



Response to President Trump's Statement on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

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The Department of Peace Studies upholds the “Statement in Support of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program and our Undocumented Immigrant Students” proposed by Pomona College President G. Gabrielle Starr, and signed by over 700 college and university presidents, including Chapman President Daniele Struppa. (Linked letter <https://www.pomona.edu/news/2016/11/21-college-university-presidents-call-us-uphold-and-continue-daca>).

As a Department, Peace Studies is committed to understanding issues of migration and the conflicts that can develop around them. Additionally, within Peace Studies we encourage nonviolent social change that promotes peace and justice.

We believe that it is important that members of our university community empathize with the challenges faced by students without documentation, many of whom have fled oppression. We believe that we have a responsibility to promote their welfare. We believe in basic principles of morality, especially justice, and we acknowledge that destructive behaviors violate these principles. We also acknowledge that what is legal, in relation to immigration or other issues, may not be what is moral. Thus, we believe that it is appropriate to uphold, continue, and expand DACA, and we urge lawmakers to do so.

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