UCI School of Humanities
Internal newsletter
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Fall 2020 Internal Newsletter

You're Invited!

School of Humanities
Fall reception

Wednesday, September 30th
4:00 - 4:45 p.m. via Zoom

Lunch with
The Dean

12-12:30 p.m. via Zoom:
October 12th
November 9th
December 14th

New Faculty

Please join us in welcoming back our continuing faculty and lecturers and in welcoming all new faculty and lecturers! We are also pleased to welcome nine new senate faculty to the school. You can meet them **here**.

New Staff

Lisa Florentes-Mullens, Personnel Analyst, English Department: Lisa Florentes-Mullens joins the Department of English from Coast Community College District where she has served in several different HR positions since 2015, and most recently as a Professional Expert in the District Human Resources Office. Lisa earned her undergraduate degree at University of Pacific and a Master's of Health Administration from the University of Southern California. Lisa has a strong background in the operational functions of human resources, which is going to be a great asset to the department in her new role as Personnel Analyst.

Sam Lahne, Graduate and Academic Personnel Analyst, Departments of Comparative Literature and European Languages and Studies: The Departments of Comparative Literature and European Languages and Studies warmly welcome Sam Lahne as the new Graduate and Academic Personnel Analyst. Sam brings to the School of Humanities his background as playwright, dramaturg, theater administrator, screenwriter, instructor, writing center tutor, and translator. He also has close ties to UC graduate education. Sam received his M.F.A. in Playwriting from the University of Iowa Playwrights Workshop, and studied Italian literature, semiotics, and translation at the University of Bologna. His B.A. is in Drama and Italian from Vassar College.

Ryan Gurney, Program Coordinator, Humanities Center: Ryan Gurney joined the Humanities Center as program coordinator on September 21, 2020. He will be managing Humanities Center events, including this year's Oceans theme, as well as various centers such as Early Cultures, Critical Theory and the Forum for the Academy and the Public. Ryan received his Ph.D. in Visual Studies from UCI and was GSR for the NEH Next Generation Ph.D. project with the Humanities Commons. In addition to his many practical skills, Ryan is a font of Batman trivia. We are excited to have Ryan as part of the Humanities Center team.

SueJeanne Koh-Parsons, Graduate Professional Development Programs Manager, Humanities Center: SueJeanne Koh-Parsons is the new Graduate Professional Development Programs Manager with the Humanities Center. Funded by the Mellon Foundation grant, SueJeanne will be responsible for launching the cross-disciplinary GSR program, managing the Humanities Out There Public Fellows program and continuing to grow our professional development opportunities for graduate students. SueJeanne was most recently a postdoctoral scholar and lecturer in the UCI Department of Asian American Studies and the Religious Studies program. She has a Th.D. from Duke University.

Advancement

Dear colleagues,

You may have seen the press release about the Ferdowsi Endowed Chair in Zoroastrian studies. This gift by Dr. Fariborz Maseeh will be the fifth endowed chair associated with the Jordan Center for Persian Studies. We'll have a few more announcements coming out in the next few weeks about additional major gifts.

We will be conducting a Zotfunder for Humanities Core – Zotfunders are online fundraisers. We will be reaching out to 20,000 Core alumni, most of whom were not Humanities alumni. Please mark your calendars for this Zotfunder which will begin on October 15 and close on November 15. Alumni loved Core and donors love student support – a great combination for a Zotfunder.

Look for the video chat series, *Over Coffee: Leaders Talking Humanities*, coming out soon. Please let me know if you have any questions about our fundraising.

Linda Haghi
Executive Director, School of Humanities Advancement

Communications

Video series

We have produced and continue to produce video series that highlight the school's scholars and research.

Our COVID-19: The Humanities Respond video series is currently complete, however, it continues to resonate with audiences and increase in views. Here are just a few stats from the series:

- 350k impressions on social media
- 157k online readers
- 5.3k YouTube views

This summer, we launched The Welcome Table with Sydney and Tatum, a video series hosted by student storytellers Sydney Charles and Tatum Larsen that highlights Black voices in the school. We have extended the series through fall. I invite you to share the videos on social media with #WelcomeTableUCI and also feel free to suggest any SoH alumni, students, staff and/or faculty you'd like to see interviewed.

Story opportunities

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

Recruitment season

With it being recruitment season and prospective undergraduates are deciding where to apply, it's important that each department and program website be as updated as possible. I invite you to audit your website and to ensure it highlights your best stories, all links are active, and that all information is the most recent and accurate.

Annabel Adams
Executive Director, Marketing & Communications

Finance

University Travel

If you are considering travel this academic year, please consult the campus executive directive on travel to determine if your travel is allowable. In most cases, our school's travel will fall under the Non-essential category, and, as such, postponement is the safest action. Campus will not reimburse travel to an area of risk and that designation is a fluid distinction. If you must travel, and it is allowable by the directive or approved by the TRRT, we strongly encourage you make arrangements that are refundable.

Borrowing University-Owned Equipment

Telecommuting employees during the COVID-19 pandemic need to follow the process in order to use their university-owned office chair, monitors or other small items (for ergonomic need) at home:

- If an employee decides to take their office chair or other office equipment home, they will need supervisor approval. They need to fill out the proper approval chain in DocuSign for the Equipment Loan Agreement (University Property Leaving Campus Form).

  *The employee can estimate the value of the borrowed items on the value section of the form.

- When retrieving their office items, employees should be able to show a copy of the approved form to security personnel, if asked.

- If an employee's office building is locked, they will need to coordinate with their supervisor to gain access to the building.

- When the employee returns back to work, they will need to bring the borrowed items, complete the bottom section of the Equipment Loan Agreement and have the supervisor sign the form to confirm that the borrowed items were returned back to UCI. Failure to do so, will result in the department being held responsible for the cost of replacement.
- Fixtures, i.e., items that are physically attached to the floors or walls, cannot be removed.
- Employees are responsible for the care and transportation of their borrowed items.
- Please maintain social distancing and wear a mask or a cloth face covering when visiting campus.

John Bodenschatz
Director, Finance

Human Resources

Flu shot FAQs for UC employees (Now Required)
As a follow-up to the executive order requiring flu vaccinations for all faculty, staff and students this fall, the Office of the President has posted FAQs for employees.

RETURN TO CAMPUS TRAINING (Now Required)
Per Chancellor Gillman's executive directive dated August 25, 2020, return to campus training will be required for all employees. To help protect ourselves and our community from COVID-19, all UCI employees must complete the training within the following timeframes:

- For essential UCI employees already working on site: Once the training is assigned in UCLC, it must be completed as soon as reasonably possible, and within thirty (30) days.
- For UCI employees scheduled to return to on-site work within the next thirty (30) days, training must be completed prior to returning to on-site work.
- For all other UCI employees, training must be completed within thirty (30) days of assignment in UCLC, even for those employees working remotely and scheduled to do so beyond thirty (30) days.

You will only need to complete the relevant return to work training module based on physical work location:

Campus: Returning to Campus

DAILY SYMPTOM CHECK SCREENING NOW MANDATORY FOR ALL UCI EMPLOYEES

As part of the Working Well™ program that has been developed to help keep you and your colleagues well, daily COVID-19 symptom check screenings are now **mandatory for all UCI employees, effective Monday, August 24, 2020.**

This decision is based on Center for Disease Controls (CDC), State of California, County of Orange, and University of California Office of the President (UCOP) directives, guidelines, and best practices. Details of the officially authorized daily symptom check screenings are available in Chancellor Gillman's Executive Directive.

Beginning Tuesday, August 25, 2020, campus employees, including Health Sciences and School of Medicine (SOM) employees located in Irvine, will begin receiving a daily email Monday through Friday asking you to participate in UCI's Working Well Daily Symptom Check. This screening application has two core functions:

- To provide guidance and easy access to testing for individuals who have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or exposure to COVID-19; and
- To ensure that all individuals coming to campus on a given day do not have symptoms.

You may respond to the Daily Symptom Check via email, mobile application, or by calling the UCI Coronavirus Response Center at 949.824.9918.

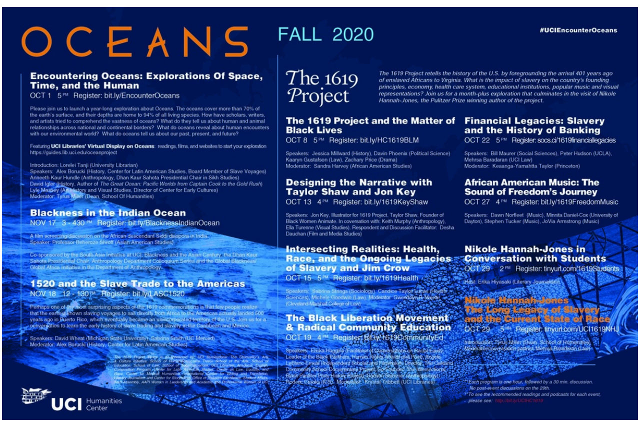
If you work a shift other than Monday through Friday, e.g., weekends, you may change the email schedule yourself through UCI's Employee Experience Center (EEC). Click here for instructions on how to do this.

Learn more about the application and how to download the mobile version of the application using these instructions:

Working Well™ Daily Symptom Check Application Instructions

Mindy Han
Director, Personnel

Humanities Center



OCEANS

FALL 2020

#UCIEncounterOceans

Encountering Oceans: Explorations Of Space, Time, and the Human
OCT 1 5 PM Register: bit.ly/EncounterOceans

Please join us to launch a year-long exploration about Oceans. The oceans cover more than 70% of the earth's surface, and their depths are home to 94% of all living species. How have scholars, writers, and artists tried to comprehend the vastness of oceans? What do they tell us about human and animal relationships across national and continental borders? What do oceans reveal about human encounters with our environmental world? What do oceans tell us about our past, present, and future?

Featuring **UCI Libraries' Virtual Display on Oceans**: readings, films, and websites to start your exploration https://guides.lib.uci.edu/oceanproject

Introduction: Lorelei Tanji (University Librarian)
Speakers: Alex Borucki (History, Center for Latin American Studies, Board Member of Slave Voyages)
Anneeth Kaur Hundle (Anthropology, Dhan Kaur Sahota Presidential Chair in Sikh Studies)
David Igler (History, Author of *The Great Ocean: Pacific Worlds from Captain Cook to the Gold Rush*)
Lyle Massey (Art History and Visual Studies, Director of Center for Early Cultures)
Moderator: Tyrus Miller (Dean, School Of Humanities)

Blackness in the Indian Ocean
NOV 17 3 - 430 PM Register: bit.ly/BlacknessIndianOcean

A film screening/discussion on the African descendant Siddi diaspora in India.
Speaker: Professor Beheroze Shroff (Asian American Studies)

Co-sponsored by the South Asia Initiative at UCI, Blackness and the Asian Century, the Dhan Kaur Sahota Presidential Chair, Anthropology Department Colloquium Series and the Global Blackness/Global Africa Initiative in the Department of Anthropology.

1520 and the Slave Trade to the Americas
NOV 18 12 - 130 PM Register: bit.ly/LASC1520

Perhaps one of the most surprising aspects of the 1619 commemorations is that few people realize that the earliest known slaving voyages to sail directly from Africa to the Americas actually landed 500 years ago in Puerto Rico, which eventually became an unincorporated territory of the U.S. Join us for a conversation to learn the early history of slave trading and slavery in the Caribbean and Mexico.

Speakers: David Wheat (Michigan State University), Sabrina Smith (UC Merced)
Moderator: Alex Borucki (History, Center for Latin American Studies)

The 1619 Project series is co-sponsored by: UCI Illuminations: The Chancellor's Arts & Culture Initiative, School of Humanities, Claire Trevor School of the Arts, School of Education, School of Law, School of Social Sciences, UCI Libraries, Academic English Composition Program, Center for Latin American Studies, Center on Law, Equality, and Race, Center for Medical Humanities, International Center for Writing and Translation, Literary Journalism and Center for Storytelling, Office of Inclusive Excellence, Student Affairs, Staff Assembly, AAPI Women in Leadership and Academic and Professional Women of UCI.

UCI Humanities Center

The 1619 Project

The 1619 Project retells the history of the U.S. by foregrounding the arrival 401 years ago of enslaved Africans to Virginia. What is the impact of slavery on the country's founding principles, economy, health care system, educational institutions, popular music and visual representations? Join us for a month-plus exploration that culminates in the visit of Nikole Hannah-Jones, the Pulitzer Prize winning author of the project.

The 1619 Project and the Matter of Black Lives
OCT 8 5 PM Register: bit.ly/HC1619BLM

Speakers: Jessica Millward (History), Davin Phoenix (Political Science)
Kaaryn Gustafson (Law), Zachary Price (Drama)
Moderator: Sandra Harvey (African American Studies)

Designing the Narrative with Taylor Shaw and Jon Key
OCT 13 4 PM Register: bit.ly/1619KeyShaw

Speakers: Jon Key, Illustrator for 1619 Project, Taylor Shaw, Founder of Black Women Animate. In coversation with: Keith Murphy (Anthropology), Ella Turenne (Visual Studies). Respondent and Discussion Facilitator: Desha Dauchan (Film and Media Studies)

Intersecting Realities: Health, Race, and the Ongoing Legacies of Slavery and Jim Crow
OCT 15 5 PM Register: bit.ly/1619Health

Speakers: Sabrina Strings (Sociology), Candice Taylor Lucas (Health Sciences), Michele Goodwin (Law). Moderator: Gwendolyn H. Majette (Cleveland-Marshall College of Law)

The Black Liberation Movement & Radical Community Education
OCT 19 4 PM Register: bit.ly/1619CommunityEd

Speakers: Ericka Huggins (Facilitator of Conversations on Racial Equity, Leader of the Black Panthers, Human Rights Activist and Poet), Angela LeBlanc-Ernest (Independent Scholar and Filmmaker, Director, The Oakland Community School Documentary Project, Co-founder, The Intersectional Black Panther Party History Project), Damien Sojoyner (Anthropology), Roderic Crooks (ICS). Moderator: Krystal Tribbett (UCI Libraries)

Financial Legacies: Slavery and the History of Banking
OCT 22 5 PM Register: socs.ci/1619financiallegacies

Speakers: Bill Maurer (Social Sciences), Peter Hudson (UCLA), Mehrsa Baradaran (UCI Law)
Moderator: Keaanga-Yamahtta Taylor (Princeton)

African American Music: The Sound of Freedom's Journey
OCT 27 4 PM Register: bit.ly/1619FreedomMusic

Speakers: Dawn Norfleet (Music), Minnita Daniel-Cox (University of Dayton), Stephen Tucker (Music), JoVia Armstrong (Music)

Nikole Hannah-Jones in Conversation with Students
OCT 29 2 PM Register: tinyurl.com/1619Students

Host: Erika Hayasaki (Literary Journalism)

Nikole Hannah-Jones
The Long Legacy of Slavery and the Current State of Race
OCT 29 5 PM Register: tinyurl.com/UCI1619NHJ

Introduction: Tyrus Miller (Dean, School of Humanities)
Moderator/conversation partner: Mehrsa Baradaran (Law)

**Each program is one hour, followed by a 30 min. discussion. No post-event discussions on the 29th.*
**To see the recommended readings and podcasts for each event, please see: http://bit.ly/UCIHC1619*

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In addition, the Humanities Center is collaborating with schools and programs across campus to promote a month-plus engagement with *The New York Times*' 1619 Project that culminates in the virtual visit of Nikole Hannah-Jones, the Pulitzer-prize winning author of the project. This series of essays, illustrations, and podcasts retells the history of the U.S. by foregrounding the arrival 401 years ago of enslaved Africans to Virginia. Our series explores the impact of slavery on the country's political institutions, economy, health care, neighborhoods, schools, popular music, and visual representations. Join us for the kick-off on Oct. 8, featuring Sandra Harvey (African American Studies), Jessica Millward (History), Davin Phoenix (Political Science), Kaaryn Gustafson (Law), and Zachary Price (Drama). Please register here. and join us for the entire 1619 Project series.

Judy Tzu-Chun Wu
Executive Director

Undergraduate Study

Welcome Week
Welcome Week is September 28 - October 2. The New Student Convocation will be held virtually and takes place on Monday, September 28, from 9:30am to 10:15am. That event will be followed immediately by the Humanities Dean's Welcome, which will also take place virtually via zoom. For more information on Welcome Week, or to advertise your virtual events, please visit the Welcome Week website (www.welcomeweek.uci.edu). The **first day of classes** is Thursday, October 1.

Office of Undergraduate Study Contact Information
Students should refer to this updated page for information on how to connect or meet with an academic advisor in fall quarter: www.humanities.uci.edu/undergrad/about/acad_advising.php.

Please contact Brittney Pinney, Director of Undergraduate Study, with any questions.

Brittney Pinney
Director of Undergraduate Study

Office of Graduate Study

The Schoolwide New Graduate Student Orientation has moved online! We've recorded presentations this year and will post them on our website in the coming week. OGS staff will also host three drop-in Zoom sessions on the following dates:

- Friday, 9/25: 2pm – 3pm
- Monday, 9/28: 10:30am – 11:30am
- Wednesday, 9/30: 9:30am – 10:30am

Arielle Hinojosa-Garcia (hinojosa@uci.edu) will be overseeing the academic-side of the Critical Theory Emphasis (CTE), including management of the CTE listservs, the CTE application/confirmation process, CTE course scheduling, etc.

Graduate-Related UC Path Reminders:

For units hiring TAs - If there are any potential changes to current TA placements, notify OGS as soon as possible. With the UC Path system, we cannot guarantee that these changes will be approved by the UC Path Center prior to fee payment deadlines or the beginning of instruction. Depending on when we are notified of such changes, a cost transfer between units may need to be arranged as to not affect graduate student tuition remission or monthly paycheck.

For units hiring GSRs or GSARs - All requests need to be sent to OGS via EEE Scout here 30 days prior to the desired start date. If these hiring plans are to take place during the academic year, additional approval by Graduate Division may be required. Please see the EEE Scout form for additional information

Please direct any questions related to graduate student hiring to Arielle Hinojosa-Garcia (hinojosa@uci.edu).

Amy Fujitani
Director of Graduate Study

Humanities Computing and Technology Services

Please help us keep your data safe:

1) Report any sensitive data you store on your computer

In light of the recent security breach at UCSF, please contact me if you use or store any of the following information in electronic or print formats. We need to make sure that it is stored securely and have a record of it. This is for your protection as much as for the individual you need to have records on.

* Social Security numbers (SSNs),
* Driver's license or State-issued identification card numbers,
* Individuals' financial account, credit card, or debit card numbers,
* Electronic medical or health insurance information.

2) Secure your Computer

Please review these guides from the OIT security website (https://security.uci.edu/secure-computer/index.html):

Update your Operating System and Computer Software
Most security issues are related to vulnerabilities in the operating system and other software installed on the computer. As these flaws are discovered, software companies release patches to fix the security holes, so you need to constantly be checking for new updates to stay secure.

Use Strong Passwords
Besides vulnerable software, another entry point for attackers is via a login to the computer. If you have not set strong passwords, or left them blank or the default value, this makes your computer vulnerable to various types of attacks, including "dictionary attacks" which is a rapid, automated guessing of common passwords, that leads to computer compromise.

Install and Update Anti-Virus Software
One of the largest risks to a network is an infected or compromised computer. An infected computer can be used to compromise other computers on the same network. Anti-virus/Anti-malware software is another critical layer of defense to limit what an attacker can do once a computer is compromised.

Enable Firewall Protection
Firewall software can help protect your computer from remote hackers and security attacks. Severe attacks can delete important information, crash your system, or steal private information like passwords or credit card numbers. Most modern operating systems come with the firewalls enabled.

Encrypt Sensitive Data
An attacker getting access to sensitive data is one of the biggest risks. Sensitive data should be eliminated where possible from all computers, however, if it absolutely must be stored then it must be encrypted. Encryption of sensitive data with a strong password key prevents an attacker from reading its contents if the computer is compromised. For mobile devices, it is recommended to encrypt the entire device if possible.

Back Up Important Files
No system is completely secure. If you have important files stored on your computer, copy them to another removable drive or disc and store them in a different location from your computer. Another approach is to store important files in Microsoft OneDrive, a cloud based storage tool.

Enable Screen Saver / Lock Screen Passwords
When you are away from your computer, lock the screen or set a screen saver password. This will prevent someone from using your computer when you are away from your desk.

3) Complete the annual Cyber Security training on UCLC. Thank you to the 86% of you that are current on that training.

Please let me know your thoughts, concerns, or questions: Dwayne Pack.

Dwayne Pack
Director of Computing

Facilities

The Humanities Schoolwide UCI Covid-19 Risk Assessment, Protection & Monitoring Plan has been approved and is posted in Department reception areas and on the SOH Facilities website here.

UCI Transportation has extended the parking permit reprieve until January 3, 2021, instead of the September 1, 2020 starting date they had previously planned. For more information regarding parking, go to the UCI Transportation website.

All UCI Departments have been provided with Sanitization Stations which people can use for sanitizing any work areas they have used, especially after they are done with them. Department Managers can order more supplies from SOH Facilities through our online order form. Stations have also been added near the elevators on every floor of our buildings.

Construction will begin shortly on two small-cap projects. One project in the Department of Philosophy will create new faculty offices and more space for TAs, and the other project in the Department of Film and Media Studies will create a new production space completed with a green screen and more space for storing production equipment.

Colin Andrews
Director of Facilities

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