

Declaration of Eduardo Juarez Mendoza

I am requesting advance parole for educational reasons. The purpose for my travel is to conduct pre-dissertation field research necessary for my two-part qualitative methods seminar in Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 (Edu 280 C & D Research Apprenticeship and Qualitative Methodology Seminar), which will be the focus of my dissertation research.

My summer pilot study consists of interviewing a group of Mexican citizens who chose to leave the U.S. and return to Mexico in search of new opportunities after continuously residing in the U.S. during their K-12 education years. I will interview a sample of students in Guadalajara, Jalisco who are currently enrolled at the University of Guadalajara, have graduated, and/or are currently employed as professionals.

My pilot study is the preliminary work of an extended research project aimed at learning why some students have chosen to return to their home countries after having lived in the U.S. for the majority of their young lives. This research is both timely and imperative due to our current political landscape regarding comprehensive immigration reform, and in particular legislation that will favor out-of-status students in the United States. Since the establishment of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) on June 15, 2012, many out-of-status students have benefited from this discretionary action, however, not all qualified students have applied. Much empirical research is needed to fully understand the complexity of the transnational experiences many students have experienced in the U.S. as immigrants and now as they return to their country of birth after many years.

Due to the nature of my research and the location of my research subjects I am seeking this Advance Parole document which will allow me to conduct my research in Mexico and be able to re-enter the United States upon completion of the pilot study. My field research will be conducted from early June to mid-August 2014. I look forward to completing this necessary research milestone and continue my doctoral study as I progress towards my dissertation research stage.

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