Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR) / Participatory Action Research (PAR) Legal Research Pilot Project

The Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR) / Participatory Action Research (PAR) Legal Research Pilot Project aims to establish a pilot program at UC Berkeley and UC Davis Law Schools to support graduate research that embraces democratic principles of collaborative research in California’s San Joaquin and greater Central Valley.

Building on over five years of research and partnerships in the San Joaquin Valley (SJV), this project is a first step towards establishing a program that cultivates long-term partnerships with community associations and San Joaquin Valley nonprofits; training professional students in Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR)/Participatory Action Research (PAR) methodologies for legal and policy research; exposing graduate students to the array of ethical issues that underlie CBPR and PAR; and creating a multi-campus effort to support and invest in the SJV.

CBPR/PAR projects have the potential to seed legal advocacy efforts to address persistent inequality through legislative advocacy and through strategic litigation.

Our desire is to enable communities to arm themselves with the information and tools necessary to realize their visions for change to simultaneously establish a theoretical and methodological framework within the academic and policy arenas. The project’s ultimate goal is to elevate the political and decision-making power of unincorporated, low-income communities in the SJV.

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