

Summer 2021 Internal Newsletter

Staff Changes

Elizabeth Pace, Beth was recently promoted to the department manager role in the English Department. Beth has held previous leadership roles in the School, first as department manager of Philosophy and then of Film & Media Studies and Art History, and her outstanding performance has earned the respect of faculty and staff across the School.

Retirement

Congratulations to the faculty and staff retiring this academic year!

Ajaz Ahmad, Chancellor's Professor, Department of Comparative Literature

Bibi Do, Personnel Analyst, Department of History

Michael Fuller, Professor, Department of East Asian Studies

Richard Godden, Professor, Department of English

Jim Herbert, Professor, Department of Art History

Deanna Nunez, Manager, Department of English

Cecile Whiting, Professor, Department of Art History

Advancement

Advancement Update

If you're wondering how to find out about philanthropy in your areas, department managers should have access to Cognos to check fund balances. This will include unrestricted donor funds. For larger gifts, we reach out directly to the faculty when a donor expresses interest, to make sure the gift is a fit with the department or center's goals. We reach out again once the gift comes in. If you have questions or are not getting the information you need, please contact me or a member of our team.

Thank you.

Linda Haghi
Executive Director, School of Humanities Advancement

Communications

Writing for the public

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

Learn about public writing at this event: **The Engaged Scholar: The risks, rewards and responsibilities of bringing your research to the public**

Hosted by *The Conversation*, this event features Andrew J. Hoffman, professor of sustainable enterprise at the University of Michigan, in conversation with Michael Crow, president of Arizona State University, about his book *The Engaged Scholar: Expanding The Impact of Academic Research in Today's World*. Event is **Tuesday, June 22**, 2:15-3:15 p.m. Free and open to all, but space is limited. RSVP here.

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.

Accessibility

We've gathered tips for ensuring our communications and content are accessible on social media, Zoom and elsewhere here.

Annabel Adams
Executive Director, Marketing & Communications

Finance

Please review the important fiscal year-end close deadlines and dates:

FY2021 Fiscal Year Deadlines

John Bodenschatz
Director of Finance

Human Resources

Academic:

Communication regarding 2021-22 Academic Appointee Salary Program can be found at https://ap.uci.edu/2021-22salaryprogram/

OIT's Webfiles is no longer supported as of June 30, 2021. Please transition to Google Drive and/or Microsoft OneDrive in preparing files: https://ap.uci.edu/webfilesend63021/

Staff:

UC Announces 3% Salary Increase for All Non-Represented Staff – for more details, refer to Thursday, May 20, 2021 Zotmail from Ramona Ageita, Associate Chancellor and Chief Human Resources Executive.

Policy covered (non-represented) staff now have until September 30, 2021 instead of June 30, 2021 to bring vacation accruals below their maximum allowable level. Even if staff are at the maximum vacation accrual for their position, they will continue to accrue vacation through September 30, 2021.

Mindy Han
Director of Personnel

Humanities Center

It has been a full and rich year for the Humanities Center. Through the "Diving Deep" collective that was initiated as part of the Oceans exploration for 2020-2021, the Humanities Center partnered with UCI STEAM scholars and local community organizations to host three discussions on environmental justice. These conversations also inspired the formation of a new research cluster on "Environmental Humanities" led by Jamie Nisbet in Art History and Aaron Katzeman in Visual Studies.

We placed sixteen students in summer internships through the Humanities Out There Public and Higher Education Fellows Program. These partnerships cover a range of cultural and social organizations, including Arts OC, California Humanities, CEO Leadership Alliance, and the Vietnamese American Arts and Letters Association (VAALA), and give students the opportunity to strengthen and translate their doctoral training in contexts outside of the traditional classroom.

I'm particularly excited by our new forays into undergraduate research and internships. Larisa Castillo, Pedagogical Humanities director, and Miguel Ramón, who is completing his Ph.D. in English, created a series of virtual internship opportunities for undergraduate students for the Humanities Out There program. Also as part of the Oceans initiative, the Humanities Center partnered with the Center for Storytelling, UCI Libraries, the History Department Internship and the Newport Beach Public Library Foundation to sponsor a year-long program to explore "Stories from the Sea" (https://sites.uci.edu/storiesfromthesea/).

This summer, a new research cluster in partnership with the Black Panther Oakland Community School Project will be mentoring eight summer undergraduate research fellows with the support of two graduate Humanities Out There fellows. This was made possible through generous contributions by African American Studies, Anthropology, the Chancellor's Fellow Funds, Chicano/a and Latino/a Studies, Criminology, Law & Society, Earth System Science, Film and Media Studies, Gender and Sexuality Studies, the Graduate Division, Political Science, Psychological Science, Public Health, Urban Planning and Public Policy, the School of Humanities, and UCI alum Jim Guerinot.

Next year, Scott Lerner will be launching a new undergraduate first gen initiative in the School of Humanities that includes a fall class entitled, "Being the Future: First Generation Student Community and Success in the Humanities."

For the 2021-2022 academic year, the UCI Humanities Center will be exploring the theme of "To Form a More Perfect Union?" and partnering with a new initiative called the Wisdom Circle to bring Native American poet Joy Harjo, African American poet Tracy K. Smith, Asian American author Viet Nguyen, and Latinx writer Sandra Cisneros to UCI. We hope these renowned, award-winning authors will inspire all of us at UCI and in the broader community to collectively reflect on how to create a more just and cohesive society.

Best wishes for a rejuvenating summer, and we look forward to seeing you in person in the fall!

Judy Tzu-Chun Wu
Director of the Humanities Center

Humanities Computing and Technology Services

Udemy online training for employees:

The Office of Information Technology (OIT) has licensed the professional learning platform, Udemy. This resource is free to all UCI employees to support their professional growth and development, especially when remote learning has become a vital source of growth and connection. More than 5,500 curated online courses are available on Udemy's learning platform.

We encourage you to explore Udemy's course options, which are designed to provide learners with relevant instruction to help further both professional and personal development goals. You'll find popular topics like graphic design, finance fundamentals, agile project management, HR best practices, stress management, and more. The classes are taught by industry experts and allow you to create a custom learning path with topics relevant to your needs and interests.

To get started, log in to Udemy for Business today.

Need campus IT support?

To help with transitioning back to campus, some of the Humanities Computing support staff will be back on campus starting July 1st. Please email hct@uci.edu for scheduling support.

Dwayne Pack
Director of Computing

Undergraduate Study

New Students & New Student Advising!

Department chairs, program directors, and department staff can log on to the Enrollment Management Analytics System (EMAS) to view the SIR numbers for all SOH majors. Note that the numbers are point-in-time and may change. New student enrollment takes place during the summer, so please consider placing new-only restrictions (NORs) and/or placing temporary major ("L") restrictions on your courses to ensure the new students can enroll in courses.

The academic advising team in the Office of Undergraduate Study will be meeting (remotely) with all incoming freshmen and transfer students this summer to explain their degree requirements and assist them in enrolling in fall classes. There will be 10 freshmen advising sessions and 12 transfer advising sessions taking place throughout July and August. Information on freshman advising is here. Information on new transfer advising is here. If any new freshmen or transfers contact your offices with academic advising or enrollment questions, please direct them to these pages for more information.

Office of Undergraduate Study Contact Information:

The Office of Undergraduate Study will continue to provide academic advising to continuing students over the summer through email and scheduled appointments via Zoom. Please direct students to our website for more information.

Please refer to the Registrar's Quarterly Academic Calendar for important dates and deadlines for summer and fall.

Please connect directly with Brittney Pinney with any questions.

Brittney Pinney
Director of Undergraduate Study

Facilities

SOH Facilities is moving forward with our existing projects and is preparing to begin two new ones. The project in Philosophy to create a new TA space, to create a new faculty office and file storage room, and to enlarge a faculty office to house two people has been completed but waiting for some hallway lighting to arrive. The project to create a production space for the Department of Film and Media Studies is 50% completed. Additionally, asbestos abatement in the Humanities Studio space has been completed ahead of the project to build recording spaces in Humanities Hall 269, and work on the reconstruction of the space will begin soon. The major project to overhaul the bridge and deck spaces on Krieger Hall and Humanities Hall has accepted a bid from the contractor Tovey/Schultz and tentatively will begin demolition on June 21st. Individuals will still have access to offices located within the affected buildings until this time. An automatic door has been installed at the main entrance to the Humanities Center to allow access to individuals with disabilities. A project to improve the Humanities lactation room will begin soon. This project will add a sink for the proper cleaning of equipment and a larger refrigerator for storage. Finally, we have submitted a proposal for a Small Capital Improvement project to improve some security features and improve ADA access for students, staff, and faculty in the Graduate and Undergrad Advising area.

Parking permits will again be required beginning on July 1. Starting on June 15, 2021, individuals can log into mycommute located on the Transportation and Distribution website to purchase their permits.

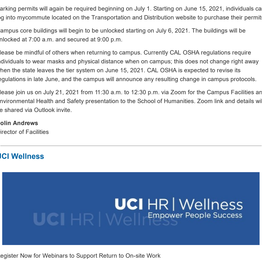
Campus core buildings will begin to be unlocked starting on July 6, 2021. The buildings will be unlocked at 7:00 a.m. and secured at 9:00 p.m.

Please be mindful of others when returning to campus. Currently, CAL OSHA regulations require individuals to wear masks and physical distance when on campus; this does not change right away when the state leaves the tier system on June 15, 2021. CAL OSHA is expected to revise its regulations in late June, and the campus will announce any resulting change in campus protocols.

Please join us on July 21, 2021 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom for the Campus Facilities and Environmental Health and Safety presentation to the School of Humanities. Zoom link and details will be shared via Outlook invite.

Colin Andrews
Director of Facilities

UCI Wellness



Register Now for Webinars to Support Return to On-site Work

Many of us will be returning to a changed workplace, whether in the way we do work, the people we're working with, or even our attitude about working. Changes in the workplace can leave us feeling vulnerable, anxious and even angry. To help you manage these challenges, a variety of webinars are available to support you on a transition to a new normal. Each webinar is catered to supporting you through ongoing times of change, while providing you with strategies including learning how to maximize the benefits of change, manage worry and anxiety, address signs and symptoms of distress, and skills to support one another in the workplace. All webinars will be recorded for those unable to attend.

Coping With Uncertainty About COVID-19
Thursday, June 17, 2021
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Managing Staff Through Stressful Situations
Thursday, June 24, 2021
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

For more information and webinar descriptions, click here.

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