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Announcements



The Los Angeles Urban League has announced the release of **the 2011 State of Black Los Angeles Report**. Co-authored by the Urban League and the United Way of Greater Los Angeles, the report is a comprehensive look at the African American condition and the community in which we live, work, and learn. The 2011 report updates original data from the landmark 2005 report, exposing present conditions and incorporating a Healthy Neighborhood Index™, a tool which allows users to view conditions through a neighborhood-focused lens.

The goal of this report is to encourage lasting community change by providing a better understanding of challenges and by supporting innovative solutions.

The report was made possible through the generous support of The California Endowment, The James Irvine Foundation, Weingart Foundation, and The Nielsen Company.

To view the report, visit:
http://www.laul.org/SM_LAUL_SBLA_E_Version.pdf

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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorated

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www.today.ucla.edu/portal/ut/martin-luther-king-jr-commemorated-203889.aspx

On April 27, 1965, a crowd of 4,500 **UCLA students, alumni, faculty and staff stood at the foot of Janss Steps to hear Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. speak.** News cameras carried his message to hundreds of thousands more throughout Southern California.

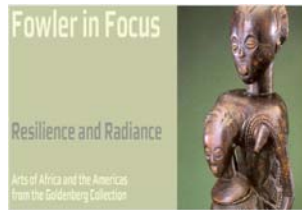
The speech introduced a voter registration initiative known as SCOPE, for Summer Community Organization and Political Educational Project. In spite of the danger, threats and intimidation surrounding such efforts, UCLA students and alumni were inspired to volunteer. To commemorate the event, UCLA has installed a permanent plaque near the base of Janss Steps which was formally unveiled as part of UCLA Alumni Day 2011, Saturday, May 21, 2011.

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Programs & Events



Now through September 11, 2011

Fowler in Focus: Resilience and Radiance: Arts of Africa and the Americas from the Goldenberg Collection

Resilience and Radiance offers a first chance to view highlights from the major bequest of 180 objects by Barbara and Joseph Goldenberg. The installation will include: striking power figures and initiation masks from the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Angola; fascinating divination objects made by the Baule, Luba, and Yoruba peoples; a stately Fang reliquary guardian; and a stunning Yoruba beaded crown. The collection displays the historical and geographical breadth of the Goldenbergs' artistic interests.

For additional information visit:

www.fowler.ucla.edu/exhibitions/fowler-focus-resilience-and-radiance

Awards & Accolades



Bunche affiliated faculty member, **Dr. Antronette K. Yancey**, was recently **featured in an NPR story about the hazards of a sedentary lifestyle**. To read the NPR story, please visit: www.npr.org/2011/04/25/135575490/sitting-all-day-worse-than-you-might-think

In addition, Dr. Yancey was given a California State Assembly Woman of the Year award and was also named as co-chair of Superintendent Tom Torlakson's and Governor Jerry Brown's Team California for Healthy Kids.

Dr. Yancey is the author of *Instant Recess: Building a Fit Nation 10 Minutes at a Time* (University of California Press, 2010).

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Bunche affiliated faculty member, **Dr. Gail Wyatt**, is a clinical psychologist, sex therapist and professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences at UCLA. This spring, Dr. Wyatt spoke at several conferences including, “**A New Approach to the HIV Prevention When There is More than Love Between Couples**” Harbor-UCLA Medical Center Grand Rounds, March 1, 2011.

Also in March, Dr. Wyatt was the keynote speaker at the Women of Color & HIV: Annual Community Forum, North Carolina in March 4, 2011, discussing, “**Understanding Race Ethnicity Gender HIV.**”

In April, Dr. Wyatt was a seminar speaker at the Metropolitan Interdenominational Church Technical Assistance Network, where she presented her talk, “**We’ve Come Too Far to Turn Back Now.**”

Recently, Dr. Wyatt was interviewed on **The Michael Baisden Show** about what parents know about their child’s sexual activity before the age of 21.



Bunche Center affiliated faculty member, **Jacqueline Cogdell DjeDje**, is editor of an essay collection and accompanying web site, entitled “**Music of Black Los Angeles.**”

The collection was recently published as a special issue of the *Black Music Research Journal* (Spring 2011).

Visit the website at:
<http://musicofblacklosangeles.blogspot.com>.

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The Impact of Philanthropy Ralph J. Bunche Center for African American Studies at UCLA

As the premiere public university in one of the world's most progressive cities, the Bunche Center at UCLA serves as a model for civic engagement and innovative approaches to challenges of contemporary society. The Bunche Center's remarkable progress can be credited to visionary leaders, a brilliant faculty, exceptional students – and in no small part to private philanthropists. Their dedicated support has enabled the continuation of promising research, the establishment of innovative public programs, and new ways to treat social ills and enrich lives.

The impact of philanthropy is evident in every corner of the Bunche Center's research and public programming. From endowed scholarships from Bunche Center supporters that ensure students in the African American Studies program can continue their studies, to the Summer Humanities Institute, which brings students from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to prepare them for graduate studies in the Humanities, the Bunche Center was built with private resources which have literally and intellectually transformed the face of UCLA.

However, diminishing state funds and rapidly advancing research and scientific innovations have combined to make the need for philanthropy greater today than ever before in UCLA's history. Private giving preserves the great tradition of academic inquiry for which the Bunche Center is known, and spurs the creation of new knowledge that moves society forward.

A gift to the Bunche Center is an investment in the power of human potential. To learn more about ways to support the Bunche Center, please visit:

<https://giving.ucla.edu/Standard/NetDonate.aspx?SiteNum=55>

**or contact Sabrina Burris, Director of Development at
310-206-9173 or sburris@support.ucla.edu.**

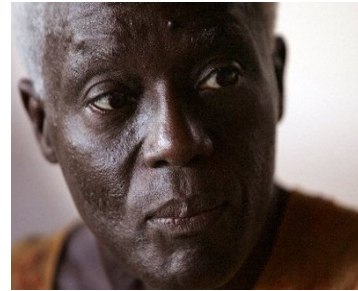
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Library & Media Center

As the academic year comes to a close, the Library and Media Center reflects on the 2010-2011 programs and services it provided for the UCLA campus community, the Los Angeles African American community, and researchers across the country.

This year, the LMC officially accepted the Carlos Moore Collection, an archival resource with rich information on the link between communism, racism, and global activism. The collection has letters, articles, and other documents pertaining to Mr. Moore's activism in the United States, France, Cuba, and Africa.



The Library and Media Center also co-sponsored a film series with the Academic Advancement Program and the UCLA Library called "Images in Blackness." The series provided a forum for students and community members to discuss black identity in a social and political climate that usually shifts media focus away from productive conversation on the realities of race, class, gender, and sexuality for people of color in urban communities.



On June 25th, the Library and Media Center will host a booth at the Leimert Park Book Fair on behalf of the Bunche Center. Volunteers will share information about the black community at

UCLA, including degree programs, student outreach services, and the alumni association. Hope to see you there!

Interdepartmental Program Afro-American Studies



The Interdepartmental Program is delighted to announce the continued success of the Afro-American Studies MA/JD program.

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Interdepartmental Program Afro-American Studies (Cont.)



Jelani Lindsey
2010 Graduate Afro-
American Studies M.A./
J.D. Program

One of last year's graduates, Jelani Lindsey, just passed the bar. Muhtarat Agoro who graduated the year before him, is practicing successfully in Washington, D.C. Karla Crone is graduating this year.

Donte Blue and Zenobia Bell are completing their law school portion and are doing well. Friyana Dadabhoy completed her MA year and will transition to the law school this August. Greg Davis completed one year in the law school and will fulfill his MA year with us starting Fall 2011, then return to the law school.

The program also has a slew of excited undergrads preparing to take the LSAT and/or enter Law Fellows.

The faculty, including Devon Carbado, Cheryl Harris, Kimberle Crenshaw, and Russell Robinson, have given abundantly to the program. The IDP looks forward to the continuation of this productive collaboration.

If you have any questions about the IDP MA/JD Program, please call 310 825-9821 or email: idpstaff@bunche.ucla.edu.

Research



2010 SHI Cohort

We are pleased to announce that the University of California-Historically Black Colleges and Universities Initiative (UC-HBCU) awarded the Bunche Center a grant for \$166,628 for 3 years to support the Center's Summer Humanities Institute from 2012 to 2014. The Center's director, Dr. Darnell Hunt, will be the lead PI.

For more information about the UC-HBCU Initiative, please visit: www.ucop.edu/research/gs/uchbcu.

For a list of awardees across the UC system, please visit: www.ucop.edu/research/gs/uchbcu/awards.html.

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Congratulations to **Joshua Bloom**, a doctoral candidate in the UCLA sociology department and contributor to *Black Los Angeles: American Dreams and Racial Realities* (NYU Press 2010), for receiving **the 2011 Reinhard Bendix Prize for Best Graduate Student Paper awarded by the Comparative Historical Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association.**

Joshua was awarded the prize for his paper "Insurgent Influence on Truman's Civil Rights Policy: A Theoretically Informed Event Structure Analysis."

Mr. Bloom will be the **Bunche Center IAC predoctoral scholar** for 2011-2012 and his research will be featured in the next ***Bunche Research Report***.

In the Community JUNE/JULY EVENTS



June 19th 2011, 1:10p.m.

**Celebrate Juneteenth with family, friends,
and the Dodgers!**

Dodger Stadium

June 19th is African American Community Day at Dodger Stadium. Come watch the Dodgers take on the Houston Astros. Fans in attendance will receive a commemorative Father's Day BBQ Apron, courtesy of Farmer John.

Groups of 30 more can enjoy discounted tickets, preferred seating options, and their name on the DodgerVision board.

For more information visit: http://losangeles.dodgers.mlb.com/schedule/promotions.jsp?c_id=la&y=2011

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June 2nd – September 4th, 2011
**Ain't Nothing Like the Real Thing:
How the Apollo Theater Shaped
American Entertainment**
California African American Museum

The exhibition is the first to explore the rich history and the cultural significance of Harlem's Apollo Theater. It features photographs and artifacts to trace the story of the theater from its origins in 1913 as a whites-only burlesque hall to its starring role at the epicenter of African American entertainment. The exhibition tour is organized by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES).

CAAM

600 State Drive, Los Angeles, 90037

RSVP at 213-744.2024 / www.caamuseum.org



June 25th, 2011—10:00am to 6:00pm
Leimert Park Village Book Fair
Leimert Park

Photo Credit: Juan Roberts

The Leimert Park Village Book Fair celebrates its fifth consecutive year of bringing a world-class literary event to the City of Los Angeles. Thousands of book lovers, families, and fans of all ages will have the opportunity to enjoy over 150 celebrity readings, book signings, writing workshops, panel discussions, poetry readings, stage performances and musical acts during this day-long celebration of the written word. The Bunche Center will host a booth at this event, providing publications and info on campus activities. The Leimert Park Village Book Fair is produced by Cynthia E. Exum and Associates in partnership with Los Angeles City Councilmember Bernard C. Parks, 8th District, and in association with the Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs and City of Los Angeles.

For more information contact: www.leimertparkbookfair.com

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June 25th, 2011
Art Walk Anniversary
Caribbean Theme
July 30th, 2011
HOLLYWATTS
Leimert Park

The Leimert Park Art walk is a free self-guided art and community experience bringing visual and performance art to currently unoccupied space in Leimert Park Village.

Held the last Sunday of each month, the Leimert Park Art Walk was born from the desire of the local arts community to revive the art scene and to encourage traffic to this historic and vibrant neighborhood. For more information contact: info@leimertparkartwalk.com.



July 4th, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Annual Vision Outside 4th of July
Jazz and Blues Festival
Leimert Park Vision Theatre Back Lot

Come celebrate the 4th of July at the Vision Theatre in Leimert Park with the rich cultural heritage and diverse sounds of jazz and blues. There will also be children's arts and crafts, face painting, delicious food available, and free watermelon. The event is sponsored by the City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs & Council District 8.

Vision Theatre Back Lot
3341 W. 43rd Pl., Leimert Park
Free event
INFO: 213-202-5500, www.culturela.org

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