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## Higher Education Seminar Series Brownbag

**Dr. Uma Jayakumar**



**Monday, March 12, 2018**

**12:00 to 1:00 pm**

Art Works for Kids Auditorium  
(Room 1151, Beverley Taylor Sorenson Arts  
& Education Complex)

*\*refreshments will be provided*

***"Diversity Research Advocacy in a  
Colorblind Policy Context: Moving  
into the Contradiction"***

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Uma M. Jayakumar is an Associate Professor in the Graduate School of Education at University of California, Riverside. Her scholarship and teaching address racial justice and policy issues in higher education, with a focus on how institutional environments such as campus climates and cultures shape college access and outcomes and how students experience and resist barriers to inclusive engagement. Dr. Jayakumar received her doctorate in Higher Education and Organizational Change from the University of California at Los Angeles. She was one of 21 social science researchers who co-developed amicus briefs summarizing key research findings related to the use of race-conscious admissions practices, in the 2 most recent affirmative action national cases. The briefs, submitted to The Supreme Court by the Civil Rights Project at UCLA, supported the need for race-conscious admissions and diversity/inclusion in Higher Education Institutions. Dr. Jayakumar's scholarship is also featured in *Educational Researcher*, *Journal of Higher Education*, *Harvard Educational Review*, *Diverse Magazine*, and reports to foundations and organizations interested in advancing diversity and inclusion. Dr. Jayakumar's research has been generously supported by postdoctoral fellowship awards from the National Center for Institutional Diversity (2008–2009), the National Academy of Education/Spencer (2013–2014), and the Ford Foundation (2014–2015). She is also a recipient of a 2017–2018 Spencer Mid-Career Grant.

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