

Workers' Memorial Day

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Specialists and Trainers,

This year, let's remember and honor those who have died and suffered on the job by taking actions that may save lives.

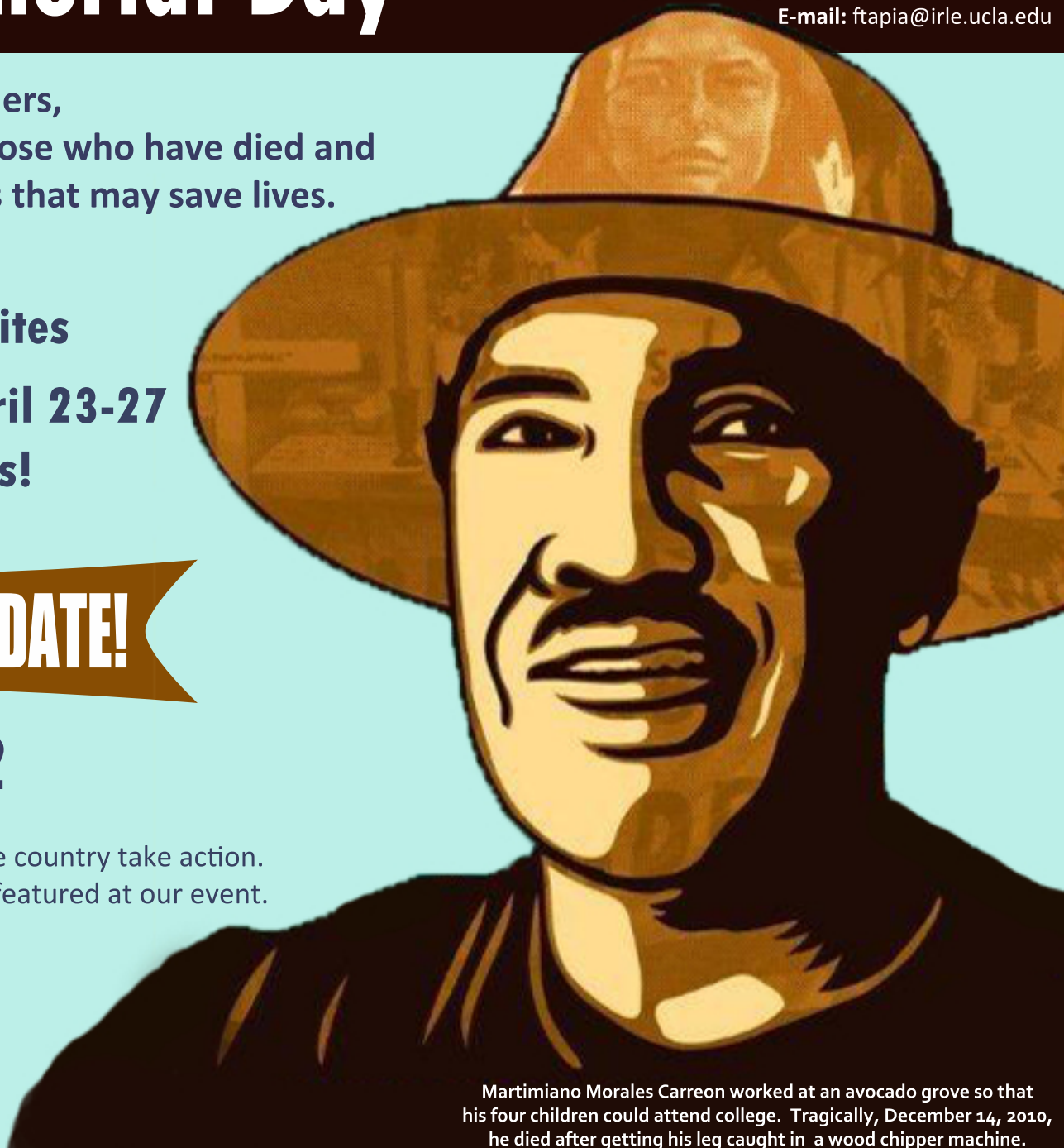
Take the lead at your worksites

during a **Week of Actions April 23-27**
on behalf of fallen workers!

BE PRESENT! SAVE THE DATE!

April 28, 2012

See on the reverse side how workers around the country take action.
Share your stories with us (email/photos) to be featured at our event.



Martimiano Morales Carreon worked at an avocado grove so that his four children could attend college. Tragically, December 14, 2010, he died after getting his leg caught in a wood chipper machine.

Mourn for the Dead, Fight for the Living!

Workers Safety and Health in the News Recently

- On January 12, 2012 a Northern California man, Martin Lara, who was decapitated in a wood-chipping accident appears to have gotten stuck in a rope while feeding something into the industrial-sized machine, authorities said.
- On October 12th, 2011, 16-year-old Armando Ramirez and 22-year-old brother Eladio died when they were cleaning out a tunnel at Community Recycling and Resource Recovery, Inc., a large scale waste facility in Lamont, California . They both collapsed, suddenly overcome by hydrogen sulfide. Family members reported that the brothers were not provided with any safety protection other than a flimsy painter's mask and rubber boots.
- On January 2012 after a series of inspections at four mega-warehouses in Chino, Cal/OSHA's High-Hazard Unit has issued dozens of citations, almosts half of wich are classified as serious, totaling \$256,445 jointly against National Distribution Centers and its staffing agency, Tri-State Staffing, for violations such as delayed treatment of a worker stricken by indoor heat and failure to provide and mantain safety equipment.

What are workers doing? A Week of Actions!

Increasing Workplace Awareness

- Hold candlelight vigils
- Build an altar in the break room
- Dress in black or wear union colors
- Wear stickers/buttons with a health and safety message
- Lay out empty shoes to symbolize those who have died at work
- Plan a Learn-at-Lunch and show a movie related to workers' rights

Preventing Injury/Illness

- Report current hazards and injuries/illnesses
- Work with your employer to create a health and safety committee
- Review OSHA 300 logs, safety records and IIPP
- Investigate job hazards using surveys, inspections, body mapping and/or hazard mapping
- Support laws that protect workers at the state and federal level
- Join other organizations who are hosting events

