

Fall 2021 Newsletter

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Message from the Vice Provost

With the new academic year underway, we are excited about the continuing work of the Institute and our centers, even amidst lingering uncertainties. What is quite clear is the need for racial- and social-justice oriented community-engaged research that is our hallmark. We hope to see you at one of our many events, and thank you for your partnership.

David K. Yoo
Vice Provost & Professor



AISC & CDLS Awarded 3 Grants to Address Injustices in STEM

The American Indian Studies Center, in partnership with the UCLA Center for Diverse Leadership in Science (CDLS), was awarded three grants this year. The David and Lucile Packard Foundation funded operations (\$50,000) and the centers' efforts to address racism, sexism, and injustices in STEM (\$400,000). The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation awarded \$250,000 to support the joint efforts of the CDLS and AISC to address racial and other injustices in STEM across various departments at UCLA.



Re-Appointment of American Indian Studies Center Director Shannon Speed

Professor Speed, who recently served as President of the Native American and Indigenous Studies Association (NAISA), has been instrumental in promoting the global dimensions of Native and Indigenous studies. As noted in her administrative review, "Dr. Shannon Speed has sustained academic excellence, managed and administered the AISC and its resources with skill and foresight, and engaged in new and exciting forms of collaboration across the campus and in the larger Los Angeles community."

Southern California's Asian American-owned businesses more affected by pandemic than others



The Asian American Studies Center, which received California state funding to support research on pandemic recovery efforts, provided key insights to a new UCLA policy brief as part of its Asian American Policy Initiative. Recommendations included simplifying the financial aid relief application process, working with community organizations to provide additional technical assistance to business owners, and much more.

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The forgotten history of an 1871 race riot in Los Angeles' Chinatown

In commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Chinese Massacre of 1871, the Asian American Studies Center invites you to a virtual [Music and Performance Program](#) on Sunday, October 17, 2021, at 2 PM and a virtual panel discussion, "[Reflecting on the Past to End Racial Violence](#)," on Friday, October 22 at noon.

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Fisk's Dr. Karida Brown on Serving the Legacies of Diane Nash and John Lewis

Dr. Karida Brown joins Fisk University as the inaugural visiting Diane Nash Descendants of the Emancipation chair and director of the John Lewis Center for Social Justice during her leave from UCLA. Dr. Brown was a panelist for the IAC Fall Forum 2019; her topic was "The Subaltern School."

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UCLA internet studies and race scholar Safiya Noble awarded MacArthur Fellowship

Safiya Noble, who currently serves as a Bunche Faculty Advisory Committee member, was awarded a MacArthur Fellowship from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. "The MacArthur Fellowship will have a transformative impact on the work I do to abolish the harmful and discriminatory effects of digital technologies ... I plan to use this award to accelerate and amplify the work of other Black women and women of color," said Brown.

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Veronica Terriquez named director of UCLA's Chicano Studies Research Center

Dr. Veronica Terriquez was appointed Professor of Chicana/o and Central American Studies and Urban Planning and Director, Chicano Studies Research Center effective July 1, 2021. Terriquez's research focus brings a civic engagement and social movement lens into conversation with sociological concerns about migration, education and youth development, and political participation.

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Los Angeles County is not fully supporting its Latino residents, report says

In *The Latino/a Scorecard Report: A Policy Roadmap for Transforming Los Angeles*, CSRC Director Veronica Terriquez writes, "The negative effects of the pandemic on the region may be felt for decades given its devastating implications for young people's education and well-being." Study findings point to "a much-needed call to action" for policymakers to enact sweeping changes that will positively impact the economic prosperity of Latino communities.

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Reappointment of David Yoo as Vice Provost of the Institute of American Cultures

"The IAC's work is critical to our understanding of American history, society, and culture, and the institute plays an important role in advancing social justice at UCLA and far beyond. I hope that you will join me in extending gratitude to Vice Provost Yoo for his dedicated leadership of the institute over the past five years and in wishing him well in his second term," Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Emily A. Carter.

Save the Date! IAC Fall Forum 2021, Tuesday, November 9, 3–4 PM

You are invited to the UCLA Institute of American Cultures (IAC) Annual Fall Forum, featuring the 2021–22 IAC visiting researchers and scholars, graduate and predoctoral fellows, and research grant awardees at UCLA's four ethnic studies centers. Scholars representing the four centers will talk about their research and goals.

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The UCLA Institute of American Cultures Annual Report 2020–2021 is now available!

<https://iac.ucla.edu/news-events/annual-report>

