Message from the Vice Provost

Happy new year! We hope that this newsletter finds you well, and we are excited about the events being offered this quarter. Please join us for programs and speakers advancing research for social justice.

David K. Yoo
Vice Provost & Professor

UCLA signs agreement with local tribal community for use of land

Traditional ways of planting, harvesting and gathering by the Gabrielino Tongva tribe are ensured to be a part of campus landscaping and caretaking practices. Shannon Speed, Director of American Indian Studies Center and a special advisor on Native and Indigenous Affairs to UCLA Chancellor Gene Block, said, “I look forward to working with tribal leaders and the community to fully realize the potential of the agreement, as well as develop future endeavors of mutual benefit to the Tongva community and to UCLA.”

Visualizing Genocide: Indigenous Interventions in Art, Archives, and Museum, edited by Yve Chavez and Nancy Marie Mithlo, was #10 on Hyperallergic’s The Best Art Books of 2022.

Yve Chavez, UCLA Alumna (PhD, ’17) and Assistant Professor of Art History at the University of Oklahoma, and Nancy Mithlo, UCLA Professor of Gender Studies and affiliated faculty of World Arts and Cultures/Dance, are the book editors. Foreword is by Charlene Villaseñor Black, UCLA Professor of Art History and Chicana/o Studies.

AAPI Policy Summit: Building Solutions for an Equitable Future rescheduled for Friday, February 10, 2023

The AAPI Policy Summit will bring together researchers, students, community, government, corporate, and academic leaders to have in-depth conversations about how to create a future that is inclusive of Asian American and Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander communities. California Attorney General Rob Bonta will deliver the keynote address. Sessions will address combating Anti-Asian Hate, Gaps in Healthcare and Mental Health, Economic Recovery, Immigrant Protections and Policies, Reimaging the Arts, Theatre, and Hollywood, Data Equity and Disaggregation, Challenges and Opportunities in Implementing Ethnic Studies and Asian American Studies Requirements, and much more. To register, visit https://2022aapipolicysummit.eventbrite.com.
Librarian Marjorie Lee honored as a 2022 Local Hero by PBS SoCal

Marjorie Lee, the librarian and archivist at the UCLA Asian American Studies Center, has been recognized as a PBS SoCal and KCET Southern California 2022 Local Hero. The awards recognize the accomplishments of those who are dedicated to making a difference in the community: recognizing activists, educators, community leaders and visionaries doing critical work that often goes unrecognized in Southern California.

State Lawmakers Visit Campus to Show Solidarity with Latino-focused Research Project

In November, members of the CA Latino Legislative Caucus visited UCLA to award $15M in state funding to the Latina Futures, 2050 Lab, led by the UCLA Latino Policy and Politics Institute and the Chicano Studies Research Center. This multi-year project will investigate Latinas’ experiences in the labor market, their participation in civic leadership, and their well-being. “The impact of Latinas cannot be underestimated,” CSRC Director Veronica Terriquez said at the event. “Latinas are mothers to over half of the children in the state of California and they are the majority of childcare workers. Their well-being and success is really tied to the success of the next generation of all races and ethnic groups.”

Developing a Spanish-language Homosaurus: Using Multilanguage Linked Data to Enhance LGBTQ+ Resource Discoverability

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) has awarded a $350,000 grant for a three-year project to develop a multilanguage-linked data platform and a Spanish-language version of the Homosaurus, a controlled vocabulary used to describe LGBTQ+ resources by libraries, archives, museums, and other heritage institutions. The project is led by the Technology and Social Change Group at the University of Washington Information School in partnership with the Arizona Queer Archives, the San Francisco Public Library’s James C. Hormel LGBTQIA+ Center, and the Chicano Studies Research Center.

History professors on New Yorker’s best books of 2022 list

Bunche Center Director Kelly Lytle Hernández’s book, “Bad Mexicans: Race, Empire, and Revolution in the Borderlands,” was featured in The New Yorker’s Best Books of 2022. “Bad Mexicans” uncovers the story about a band of Mexican revolutionaries — headed by the radical Ricardo Flores Magón — that helped spark the Mexican Revolution and lead to the eventual ousting of President Porfirio Díaz in 1911.