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### **Bunche Center Newsletter — November 2017**

Kelly Lytle Hernández, new leader of the Bunche Center, shines spotlight on justice and employment for African-Americans



"During my time at the Bunche Center, we will advance a variety of projects in the field of African American Studies, including research on the African American unemployment crisis as well as research that advances the movement to end mass incarceration in the United States," said Kelly Lytle Hernández, in the *UCLA Newsroom*. "The Million Dollar Hoods Project," which she launched last September, has been gaining recognition as the first research project to map the cost of incarceration in Los Angeles, which operates the largest jail system in the country. Hernández said that the billions of dollars spent on policing and incarcerating people with health crises like addiction and mental health emergencies "is a wasted investment, diverting much-needed resources away from mental health services, educational opportunities, safe housing and living-wage work." To read the full article, click here.

To learn more about the Million Dollar Hoods Project, go to <a href="https://www.milliondollarhoods.org">www.milliondollarhoods.org</a>.

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Community partners of the Million Dollar Hoods Project

- Californians United for a Responsible Budget <u>www.curbprisonspending.org</u>
- Critical Resistance-Los Angeles www.criticalresistance.org/chapters/cr-los-angeles
- Dignity and Power Now <u>www.dignityandpowernow.org</u>
- Youth Justice Coalition <u>www.youth4justice.org</u>

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# POLICING THE HOUSELESS

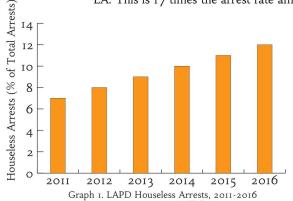
Arrests by the LAPD (2011-2016)

# A MILLION DOLLAR HOODS REPORT

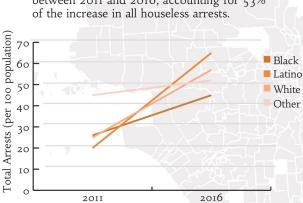
This report was written by Danielle Dupuy MPA, Terry Allen MA, and Kelly Lytle Hernández PhD, and the Million Dollar Hoods Team

LAPD arrests of houseless persons are on the rise. In fact, LAPD arrests of houseless persons are increasing at a rate faster than the growth of the houseless population. Whereas the number of houseless persons in the City of Los Angeles increased 21% between 2011 and 2016, LAPD arrests of houseless persons increased 37% in those same years. Moreover, whereas the total number of LAPD arrests have declined since 2011, houseless arrests as a percentage of total LAPD arrests nearly doubled from 7% to 12% between 2011 and 2016.

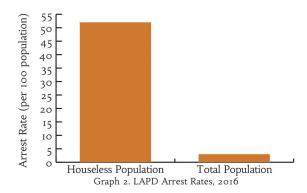
By 2016, there was I houseless arrest for every two houseless people in the City of LA. This is 17 times the arrest rate among the total population of the city.



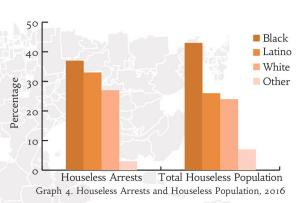
Arrest rates of houseless Latinos doubled between 2011 and 2016, accounting for 53% of the increase in all houseless arrests



Graph 3. LAPD Houseless Arrest Rates by Race, 2011-2016



African Americans represent the majority of all houseless arrests (37%) and the majority of the houseless population (43%).



Top 5 Zipcodes for Houseless Arrests by LAPD (2011-2016)

	DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES			HOLLYWOOD	
ZIP CODE TOTAL	90013	90014	90021	90028	90291
HOUSELESS ARRESTS	6,696	6,094	5,370	4,829	2,561

Houseless status was determined by combining arrests of people the police identified as "transient" with the arrests that listed their home address at one of the 31 houseless shelters listed by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority.



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#### **FALL 2017 Events**

# Institute of American Cultures (IAC) Fall Forum and Reception

DATE: Thursday, NOV. 2 TIME: 4 PM - 6:30 PM

LOCATION: UCLA James West Alumni Center

Featuring conversations with IAC Scholars:

CRYSTAL MUN-HYE BAIK, PH.D.-- ``Reencounters: The Unfinished Korean War &

Diasporic Memory Practices"

**BERNADINE MARIE HERNANDEZ, PH.D.—**"Sexing Empire: Producing Nationhood, Sexual Economies, and Racialized Gender and Sexuality in the Southwest Borderlands"

**KYLE T. MAYS, PH.D.** - "yall just tryna be black!" Indigenous Hip Hop and the Politics of Blackness on Turtle Island"

**DANIELLE DUPUY, M.S. DOCTORAL STUDENT—**"Million Dollar Hoods: Mapping the Costs of Incarceration in Los Angeles"

Sponsored by UCLA American Indian Studies Center, Asian American Studies Center, Ralph J. Bunche Center for African American Studies, Chicano Studies Research Center, and UCLA Alumni.

# All events are free and open to the public.

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Short-term parking is available at self-service parking stations located throughout campus, and daily parking permits (\$12) can be purchased at Information & Parking Booths located at Westholme & Hilgard, Westwood Plaza, or Sunset and Westwood Plaza.

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# The Bunche Library and Media Center Presents <a href="Images in Blackness with Imani Tolliver">Images in Blackness with Imani Tolliver</a>

DATE: Thursday, NOV. 9 TIME: 2 PM—3:30 PM

**LOCATION: Haines Hall 153** 

Black feminist and poet, Imani Tolliver, will discuss her book, *Runaway: A Memoir in Verse*. To open the pages of this book is to open the folds of this poet's heart and imagination. Her narratives are honest and accessible; her journey, intersectional and sacred

Co-sponsored by Professor Robin D.G. Kelley and the UCLA Department of African American Studies.

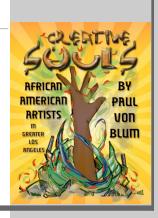


**Imani Tolliver** 

## **Authors' Series with Paul Von Blum**

DATE: Tuesday, NOV. 14 TIME: 12:30 PM—1:30 PM LOCATION: Haines Hall 153

Paul Von Blum, Senior Lecturer in African American Studies and the Department of Communication at UCLA, will discuss his book, *Creative Souls: African American Artists in Greater Los Angeles*.



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# Authors' Series with Dr. Heather Ann Thompson— "The Attica Prison Uprising of 1971 and Why it Matters Today"

**DATE: Thursday, NOV. 30** 

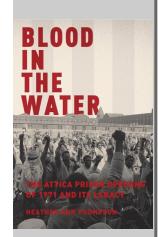
**TIME: 4 PM—6 PM** 

**LOCATION: UCLA Faculty Center—Main Dining Hall** 

RSVP Recommended—<a href="http://bit.ly/2jHYyFE">http://bit.ly/2jHYyFE</a>

Dr. Heather Ann Thompson, Professor of History and Afro-American and African Studies at University of Michigan, will discuss her 2017 Pulitzer Prize winning book, *Blood in the Water: The Attica Prison Uprising of 1971 and its Legacy*.

Co-sponsored by the Ralph J. Bunche Center for African American Studies, UCLA Department of African American Studies, UCLA Department of History, Dean of UCLA Social Sciences, UCLA Luskin Center for History and Policy, and the UCLA Prison Law and Policy Program.



#### **FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS**

## 2016-17 Year in Review features Tyrone Howard

The 2016-17 Year in Review website features Dr. Tyrone Howard, Professor of Education, Faculty Director of Center X and Director of the Black Male Institute, as one of ten UCLA faculty members who took daring leaps forward in 2016-17. Howard's research shares positive stories about black and Latino men who went to college and became successful. Howard's *The Counter Narrative Reframing Success of High* 

Achieving Black and Latino males in Los Angeles County, documents the characteristics and circumstances that contributed to their success, such as finding a role model and mentor.

To read the full article, click here.



**Tyrone Howard** 

# "Where Angelenos go when they flee high-cost California"

According to a *KPCC* analysis of census figures, the most popular destination for Angelenos relocating out of state is Las Vegas for its house affordability and improving job market. According to Michael A. Stoll, UCLA Professor of Public Policy and Urban Planning and a Bunche Center affiliated faculty member, one of the considerations for lower-to-moderate income renters and house hunters is moving against family ties and social

connections if they move. Stoll said, "It's a challenge that people are having to grapple with: how can you afford housing and be able to have what you think should be part of American dream?"

To read the full article, click here.



Michael A. Stoll

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## **Library & Media Center News**

The Bunche Center's Library and Media Center (LMC) is located in Haines Hall 135. Operating hours for fall quarter are Monday—Thursday 10 am—5 pm.

The collection supports graduate level research in African, African American, and Caribbean history and culture. Materials in the collection consist of books, serials, archives, and audio visual me-

dia. Community researchers and artists are welcome to use the collection.

Please contact the Librarian, Dalena Hunter dhunter@bunche.ucla.edu, for information about a specific item or collection.



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