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Speaker of the month:

Ian Villalta

October 24, 2017

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Room: I4-203

AVANZA Engagement Center



Ian's parents immigrated to the United States in the late 70's during El Salvador's brutal civil war. Born and raised in San Diego, Ian attributes his academic success to his parents' incredible work ethic and resilience in their journey to becoming Americans. After graduating from Kearny High School, Ian became the first person in his family to attend college. He completed his undergraduate degree at San Diego State University (SDSU) but it wasn't a straight path. The invaluable relationships from faculty and counselors supported Ian's success including presenting at conferences, co-authoring research articles, and being named the outstanding graduate from the SDSU College of Sciences.

Ian began a doctoral program in clinical psychology at Arizona State University (ASU). During his graduate training, he worked with a team of psychologists who were developing and testing new culturally-appropriate psychological treatments for the underserved, Spanish-speaking community in Phoenix. In addition, he mentored minority undergraduates who were interested in pursuing a graduate education.

In 2012, Ian joined the Mesa College department of psychology as an adjunct professor and feels like he has found his true calling. Ian's passion for making sincere connections with students and mentoring is evidenced by his service as a mentor for the HSI-STEM Mentorship Program and as a member of the planning group for the Mesa College Research Conference (MCRC). Ian hopes sharing his story will inspire students who, like him, are looking for direction in their own academic adventure.

Connect with Mesa Latinx faculty, staff and managers in a unique way!

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