

VICTOR RIOS - 2023 KEYNOTE

Dr. Victor Rios is MacArthur Foundation Chair and Professor of Sociology at the University of California, Santa Barbara. He received his Ph.D. at the University of California Berkeley in 2005. Professor Rios has worked with local school districts to develop programs for students who have been left behind in their education. Using his personal experience of living on the streets, dropping out of school, and being incarcerated as a juvenile—along with his research findings—he has developed interventions for marginalized students aimed at promoting personal transformation and civic engagement. These programs have been implemented in many schools across the United States; juvenile detention facilities; and alternative high schools. He is also the author of six books including, *My Teacher Believes in Me: The Educator's Guide to At-Promise Students* (2019); *Street Life: Poverty, Gangs, and a Ph.D.* (2011); *Buscando Vida, Encontrando Éxito: La Fuerza de La Cultura Latina en la Educación* (2016); and *Human Targets: Schools, Police, and the Criminalization of Latino Youth* (2017).