

Fall 2022 Internal Newsletter

** We apologize for the multiple notifications, but we want to be sure our UCI Staff Service Award list recognizes all staff honorees.*

Staff Changes

Alex Mendoza – Alex is the new Administrative & Data Analyst for the program in Global Languages & Communication. Alex earned his B.A. in Business Administration from UCI and joins us from UCI's Office of Academic Integrity and Student Conduct, with previous experience working as an analyst and account manager at Samsung Electronics and other outside employers. He brings his varied expertise as well as his experience working with students, staff, and faculty to his new role in the School of Humanities.

Arya Moknat – Arya is the new Persian Studies Program Manager in the Humanities Center. He will also work with centers and research clusters affiliated with the Department of Philosophy. Arya has a Ph.D. in Political Science and Philosophy from Claremont University and has been a scholar-in-residence in the Jordan Center for Persian Studies since 2018.

Ashlee Walker – Ashlee will now serve as the new Assistant Director of the Office of Undergraduate Study. She has served as Interim Assistant Director since April 2022 and has been instrumental in the successful supervision of our Peer Academic Advisors and summer transfer student advising coordination. Ashlee earned her Master of Science in Counseling at California State University, Dominguez Hills in May of 2020 and has excelled as an academic counselor in our office since 2016. Ashlee is a UCI alum (Film and Media Studies '16) and former Peer Academic Advisor (2015-2016 academic year). Her contributions to both our office and the UCI academic advising community have been outstanding throughout her career and we expect we will continue to benefit greatly from her talents.

Daren Mai – Daren is the new Personnel Analyst for the Department of English. Daren comes to us from the UC Path Employee Experience Center, where he worked as a Benefits Analyst. Daren has a B.A. degree in English and History from Indiana University–Purdue. We are very happy to welcome Daren to the English Department!

Kazumo Washizuka – Kazumo returns to the School of Humanities after having recently served as department manager of Statistics in the Donald Bren School of Information and Computer Sciences. Prior to her role in ICS, she served in a variety of capacities within the School of Humanities, most recently as department manager of Classics and manager of Humanities Language Learning Program. Shortly before that role, she served as Humanities Core program manager, and previously served as Composition program manager in the Department of English. We are thrilled to welcome Kazumo back to the School as an experienced manager and proud alumna of the Literary Journalism program.

Advancement

Advancement Update

I hope this fall finds you all doing well. This summer, we developed our annual strategic plan for fundraising for this upcoming academic year, taking a close look at giving trends, as well as evaluating which new initiatives we'd like to implement and which programs we would like to continue. The good news is that donors are responding to our school-wide focus on student support, and we are less than $2 ML away from our $30 ML campaign goal.

Just a few examples of what we'll be focusing on: we're significantly expanding our donor relations communications through use of tailored videos and impact statements. We will be continuing our Behind the Scenes with UCI Humanities zoom webinar series to showcase our faculty and graduate students. We're also expanding our cross-campus collaborations to bring in larger gifts that have impact across campus.

You may have heard that Henry and Susan Samueli announced a $4 ML challenge gift for the Center for Jewish Studies. This gives us great momentum towards the Center's funding priorities. We are forming a Leadership Council for Jewish Studies and working with community partners to raise awareness and funds, so we may qualify for the $4 ML matching gift.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about fundraising. I'm always happy to hear from you.

Thank you.

Linda Haghi
Executive Director, School of Humanities Advancement

Communications

Website updates
We're set to roll out our redesigned website navigation in the next few weeks. Stay tuned for the announcement and further details!

Story opportunities
Please continue to keep me updated on forthcoming faculty book publications, significant external faculty awards & exceptional alumni and student stories. See the types of stories we're looking for here.

Public writing
Interested in writing for public audiences? Learn more about The Conversation and other outlets that publish scholarly content written for non-academic audiences here.

Callie Brazil
Interim Director, Marketing & Communications

Finance

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Foreign Travel Per Diem Recap:

- Travelers may be reimbursed for the full per diem amount. This does not require supporting receipts, unless required by the department or terms of the grant/fund.
- Rates are published by the Department of State.
- Rates include taxes for lodging and meals and incidental expenses.
- Per diem, when allowed, is based on the time of arrival at the destination and time of departure from the destination.
- If lodging was provided without charge (staying with family or complimentary hotel stay), then no lodging per diem may be claimed.
- If meals are provided at a conference or meeting, the per diem should be reduced.
- Staying at a Bed & Breakfast property, the per diem should be reduced.

For more information, please visit G28 Travel regulations.

State Fund Restriction for University Travel – AB1887

As of July 2022, additional states have been added by the state of California to Assembly Bill 1887, which restricts the use of State General Fund to pay for travel costs to the listed states below:

* Alabama	* Arizona	* Arkansas	* Florida
* Idaho	* Indiana	* Iowa	* Kansas
* Kentucky	* Louisiana	* Mississippi	* Montana
* North Carolina	* North Dakota	* Ohio	* Oklahoma
* South Carolina	* South Dakota	* Tennessee	* Texas
* Utah	* West Virginia		

Honorarium:

SOH currently adheres to the campus policies for honoraria.

The Dean can approve up to $5,000 to non-UC academic appointees and individuals who are not university employees.

Honoraria for UC academic appointees will be authorized by the dean and then routed to Academic Personnel for approval by the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor or the Vice Provost for Academic Personnel. Visit the Academic Personnel Honoraria policy website for more information.

When process honorarium to non-UC employees, please follow the instructions under DV reason code E.

John Bodenschatz
Director, Finance

Human Resources

This year's UCI Staff Service Awards will be celebrated during UCI Staff Appreciation Week on Thursday, October 13 with a virtual event posted online at 10:00 a.m. that morning.

Staff will be honored for reaching service year milestones during the time period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. Milestones recognized are 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 years of service.

Congratulations to our School of Humanities UCI Staff Service Award Honorees!

3 Years
Joo Hoon Sin
Pichaya Kositsawat
Sylvia Meza-Tallada
Trevor Jue

10 Years
Linda Haghi

20 Years
Angelica Enriquez
Ekua Arhin
Jeremy Saine

5 Years
Ashlee Walker
Camille Laws
Nikki Normandia
Samantha Engler

15 Years
Brittney Pinney
Chad Horn

25 Years
Dwayne Pack
Marcus Kanda
Maripaz (Nancy) Moralio

School of Humanities Award Honorees!

5 Years
Jennifer Choy
Samantha Engler
Sean Fischer
Mayumi Mckenzie
Ashlee Walker

10 Years
Robert Escalante
Janelle Persinger
Veronica Portal

20 Years
Jeremy Saine

25 Years
Marcus Kanda

Mindy Han
Director of Personnel

Humanities Center

The Humanities Center explores "Worldmaking through Embodiment"

How do we imagine our place in the world?
How do we create worlds in our imagination?
And how do our bodies - the way we dress, move, and experience sensations - express and inform our ideas about our place and relationship to the world around us?

These are the questions that the Humanities Center will be exploring during the 2022-2023 academic year.

Inspired by the new "Worldbuilding" theme of the UCI Humanities Core and a revived collaboration with faculty in the Claire Trevor School of the Arts, the UCI Humanities Center will be co-hosting a year long dance festival, entitled "Cultural Resonance in Contemporary Bodies: Worldmaking through Dance."

We will kick-off our year with a conversation, performances, and reception on Friday September 30, 11-1.

Gerald Casel, choreographer, dancer, and chair of the Dance Department at Rutgers Mason Gross School of the Arts will be visiting UCI on November 16 and 17 to give a lecture/demonstration on "Dancing on the (Bamboo) Ceiling: Performing While Asian in U.S. Postmodern Dance" and sharing a decolonial approach to movement through a participatory session on "Dancing Around Race – Cultivating Racial Equity and Absolute Belonging."

The entire series is also co-sponsored by UCI Illuminations, the Advisory Council on Campus Climate, Culture & Inclusion, and the Departments of Dance and Drama.

Judy Tzu-Chun Wu
Associate Dean of Research, Faculty Development, and Public Engagement,
School of Humanities
Director of the Humanities Center
Director of the Center for Liberation, Anti-Racism, and Belonging
Professor of History and Asian American Studies

Co-author with Gwendolyn Mink, Fierce and Fearless: Patsy Takemoto Mink, First Woman of Color in Congress (May-2022)

Office of Graduate Study

All new, incoming Humanities Ph.D. students were invited to attend a "New Graduate Student Orientation" with OGS on September 20th. The orientation focused on School of Humanities-specific policies, procedures, and funding opportunities, and a special presentation from the UCI Residency Office to domestic non-California resident students on how to establish California residency.

Applications for Graduate Admissions opens October 3rd. Prospective students will be able to apply to graduate programs here.

All program deadlines and contact information has been updated on the Graduate Division website.

Please submit your GSR/Award requests to this google form

Please continue to send all Graduate Division DocuSign forms requiring Associate Dean signature to soh-grad@uci.edu

Feel free to contact Geneva Lopez-Sandoval (lopezg@uci.edu) or Clara Holbach (esoinfo@uci.edu) in OGS if you have any questions regarding this information.

Geneva Lopez-Sandoval
Director, Office of Graduate Study

Undergraduate Study

Welcome Week and New Student Convocation
Welcome Week is September 19 – September 23. The New Student Convocation will be held on Monday, September 19, from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in Bren Events Center. Eligible students will receive an email invitation and registration is required. The New Student Convocation will be followed immediately by the Humanities Dean's Welcome in Humanities Gateway Lawn/Courtyard. For more information on Welcome Week, or to advertise your events, please visit the Welcome Week website. The first day of classes is Thursday, September 22.

Office of Undergraduate Study Contact Information
For information about how to connect with an academic advisor in fall quarter please direct students to the Humanities Office of Undergraduate Study Contact Us page.

Staff and faculty can contact Whitney Young, Director of Undergraduate Study, with any questions related to undergraduate matters.

Whitney Young
Interim Director, Office of Undergraduate Study

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