Critical Action & Social Advocacy (CASA) Pitzer advances critical analysis and community partnerships around the most pressing issues in the Inland Empire. The CASA Pitzer space brings local residents, organizers, activists, artists, and nonprofits together with Pitzer College faculty and students to build community and enact change. The CASA Pitzer academic program facilitates student internships and community-based participatory research on issues of regional equity and justice pertaining to incarceration, immigration, education, environment, labor, art, culture, and health.

CASA IS NOW HIRING!

We are excited to announce that CASA is now hiring both a new Program Manager and Administrative Assistant. Both are great opportunities for people with experience working at the intersections of activism and academia, those looking to work collaboratively in projects of social change with students, faculty, and community partnerships in Ontario. This is a time of growing and deepening the work of CASA, in terms of programming, partnerships and classes. Join us! See details about the job and how to apply at www.pitzer.edu/casa-pitzer.

CASA ANNOUNCES NEW FUNDING AVAILABLE -- APPLY NOW!

Due to a generous alumni gift, faculty, students, staff and community partners may now apply for funds to support their community-based classes, research or other collaborative projects and events, trainings, workshops, or celebrations! CASA’s beautiful Pitzer facility in downtown Ontario is free to use for all community and justice-oriented gatherings. To apply for grants or reserve CASA, go to: www.pitzer.edu/casa-pitzer. For detailed questions, contact CASA@pitzer.edu.
COMMUNITY AND HEALING JUSTICE
SPRING 2022 SPEAKER SERIES

MINDFULNESS AND RACIAL JUSTICE with Leslie Booker
FEBRUARY 23RD | 11am-12:15pm

QUEER DHARMA with Jacoby Ballard
MARCH 2ND | 11am-12:15pm

WELLNESS WEDNESDAY WORKSHOP SERIES @ CASA PITZER

Join us on Wednesdays for a workshop series focusing on trauma, healing, and liberation arts at CASA Pitzer!

March 9th | 4:30-6pm  Concepts and Practices for Trauma Informed Community Building with Hala Khouri

April 13th | 4:30-6pm  Joyful Abolition: Cultivating Creativity and Joy through Vision Board Collages that Imagine Another World with Tessa Hicks Peterson

May 11th | 4:30-6pm  "Dancing the Revolution": Cultivating Well-Being and Liberation through Afro-Brazilian Dance, Embodied Meditations and Drumming with Dani Lunn, Tanya Harry and Vida Vierra

CASA CHEAT SHEET

We want to make sure students and advisors know everything they need to know about the CASA Program. Check out this cheat sheet for more information:

- 2 core courses taken simultaneously (Critical Community Studies and Research Methods for Community Change)
- 125-hour internship with 1 of 8 core partner organizations
- Program counts for 3 credits
- Satisfies 3 graduation requirements and requirements in 5 majors
- Final community-based action research reports can be used towards thesis, graduate school writing samples, and more
- Courses and internships take place in Ontario community spaces
- Transportation provided
- Transformative, justice-oriented education and research experience.

For more information about the CASA program, grants, events, or community partnerships, contact: CASA@pitzer.edu or visit our website.
Know Justice, Know Peace (KJKP) is an ongoing healing justice collective and participatory action research project facilitated by CASA faculty, alumni, and community partners. We are now creating a practitioner’s manual on the topics of healing justice and transformative movement organizing, based on the 8-month training program we conducted in 2021 with community partners. This will give principles and practices for restorative practices and alternative structures community and student organizations can use to build greater sustainability and wellness and to resist the reproduction of toxic norms in justice work. We are also available to offer workshops and consulting to interested community organizations. For more information, contact CASA@pitzer.edu

Meet "Immigrants of the IE" Artists @CASAS May Event

"Immigrants of the IE" is a community photography book, website, and mobile exhibit that weaves together narratives and images created by community members to document the lived experiences of immigration in the Southern California Inland Empire region. The themes that emerged through this project (health, home, family, work, and immigration detention) highlight not only the experiences of the community artists, but also mirror the community organizing campaigns advanced by our partnering organizations (Inland Coalition for Immigrant Justice and Inland Empire Immigrant Youth Collective). Support our community art and action collaboration by viewing the artists photos here or purchasing a book and meeting the artists at our research symposium/community gathering, May 9, 2022, 4-6pm. Details will be up soon at www.pitzer.edu/casa-pitzer.