News and Announcements

Bunche Center Presents Circle of Thought Lecture Series in April.

Wednesday, April 19, 2017
12 PM @ 153 Haines Hall

Kimberly Chantal Welch, a doctoral candidate in the Theater and Performance Studies Program at UCLA, will discuss, "Revisiting Nkombo: Performance, Gai-boy Prisoners, and the Politics of Black Femininity." Her research explores the intersections of performance, homelessness, and incarceration with an emphasis on spatial structures and their relationship to constructions of race, gender and sexuality. Welch’s work addresses historic and contemporary forms of spatial dispossession in Los Angeles and New Orleans.

Thursday, April 27, 2017
12 PM @ 153 Haines Hall

Alex W. Rodriguez, a PhD candidate in Ethnomusicology at UCLA, will discuss, "Jazz Listening and Global Scale." His research focuses on jazz clubs around the world and the creative improvised music communities that sustain them, with case studies in California, Chile and Siberia.

The events are free. All-day parking ($12) and short-term parking are available; visit the Parking and Information kiosk on Hilgard and Westholme for more information.

Upcoming events in May:

Tuesday, May 9 // 12 PM 153 Haines Hall
Jonathan E. Collins. PhD candidate in the Department of Political Science, will give a talk “From Politics to Protest and Social Media? The Role of Age Cohort in Explaining Black Political Efficacy in the Dawn of the Obama Presidency.”

Thursday, May 11 // 12 PM 153 Haines Hall
Professor Nancy Yuen. Chair of the Department of Sociology at Biola University, will lead a workshop, "From Dissertation to Book--Reel Inequality: Hollywood Actors and Racism."

Please watch for our special announcement about our Bunche Center Directorship candidate presentations in April!
Nationwide, multiracial survey of attitudes about politics and policy

Lorrie Frasure-Yokley, a political science professor at UCLA and a Bunche Center affiliated faculty member, was a co-principal investigator for a study that surveyed more than 10,000 adults to reveal attitudes about the White House agenda on immigration, taxes and health care reform among whites, blacks, Latinos and Asians; surveys were conducted in English, Spanish, Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese.

Here is a brief summary:

- Majorities from all groups believed that Obamacare should be amended and improved, not repealed.
- Strong majorities from all racial groups were in favor of undocumented immigrants having a path to citizenship. Whites were the only group in which a majority supported increased public spending on border security and police.
- Black and Latino respondents were the strongest supporters of increased spending on education.
- Personal experiences with discrimination varied widely, as did feelings about Black Lives Matter. Nearly two thirds of black respondents supported activism by the Black Lives Matter movement; on the other hand, 44% of white respondents opposed such activism.

To read more, click here.

Chancellor Block establishes advisory council on immigration

Chancellor Gene Block created the Chancellor’s Immigration Advisory Council after the White House issued a revised executive order that severely restricts immigration and travel to the United States from six predominantly Muslim countries and temporarily bans refugees from around the world. Chancellor Block agreed with University of California President, Janet Napolitano, that the new executive order will have ‘a very serious effect on those who seek to study, train, research and teach at UC and universities across the country, to the detriment of the UC community and the country as a whole.’

Chancellor Block formed the Chancellor’s Immigration Advisory Council to analyze the impact of new policies on UCLA, recommend strategies for mitigating any negative consequences and to advise him on the relevant needs and concerns of the UCLA community. Abel Valenzuela, Professor of Chicano Studies and Urban Planning, Director of UCLA’s Institute for Research on Labor and Employment, as well as a Bunche Center affiliated faculty member, was selected to be part of the council’s leadership.

To read more, click here.
Library & Media Center News

The Bunche Center’s Library and Media Center (LMC) has over 8,000 monograph, serial, archival and audio visual materials focusing on African, African American, and Caribbean history and culture.

The Librarian, Dalena Hunter, coordinates the Images in Blackness Film Series, which features screenings and discussions by filmmakers and scholars whose work explores how diversity affects the entertainment industry. Throughout this series participants examine the intersection between race, gender, and sexuality and its role in determining acceptance, critical consideration, and commercial success in the entertainment industry.

For research and reference questions, the Librarian can be reached at 310-825-6060 or by email at dhunter@bunche.ucla.edu.

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