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School of Humanities

A message to faculty and staff from Georges Van Den Abbeele

SAVE THE DATE: Dean Van Den Abbeele Reception

Honoring our Dean, Georges Van Den Abbeele
June 6, 2018
Humanities Studio, HH Patio
(changed from HG 1030)
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Look out for invitations soon!

New Faculty and Staff, Staff Updates and Retirements

New Staff:

Jennifer Choy, Department Coordinator, ARH, AsianAm, G&SS, I'm happy to announce that Jennifer Choy, the former Financial Analyst in the Dean's Office, has accepted the Department Coordinator position that supports the departments of African American Studies, Asian American Studies and Gender & Sexuality Studies; she joined us on March 5th. She most recently completed her Masters in Strategic Human and International Relations at the University of Glasgow, Scotland and now returns to UCI for a second tour! Please join me in welcoming Jennifer back and feel free to stop by and visit her in HG 3010.

Mike Nonemaker, Instructional Technology and Systems Administrator, Film & Media Studies: Mike will assist Film & Media Studies Department on April 9th - he will provide support for our production and film courses, the media editing lab, and the McCormick Screening Room. He comes to us from ArtMedia where he worked as a videographer and marketing assistant. There he produced and edited video content, managed post production, and trained and managed student workers. Mike received his B.A. in Film and Media Studies from UC Irvine. Please join me in giving a warm welcome to Mike and stop by to introduce yourselves.

Ariel Tse, Academic Administrative Assistant, Asian/Pacific American English and East Asian Languages & Literatures: Ariel joined the Program in Academic English/ESL part-time on February 12th. Ariel graduated from UCI, earning a B.A. degree in Comparative Literature and Chinese. She recently worked as an International Student Advisor/Office Assistant. Ariel has valuable experience with international student advising and administration in education, including enrollment management, placement examinations and course scheduling. She is also working as a translator for an international foundation. Ariel will be a great asset to our program and the administrative team. We are excited to have Ariel on staff.

SAVE THE DATE: Chancellor and Provost Visit

Chancellor Gillman and Provost Lavernia will be visiting the School of Humanities on:
Monday, April 30th
3:30 - 5:00
HG 1030

Communications

Commencement

Sona Patel '06 (B.A.s literary journalism and Spanish) has accepted our invitation to serve as this year's commencement speaker. Sona leads social media strategy and user-generated content for *The New York Times*. This includes reader-sourced reporting, crowdsourcing and audience engagement. She works with various desks across the newsroom, training journalists in New York and abroad on the latest tactics for developing long-term and lasting relationships with NYT readers. She also helps shape the NYT's strategy for incorporating online comments into their daily news reports.

Prior to joining *The New York Times*, Sona was the social media editor at *The Seattle Times* where she was part of the team that won the 2009 Pulitzer Prize for Breaking News Reporting. Shortly after graduating UCI in 2006, she got her start as a reporter for *The (San Luis Obispo) Tribune* where she covered the city of Morro Bay and the bankruptcy proceedings of one of the local community services districts. At UCI, Sona was editor-in-chief of *The New University* and a member of Sigma Delta Pi, the National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society. She is an active member in the Asian American Journalists Association and served as vice president of the New York chapter from 2014 to 2015.

Social media

- We have now reached more than 700 followers on Instagram (which is more followers than on several of our peer schools' Instagrams!)

- The Department of English is now on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Please like and follow them for student and alumni stories, department events and news.

- In conjunction with the SOH Undergraduate Office, SOH social media will focus on admitted student stories, and stories of why students chose UCI Humanities, under the hashtag #UCIHumanities'Yes this April and May. This is part of the school's broader yield-marketing campaign. If you have students with compelling stories to tell as to why they chose to major in the Humanities at UCI, please connect with me.

- The most engaging and far-reaching social media posts of January and February were: Meet Aileen Della Pascua (Jan. Facebook; reached 2.9k people), Meet Quintulu Abeysekera (Feb. Facebook; reached 2.9k people), Alumna Charmaine Craig visiting campus (Jan. Twitter; reached 3k people), Art History Conference (Feb. Twitter; reached 27.2k people), Meet Misha Pomurayu (Jan. Instagram; reached 763 people) and invite to Alice Sebold talk (Feb. Instagram; reached 742 people).

News & stories

Please continue to keep me posted on faculty grants, awards and new publications; student and alumni stories and accomplishments; and cross-school events geared for a public audience

Annabel Adams '06, M.A.
Director of Marketing & Communications

STAR Awards - call for Winter/Spring nominations

Please submit any Winter/Spring nominations for schoolwide STAR awards for staff by May 11th. Department-funded award nomination forms may be submitted any time throughout the year, with a supplemental amount provided by the dean's office. This is a wonderful way to recognize staff, with cash awards up to $500.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Penny

Dean's Office Survey

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The survey will be open through Monday, 4/23/18: https://eee.uci.edu/surveys/take_intro.php?uri=deansoffice18

Undergrad Studies Update

Please note these important dates and deadlines:

Saturday, April 21 - Celebrate UCI! All Departments should be planning to participate in this valuable recruitment opportunity. Please contact Whitney Young with any questions. Yield is particularly important this year, in light of a decrease in undergraduate admissions of Humanities majors.

Monday, April 23 – Deadline to enter nominations for all undergraduate awards in the Student Awards System Database.

Monday, April 23 – Deadline to submit nominations (to Brittney Pinney) for the School of Humanities Faculty Teaching Award.

Friday, May 4 - Celebrate UCI for Transfers! All Departments should be planning to participate in this valuable recruitment opportunity. Please contact Whitney Young with any questions.

Friday, June 15 at 9am – Humanities Honors Convocation in HIB 100 (robing room opens at 8am).

Friday, June 15 at 12pm – Commencement at the Bren Events Center! This year's ceremony will be shared with the School of Social Ecology (find out more, here: www.commencement.uci.edu).

Brittney Pinney, Director of Undergraduate Study

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Graduate Studies Update

2018 Graduate Hooding Ceremony will be held on June 16, 2018 at 4:30pm in the Bren Events Center. Registration will open on April 2, 2018.

The Spring edition of The Gateway. Humanities alumni portal will be published the week of April 16. Please direct any M.A., M.F.A. and Ph.D. alumni to the portal to update their profile: http://www.humanities.uci.edu/graduate/gateway/alumni_form.php.

Amy Fujitani, Director, Office of Graduate Studies

afujitan@uci.edu

REGALIA 2018

If you require Regalia for commencement, please contact your MSO or email dlabbe@uci.edu prior to the following deadlines:

Between March 9 - April 13: Dean's Office will provide

AFTER April 13: you are responsible for payment

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Humanities Commons

The Commons is hosting a number of events that should be of interest to staff as well as students and faculty in the School.

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Colson Whitehead (*The Underground Railroad, Zone 1, John Henry Days*) is speaking at UCI on Tuesday, April 17 at 5:00pm in Crystal Cove Auditorium. Michael Szalay will lead a book club on *The Underground Railroad* on Tuesday, April 10, 5:30-7:00pm in the Holden Room of Langson Library. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome!

This spring, in preparation for New Swan's 2018 season, Julia Lupton will run a Shakespeare reading group. We will read *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, sharing parts among the group. Books provided; no homework or prior experience required! We will meet in the Humanities Commons Lobby on May 10, 17, 24, and 31 from 5:30-7:00pm. Open to all! For this and other Shakespeare reading groups in the area, visit the UCI Shakespeare Center website. Please let Julia know if you plan to attend, jrlupton@uci.edu.

Richard Arum, Dean of the School of Education, is visiting the School of Humanities on Friday, June 1 at noon in HD1010. He will speak on "The Case for Evidence-Based Pedagogy: Policy and Classroom Perspectives." Lunch will be served, and all are welcome! Event info

Julia Lupton, jrlupton@uci.edu

Amanda Swain, apswain@uci.edu

Humanities Studio and Computing

YuJa (replay alternative)

OIT has installed YuJa on 135 Smart Classroom computers. YuJa is a Replay alternative that allows full integration with our Canvas system. YuJa is in a pilot mode but OIT has announced "based on positive user feedback, we are on track for full YuJa adoption as of July 1, 2018. We'll know more after the YuJa Pilot Feedback Survey is complete."

What is YuJa:

The YuJa Enterprise Video Platform offers a range of tools to deliver media-centric learning experiences for students in higher education:

Please visit https://yuja.replay.uci.edu for more information or contact Dwayne.Pack (dpack@uci.edu, (949)824-5274) to see if YuJa is a good fit for your needs.

Zoom webinar (live broadcast your event):

Humanities Computing has purchased a license for zoom webinar. Our current license allows for 100 attendees but we can purchase more to meet your needs.

See a video about zoom webinar: https://youtu.be/CQRUZv5mcNI

Features:

- HD Video and Audio Conferencing: Up to 100 live video panelists can share their webcam and interact with the audience.
- Packages that scale: Select 100, 500, 1000, 3000, 5000, or 10000 view-only attendees
- Live Broadcasting: Integrations with Facebook Live and YouTube
- Unlimited audio: VoIP and global dial-in (toll applies) for 60+ countries
- Desktop/application sharing: One-click HD screen sharing – even share video and audio clips with ease!
- Dual screen support: Show panelists and presentation at the same time
- Customized branding: Add your logo and customize emails and registration forms
- Flexible registration options: Approve registrations manually or automatically, or go registration-less
- Practice session: Meet with other panelists to prep for your webinar
- Host Controls: You can mute/unmute panelists, and promote an attendee to panelist, giving them audio & video capabilities for enhanced engagement
- Chat: Private and group panelist chat (can be enabled for attendees too)
- Polling: Receive and share audience input
- Q&A dialog box: Attendees ask questions with live or text answers
- Attendee Raise Hand: Increase attendee engagement with a simple raised hand
- Recording: Record locally or in the cloud in MP4 or MP4A format, and promote it to attendees
- Reporting: Get reports on registrants, attendees, and Q&A for follow up
- Security: End-to-end 256-bit AES encryption safeguards all log-in information and webinar session data

We have just purchased a new camera that can be controlled from anywhere in the room and we have a dedicated laptop for Zoom conferences and Zoom webinars (can be used with Skype as well).

Please contact Dwayne.Pack (dpack@uci.edu, 949.824.5274) for more information on how we can help you with your video/audio teleconferencing needs. We also support Skype and Polycom.

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Office 365 users (Staff):

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You should be able to add the Calendar by name: hum master calendar

Phones/Tablets:

When adding a subscription calendar you will need the .ics format (iCal, Phones, tablets, etc).
http://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/Hum_Master_Calendar@exchange.uci.edu/Calendar/calendar.ics

-- Tip: if you open this email on your phone or tablet you should be able to click on the .ics file and it should prompt you to add the calendar as a subscription.

If you are using google calendar please use this link when adding calendar "from URL": http://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/Hum_Master_Calendar@exchange.uci.edu/Calendar/calendar.ics

Please contact Dwayne Pack (dpack@uci.edu, 949.824.5274) for more information on the Humanities Master Calendar. Also, please let me know if you would like to see anything else added to the master calendar that you think would be helpful.

Facilities

The Facilities Project Page has been updated: http://www.humanities.uci.edu/facilities/about/projects.php

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