



Message from the Vice Provost

Students returning to campus always bring an energy that signals a new academic year unfolding. Our centers are busy as ever and this newsletter offers just a sampling of programming and engagement. We hope that you might be able to join us in the building of community around some of the most pressing issues of our times. Wishing you well in this season.

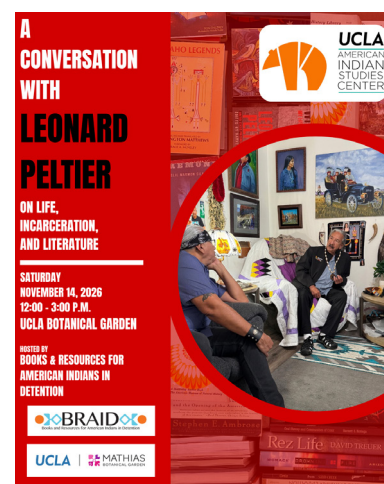
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Vice Provost & Professor

A Conversation with Leonard Peltier Saturday, November 14, 2026 | 12:00 – 3:00 PM UCLA Botanical Garden, La Kretz Garden Pavillion

Join BRAID (Books & Resources for American Indians in Detention) for an intimate conversation with Leonard Peltier, an enrolled member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, a lifelong activist, and a member of the American Indian Movement.

Leonard Peltier will reflect on his life, experience of incarceration, and the vital role of books and literature during his time in prison. The conversation will explore how literature and storytelling can sustain connection to culture, language, and advocacy during incarceration.

For more information and to RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-conversation-with-leonard-peltier-tickets-2003379576242>



New book pays tribute to Chinese American Veterans

A new book *Courage, Dedication & Service: Legacy of the American Legion Los Angeles Chinatown Post 628*, co-published by the AASC and the LA Chinatown Post 628 commemorates the Post 628's 80 years of service to Veterans and community. Post 628 was officially chartered in 1946 by Chinese American veterans. The book pays tribute to its founding WWII veterans and the succeeding generations of U.S. military service veteran members who have since sustained the Post. It includes a rare collection of news clippings, programs and pamphlets, family photographs, and interviews that present a rich historical record to inspire the next generations of Angeleno veterans. The book is co-edited by AASC librarian and archivist Marjorie Lee and Post 628's Adjutant Wayne John Yee. This book in part was made possible by AASC's Stanley and Dora Lau Endowment for Chinese American Studies.



Books are available with donation.

Please contact Post 628 for more information at
<https://www.chinatownpost628.org/contact>

Bunche Center New Faculty Appointment

On October 1st, Dr. Dexter Story, a former UCLA Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellow at the UCLA Ralph J. Bunche Center for African American Studies, was appointed Assistant Professor of Ethnomusicology at the UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music, School of Ethnomusicology.

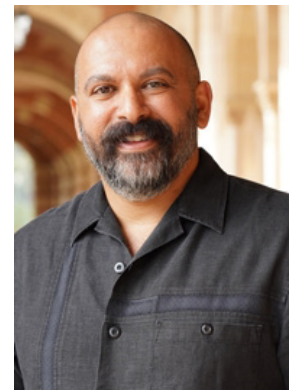
Story brings together musical practice, performance, industry experience, and academic scholarship in his work, with research focusing on the global movement of music, giving special attention to cross-border exchanges between the Horn of Africa, the African Diaspora and Latin America. Through his scholarship and musical practice, Story examines musical traditions and how they travel, transform, and connect communities across the globe.

Full story: <https://schoolofmusic.ucla.edu/people/dexter-story/>



Bunche Center Forthcoming Publication

The Bunche Center also celebrates the forthcoming publication of *Why Culturally Sustaining Pedagogies Matter for Our Collective Futures*, by Dr. H. Samy Alim, professor of anthropology and faculty director of the Hip Hop Initiative at the Bunche Center. This publication builds on previous work by Alim and Dr. Django Paris, the inaugural James A. and Cherry A. Banks Chair of Multicultural Education and director of the Banks Center for Educational Justice in the College of Education at the University of Washington. With examples from the United States, Europe, and Africa, the book offers varied perspectives, actionable lessons for educators, models for sustaining relationships among researchers, educators, and community organizers, and ways to create learning environments that connect students to their communities and to socially transformative futures.



CSRC Director Featured in Daily Bruin

On October 5, CSRC Director Veronica Terriquez was featured in the *Daily Bruin* for her work to expand civic engagement among UC students, as well as her leadership of the Latina Futures 2050 Lab and on campus more broadly. Terriquez, professor of urban planning and Chicana/o and Central American studies, was recently reappointed to a second term as CSRC director.

Full story: <https://dailybruin.com/2026/10/05/veronica-terriquez-expands-latino-civic-engagement-across-uc-through-uclas-csrc>



Latina Futures Fellow Reports on Impact of H2A Program

A new report released by the Latina Futures 2050 Lab based at the Chicano Studies Research Center (CSRC) in collaboration with the UCLA Latino Policy and Politics Institute (LPPI) revealed how some Washington State employers are using the H-2A temporary agricultural worker program in ways that may reduce job access, hours, and economic security for local immigrant farmworkers, with particularly severe impacts on women. The report is authored by Rosa María Navarro, a sociology doctoral candidate at UC Santa Cruz and Latina Futures 2050 Lab fellow.

Full story: <https://www.chicano.ucla.edu/news/ucla-report-finds-washington-state-employers-use-of-h-2a-visa-loopholes-may-be-displacing-local-farmworkers/>

