoza will present her "Pivotal Moment" framework to illustrate how academic interventions alter students' educational trajectories by transforming their social and psychological orientations toward academic achievement. She will share data on how these moments augment the accumulation of academic knowledge (cultural capital) and relationship-building skills (social capital) that facilitate school success for underrepresented minority students.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH AT 11:00 AM

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