



NEWS June-July 2014

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Featured Stories:

It's Official! UCLA has African American Studies Department

In May, the Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs, part of the University of California Academic Senate, recommended final approval to create the Department of African American Studies. To read the full story, [Click Here](#).



The Doors' John Densmore Draws Large Crowds and Supports Students

Attendees came from as far away as Chicago for the Bunche Center Authors' Series book talk with famed drummer John Densmore. One of the attendees broke down in joyful tears over the opportunity to talk one-on-one with his idol. The May 15th event, which was moved from the Bunche Center to the lounge at the Faculty Center to accommodate the crowd, was filled with both words and music as Densmore read passages from his book while drumming. He delighted audience members with his impromptu concert. To read the full article, [Click Here](#).

Diversity Issues: UCLA Again Considers Class in Diversity



The Los Angeles Times reports on a proposal that most undergraduates take a class in racial, cultural, gender or religious diversity. To read the full story, [Click Here](#).

News and Announcements:

The Bunche Center is a hub for lectures, readings, screenings and other informative and entertaining events. To learn more, [Click Here](#).

2014 Summer Humanities Institute Kicks Off in June



Last year's SHI cohort on field study trip with Professor Paul Von Blum

In June, the UCLA Bunche Center for African American Studies will host its fourteenth and final Summer Humanities Institute (SHI) from Sunday, June 22 to Saturday, August 16, 2014. The program is funded through generous grants from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and University of California, Office of the President. SHI caters to high-achieving students from historically under-represented groups in their junior and senior year, planning to pursue doctoral degrees in the

humanities and social sciences, with a focus on the African American experience. The 2014 cohort hails from eight different schools, primarily historically black colleges and universities. They include: Spelman College; Lincoln University of Pennsylvania; Fort Valley State University; Norfolk State University; Morehouse College; and Savannah State University. To read more, [Click Here](#).

Faculty News:

Hunt Leads Panel on TV Diversity Findings

Dr. Darnell Hunt, UCLA sociology professor and Director of the Bunche Center led the panel, "Diversity in Cable Programming Content & The Bottom Line" at the Walter Kaitz Foundation's Hollywood Creative Forum. In addition to discussing findings from the Bunche Center's "2014 Hollywood Diversity Report: Making Sense of the Disconnect," Hunt fielded numerous questions about the research findings. To read the full article, [Click Here](#).



Mignon Moore Receives LGBT Heritage Award



UCLA Sociology Professor and Bunche Center affiliated faculty member, Mignon Moore, and her spouse Elaine, were honored with the LGBT Heritage award from the Los Angeles City Council. Mayor Eric Garcetti presented the award on Friday, May 30th, 2014. The award recognizes their work on Marriage Equality and their outreach to same-sex couples and LGBT people seeking to build families. To read more, [Click Here](#).

Stevenson Honored with Gold Shield Faculty Award

UCLA History Professor and Bunche Center affiliated faculty member Brenda Stevenson was recently awarded UCLA's 2014 Gold Shield Faculty Award for outstanding scholarship, teaching and service. To read more, [Click Here](#).



Library & Media Center News:

The Bunche Library and Media Center (LMC) will host a booth at the Leimert Park Village Book Fair, this summer. Please check the LMC website for dates and times.

The Bunche Library and Media Center (LMC) has print, multimedia, and archival materials relevant to African Americans and the diaspora, their institutions and achievements worldwide, with a particular emphasis on UCLA, Los Angeles, and the Southwestern United States.

During the summer, the library is open by appointment only. Regular hours will resume at the start of the Fall quarter. Research and reference questions by phone and email are always welcome. The Librarian can be reached at 310-825-6060 or by email at dhunter@bunche.ucla.edu. The LMC is located in 135 Haines Hall.

For more about the library, [Click Here](#).

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