

UCLA Institute of American Cultures

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American Indian Studies Center (AISC) Chicano Studies Research Center (CSRC)

Asian American Studies Center (AASC) Ralph J. Bunche Center for African American Studies (Bunche)

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Message from the Vice Provost

Fall greetings, and we hope that you will be able to take part in the upcoming events that feature the impactful work of the IAC and our centers. The work of advancing social justice is made possible by the many partnerships we have on campus and in our communities and for which we are grateful.

David K. Yoo Vice Provost & Professor

Angela Riley and Shannon Speed named Special Advisors to the Chancellor on Native American and **Indigenous Affairs**

Professor Angela R. Riley, Director of the MA/JD Joint Degree Program in Law and American Indian Studies and Director of Native Nations Law and Policy Center, and American Indian Studies Center Director Shannon Speed will help serve the needs of Native Bruins and the local Indigenous community.

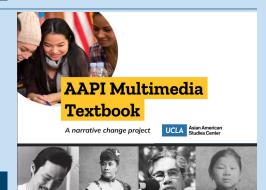
L to R: Angela Riley and Shannon Speed

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Asian American Studies Center to Create Free Resource for High School Teachers

With \$10 million from the California budget, the AAPI Multimedia **Textbook** project will feature an open-access, online platform that will highlight the histories, struggles, cultures and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States.

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UCLA Provides Grants to Enhance Understanding of Black Life and Racial Disparities

Part of the Chancellor's "Rising to the Challenge" commitment included \$250,000 in seed grants to fund research projects that would explore Black life, racial equity and social justice. The Racial and Social Justice (RSJ) Seed Grant Program is a partnership between UCLA's Office for Research & Creative Activities (ORCA) and Institute of American Cultures.

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How UC Students are Unlocking the Voting Power of California Youth

<u>California Freedom Summer</u>, the CSRC's participatory action research project designed to mobilize youth to vote and perform voter outreach in their communities, was featured in a news story on the University of California website. Said Veronica Terriquez, CSRC Director and Principal Investigator, "Seven out of 10 young people in California are young people of color. Engaging them is an important part of building an electorate that effectively represents the people of the state."



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UCR Arts: Christina Fernandez's Photo Exhibition Captures Life

Artworks by Christina Fernandez, a Los Angeles-based photographer and UCLA graduate, are the focus of the retrospective *Christina Fernandez: Multiple Exposures*, on view through February 5, 2023 at the California Museum of Photography at UC Riverside. The <u>accompanying exhibition catalog</u> was edited by Rebecca Epstein, CSRC Assistant Director, and copublished by UCR ARTS and CSRC.





Christina Fernandez, Lavanderia #1, 2002. Courtesy of the artist and Gallery Luisotti, Los Angeles.

Gold Shield Partners with Ethnic Studies Centers

IAC partnered with <u>Gold Shield Alumnae</u> in sponsoring four undergraduate student summer internships (listed below) that involved working with community partners in advancing equity, inclusion, and social justice.

- Cheyenne Faulkner (AISC) Indian Health Council on the Rincon Reservation
- Charlene Faye Cubangbang (AASC) LOUD for Tomorrow in Delano, CA
- Kennedy McIntyre (Bunche) Youth Forward in Sacramento, California
- Elvira Aceves (CSRC) The Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)



California Parks Want to Bring More Latino Visitors Outdoors. Here's their Plan.

Amado Castillo, a former IAC staff member, became a community assistance fellow participating in a partnership between the National Park Service and Hispanic Access Foundation after graduating with a degree in Sociology and Chicana/o Studies in 2021.

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