Using Anthropology to Seek Justice through Activism, Policy Changes & Law

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Anthropology & Community Activism

Anthropology & the Practice of Law

- Organizing community members to speak out against anti-immigrant state legislation
- Advocating for the DREAM Act and Comprehensive Immigration Reform
- Lobbying Houston City Council for:
 - o Houston's Center for Sobriety; and
 - o The Houston Forensic Science Center



- Cultural brokering between the courtroom and the client/victim
- Linguistics in the courtroom and accuracy of interpretation
- Understanding regional conflicts in Central America (Asylum law)
- Addressing implicit bias & challenging stereotypes of ethnic minorities







