November 2, 2011, 5 - 7 pm Annenberg Room 207

DREAMing Out Loud!

Youth activists speak about their fight for education, immigrant rights and social justice through media and art

In a dimly lit room, a young man peers into the camera and adjusts the viewfinder to check his image. He then looks directly into the camera and states “My name is _____, and I am undocumented.” His migration story resonates with hundreds of others who then upload their own stories to YouTube. Elsewhere, Livestream carries the feed of a youth-led civil disobedience to thousands across the country. Statements of support for the protest soon appear on blogs, Twitter, and other social media. Initially aimed at passing the DREAM Act, youth have mobilized thousands across the country for immigration reform and educational access by appropriating different media.

Growing out of research conducted by Arely Zimmerman for the Media Activism & Political Participation (MAPP) Project, we invite you to join us as youth activists and engaged scholars address how youth are using social media and networked forms of communication to mobilize and sustain youth-led movements for social justice.

The event is convened by Henry Jenkins’ Civic Paths Project at USC’s Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism. A part of Civic Paths, the MAPP Project is part of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Research Network on Youth and Participatory Politics (YPP).

Refreshments will be provided. RSVP at: annenberg.usc.edu/rsvp