

INTRODUCTION STATEMENT

Our featured speaker with us today is Mr. Victor Santana-Melgoza. An award-winning diversity trainer, Victor has been active in the field of social justice education for over 15 years, and has spoken in front of groups all over the country.

Victor has worked for social change throughout his life, and has made a career out of diversity activism, education and outreach. He has taught at-risk communities about HIV/AIDS prevention, served on the board of directors to an anti-violence education collective, advocated for minority populations on college campuses, and provided consulting services for inclusive policies to various private sector and nonprofit organizations.



Victor holds a Bachelor's degree in organizational communication, and an Master's in communication with a focus on gay and interracial relationships. He has been published in *The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education* magazine and has taught college courses in residence life, communication, gender studies, and university success.

This fall Victor will begin a Ph.D. program at the Hugh Downs School of Human Communication at Arizona State University, where his research agenda will include intergroup communication, gender and LGBT studies, and interracial attraction.

Please help me welcome, Mr. Victor Santana-Melgoza