Dear Friends,

The campus remains committed to serving our students, staff, and faculty with ties to Ukraine, and we thank our colleagues in Global Affairs and Human Rights Studies for their collective work. We hope for peaceful resolution to this tragic war, which has already caused so much loss.

Here on campus, we thank all who led and participated in the activities of Principles of Community Week! The programs covered a variety of bases, all focused toward our goals of being an inclusive university, on all of our campus sites. Kudos to all of the organizers and to the Employee Resource Groups, Constituency Groups, and Administrative Advisory Committees. In the coming months, we will share more about these groups and their work. Thank you to the DEI Office of Campus Community Relations (DEI/OCCCR) and DEI Office of Health Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (DEI/OHEDI). There were sessions by the Center for the Advancement of Multicultural Perspectives on Social Sciences, Arts, and the Humanities (CAMPSSAH), the Center for Educational Effectiveness (CEE), the Interfaith Campus Council (ICC), Staff Assembly, the Disability Issues Administrative Advisory Committee (DIAAC), the LGBTQIA Resource Center, and the Staff Diversity Administrative Advisory Committee (SDAAC). Thank you for your hard work! It was worth it!

Today, we look forward to celebrating our faculty scholars for CAMPOS and CAMPSSAH. They will be recognized for their excellence in teaching, research, mentorship, and service. We salute the scholars, and the center directors, Dr. Mariel Vazquez, and Dr. Kimberly Nettles-Barcelón. These centers are part of the DEI Office of Academic Diversity (DEI/OAD), under the leadership of AVC Lorena Oropeza. Congratulations to the scholars!

Finally, thank you to all who shared time and kind expressions for my birthday yesterday. I was completely overwhelmed, and extend my deepest gratitude to you for your kindness. I’ve barely stopped smiling since yesterday, and I share my heart with a big thank you!

Warmest Regards,

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Undergraduate Admissions Recruiting Early Academic Outreach Director, the Regional Assistant Director
Under general supervision of the EAOP Director, the Regional Assistant Director will form strategic educational partnerships with departmental/campus staff, school site/district administrators, community members, non-profit organizations, local businesses, parents, and students in order to provide direct oversight of educational partnership efforts within the region and improve their effectiveness in building a college going culture. The Early Academic Outreach Program (EAOP) was created in 1976 to help more students meet the requirements to go to college, especially students who are the first in their family to go to college or who are considered socioeconomically disadvantaged. To do this work, EAOP works with students to give them information about how to get into college, what happens when you get there, and how to pay for it. Learn more and apply.

2022 Small and Diverse Supplier Expo
UC Davis is committed to promoting diversity and equal opportunity by supporting diverse and small business enterprises. As part of our effort to build relationships with those businesses, UC Davis Supply Chain Management, UC Davis Health Purchasing, the campus Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Health Equity, Diversity & Inclusion, will hold a free virtual Small and Diverse Supplier Expo and you are invited to attend. The event will be held online. Registration is required. Tentative Date and Time: Monday, April 25, 2022, from 10am to 2pm. Learn more.

UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS
Office of Academic Diversity | AVC Lorena Oropeza
Jessica Bissett Perea Book Talk, Sound Relations
In the Davis Humanities Institute’s February 23rd Book Chat, P.L.A.C.E. with CAMPSSAH Faculty Affiliate, Dr. Jessica Bissett Perea (Dena’ina), Associate Professor of Native American Studies, discussed her new book, Sound Relations: Native Ways of Doing Music History in Alaska. If you missed the event, a recording is now available on the DHI YouTube channel.

P.L.A.C.E. with CAMPSSAH Summer Writing Symposium - Application deadline: April 15, 2022
P.L.A.C.E. will host a small group (5-6 faculty) to engage in a weeklong, structured and facilitated writing symposium that will take place in summer 2022. This opportunity is geared toward faculty working to complete a big task (e.g. writing an introduction, a book proposal, or a chapter in a book project) and who would benefit from uninterrupted, concentrated writing time, and structured feedback by peers and a professional writing instructor within a setting where their meals and lodging are provided. Please visit our webpage for more details and award requirements.

Office of Campus Community Relations | Interim AVC Mikael Villalobos
Campus Community Book Project Author’s Visit
How to Be an Antiracist by Boston University history professor Ibram X. Kendi is UC Davis’ Campus Community Book Project for 2021-22. The book project turns 20 this year, having begun in the aftermath of 9/11 as a means of promoting conversation around a common subject, sharing and discussing all perspectives respectfully, in accordance with the Principles of Community. Please join us for several of the culminating events of this year’s selection:

Thursday, March 31, 2022
Forum@MC feat. Ibram X. Kendi
4:00pm, Mondavi Center Jackson Hall
Free and open to the public, livestream access available for current UC affiliates

Author’s Talk: Ibram X. Kendi, How to Be an Antiracist
7:30pm, Mondavi Center Jackson Hall
More information and tickets here

Presented by the Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts and Downey Brand

Visit the book project events page and subscribe to our online calendar for up-to-date event information and registration links. We also invite you to follow the book project on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube.
Office of Health Equity, Diversity and Inclusion | AVC Hendry Ton

Vulnerable groups receive COVID-19 shots from UC Davis Health, thanks to federal grant

The temporary vaccination clinic at Pamukkey Yolo Vineyard near Esparto is the latest effort by UC Davis Health to bring COVID-19 shots to hard-to-reach, vulnerable populations. The strategic project is funded by a federal grant and overseen by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Office of Health Equity. The goal is to immunize people who are willing to be vaccinated, or who are still uncertain about the vaccine or have difficulty accessing it. The emphasis is on Latino farmworkers and African Americans in Sacramento and Yolo counties.

“Latinos and African Americans and particularly farmworkers have been very vulnerable during the pandemic. For the most part, these groups have experienced high mortality and low vaccination rates,” said Sergio Aguilar-Gaxiola, director of the UC Davis Center for Reducing Health Disparities (CRHD). The CRHD has taken the lead on this initiative, known as MOVE IT UP: Mobilizing Organizations Via Equitable Immunizations and Testing through Unified Partnerships. Read the story.

Wellness Wednesday - How do you "unplug"?

Twenty-four hours free from technology, notifications, and screens… a puzzling notion in this fast-paced, internet-centered world. It can be difficult to turn our phones off and keep our computers closed in an attempt to break this cycle, but what if that’s just what you need to jump-start a healthy technology-life balance? The National Day of Unplugging urges people from around the globe to “fast” from technology for twenty-four hours on the first weekend of March. Participants unplug to connect with their loved ones, use their voice in their communities, and explore the world around them. Read the story.

EVENTS

March 10, Thursday

Women Impacting the World | 5:30pm

The Full-Time MBA Women in Leadership Club in partnership with the GSM's Diversity Committee and UC Davis' Betty Irene School of Nursing, invites you to an inclusive networking and speaker event, Women Impacting the World. Light refreshments will be served during the networking hour, followed by talks featuring GSM Professor Ayako Yasuda, Renee Morgan, Social Justice Strategist at Adasina Social Capital, and Kendra Noel Lewis, Executive Director of the Sacramento Housing Alliance, on the impacts of social investing and the community. End the evening with a champagne toast to celebrate women's social impact and achievements. UC Davis Alumni Center (530 Alumni Ln, Davis, CA 95616); dress: Business Cocktail; tickets: $5 with code SINGLETICKET. $10 tickets sponsor someone who otherwise wouldn't be able to attend. Purchase here. For UC Davis students who cannot afford a $5 ticket, submit your interest in a sponsored ticket here (responses are confidential). Tickets will be allocated on a first-come-first-serve basis.

March 16, Wednesday

Heal the Healer | 12:00pm

A weekly lunch hour self-care and mindfulness session for community members supporting refugees. Facilitators: Ifat Hussain MSW-LCSW is a Program Director at the Turning Point Mental Health Urgent Care which is an innovative service in Sacramento County. Dr. PC How is an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at UC Davis where she serves as the Associate Medical Director of the Sacramento County Mental Health Treatment Center and the Associate Program Director for the psychiatry residency program. Khoban Kochai serves as the Assistant Director for Anchor Institution and Culture/Climate. Registration will only allow you to choose one date but once you have the Zoom link, you are welcome to attend as many sessions as you like. Each Wednesday in March. Register here.

March 17, Thursday

Staff/Faculty Womxn of Color Support Group | 12:00pm

This group was brought together in 2019 by Dr. Satinder Gill and Cecily Nelson-Alford to support womxn of color employed at UC Davis. The intention is to offer a safe and encouraging space to support healing, growth and development in the personal and professional lives of womxn of color. Hosts: Dr. Satinder Gill, Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Academic and Staff Assistance Program Cecily Nelson-Alford, Director, Women’s Resources and
Research Center. Consent for participation is necessary, please contact drgill@ucdavis.edu for more information. The groups meets bi-weekly year round on Thursday (next meeting 3/31).

"Nothing Less Than Justice": California and the 1977 National Women's Conference | 6:30pm
Join us for a Student Research Summit—a California-wide research team with faculty mentors and students from UC Irvine, UC Davis, and UC San Diego have been researching the California delegates to the 1977 National Women’s Conference. This was the first and only time that the federal government granted funding and authorized the creation of a national women’s agenda. At this virtual event, we will premier the digital exhibit that students created and hear their reflections on engaging in a collective research project. Sponsored by the UC Consortium on Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Histories in the Americas (UC-WGSHA), the UC Davis Roland Marchand Public Engagement Initiative, and the UC Irvine Humanities Center. Register here.

March 18, Friday
Ballet Folklórico de México de Amalia Hernández at the Mondavi Center | 7:30pm
Founded in 1952 by dancer and choreographer Amalia Hernández, Ballet Folklórico brings together the music, dance and costume of Mexican folklore from pre-Colombian civilizations through the modern era. With its permanent home at the Palacio de Bellas Artes, one of Mexico City’s most historic venues, the company has developed choreography for 40 ballets, composed of 76 folk dancers who have performed extensively across Mexico and abroad. Learn more and purchase tickets.

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March 30, Wednesday
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RECOMMENDED READING
Explore Women’s History Month in March with book recommendations by Student Services Librarian Sheena Campbell
Circe by Madeline Miller, Convenience Store Woman by Sayaka Murata; we are never meeting in real life by Samantha Irby; wow, no thank you by Samantha Irby; Her Body and other Parties by Carmen Maria Machado; Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer; Living a Feminist Life by Sara Ahmed; Caliban and the Witch: Women, the Body and Primitive Accumulation by Silvia Federici. Most of Sheena’s book recs are available at Shields Library or through our Interlibrary Loan service. Check our catalog at library.ucdavis.edu or ask for assistance at the Circulation desk. Your local public library is another great source!

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

The ASUCD Pantry is a student-run, student-led organization that provides food and other basic essentials to UC Davis students and staff who would like support in acquiring food and other basic necessities. Hours: Mon-Fri: 10.15am-5pm Sat-Sun: 10.15am-1pm

Visit us in the Memorial Union (Room 167) next to The Market and Aggie Compass for free produce, milk, eggs, and various canned items, snacks, and basic necessities. No reservations required! We receive deliveries of fresh produce and perishable items every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning. This menu is updated hourly.

You can order in advance for nonperishable items (Ex. canned goods) and see what’s in stock online! For perishable items (Ex. dairy, bread, produce), no appointment is necessary. Simply come to the Pantry and ask to walk in. Check out our selection of perishables here. Make sure to have your student ID and daily symptom survey ready!

Resources for Trans and Non-Binary Employees

UC Davis is committed to supporting trans and non-binary employees in the workplace. Resources for employees; resources for supervisors; policies and laws; health benefits; reporting options; community and individual support. Find the resources here.

11 Suggested Actions toward Anti-Racism in the Office and on Your Own

Written by the UC Davis Office of the Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and based on the Office of Health Equity, Diversity and Inclusion’s Anti-Racism and DEI Action Plan, the “Being an Ally Requires being Anti-Racist: 11 Suggested Actions toward Anti-Racism in the Office and on Your Own” provides practical suggestions for everyone.

Preventing Bullying and Abusive Conduct in Our Workplace

UC Davis’ Bullying and Abusive Conduct in the Workplace policy expands upon the former Disruptive Behavior in the Workplace policy by placing a focus on bullying, how to identify bullying, and ways to report it.

Reporting Concerns of Harassment and Discrimination

The Harassment & Discrimination Assistance and Prevention Program (HDAPP) supports the University's commitment to a harassment and discrimination-free work and learning environment for all members of the UC Davis, UC Davis Health, and University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR).

If you are interested in reporting concerns of Harassment and Discrimination, please contact HDAPP to file a report and/or speak with a representative to better understand your options. Learn more about HDAPP here or go to HDAPP’s website for more information.

Content Submission Form

Do you have a DEI-oriented event, announcement, or article that you would like us to help promote through our DEI communication channels? Did your unit/department or a member of your unit/department receive recognition that demonstrates your commitment to DEI? If so, please send us your information through this online form.

We invite you to share and submit your thoughts and items for our newsletter (either current or future news and events) at diversityinclusion@ucdavis.edu

Thank you for your dedication to diversity, equity and inclusion!

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