

University of Oregon Senate

Senate Teach-In: Oregon Sanctuary Laws – History, Campus Policies, and Your Rights

DETAILS

Refer to the University of Oregon Senate [website](#) a posting of details.

Date & Time: Wednesday, March 5th from 3:00-4:30 (doors open at 2:30)

Location: Crater Lake Room South, EMU

Access: [Teams Livestream](#)

DESCRIPTION

The *Senate Teach-In: Oregon Sanctuary Laws – History, Campus Policies, and Your Rights* is an educational event aimed at informing the campus community about the history, legal foundations, and impact of Oregon's sanctuary laws. Experts in law, policy, and university governance will share about the relationship between state and federal laws, UO's responsibilities in navigating these legal frameworks, and how campus policies affect our community. Attendees will receive practical guidance on their rights, available resources, and actionable steps for advocacy and support.

Please note: This information is for general guidance only and does not constitute legal or immigration advice. For immigration and campus updates, refer to the [Immigration Resources](#) website (International Student and Scholar Services in the Division of Global Engagement).

AGENDA (DRAFT)

Welcome & Opening (5 minutes)

- Alison Schmitke, Senate President
- Purpose of event, setting expectations, and introduction of speakers

Part 1 Understanding Oregon's Sanctuary Laws (25 minutes)

- Lynn Stephen, Philip H. Knight Chair, Distinguished Professor of Arts and Sciences, Professor of Anthropology
- Kristin Yarris, Associate Professor, Global Studies and Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies
- Arifa Raza-Bayona, Assistant Professor, Indigenous Race, and Ethnic Studies
- What is the Sanctuary Promise? What does an institutional commitment to the Sanctuary Promise look like, and how can universities, including UO, support and uphold it?

Part 2 Oregon Sanctuary Laws and UO Campus (20 minutes)

- Jason Wade, UOPD Police Chief
- What is the UOPD role and policies regarding immigration enforcement? (Overview of [FAQ information](#))

Part 3 Know Your Rights & Resources (20 minutes)

- Jessica Price, Special Counsel for Research, Ethics, & International Affairs
- How can understanding our rights protect individuals and communities in the face of immigration enforcement?

Part 4: Questions (15 minutes)

Closing & Next Steps (5 minutes)

- Alison Schmitke, Senate President