What is time? How may we better design communities to promote health? Can determinants of genocide be recognized and prevented? What should biofuel policies be going forward? Where do indigenous communities currently live in Los Angeles; where did they previously live? These questions are just a few of the challenging issues UCLA faculty, staff and students explored during the past year with support from the Office of Interdisciplinary and Cross Campus Affairs (ICCA). ICCA works closely with the diverse Campus community to enhance our mutual understanding of some of the most crucial challenges facing society today, and to facilitate the discovery of innovative solutions.

UCLA has an almost unparalleled depth and breadth of expertise across disciplines all co-located on the same campus. These conditions, together with the trailblazing spirit of our faculty, staff and students, allows for nearly unlimited opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration. ICCA nurtures these opportunities.

Thank you for taking the time to learn through this annual report about the various exciting and occasionally quirky paths UCLA faculty, staff and students explore. ICCA is proud to collaborate with our colleagues in these journeys. One campus, unlimited possibilities.

Tim Brewer, Vice Provost, Interdisciplinary & Cross Campus Affairs
Organized Research Units

Recently Completed Reviews

- African Studies Center
- American Indian Studies Center
- Brain Research Institute
- Center for European & Russian Studies
- Center for Medieval & Renaissance Studies
- Center for Near Eastern Studies
- Cotsen Institute of Archaeology
- Crump Institute for Molecular Imaging
- Latin American Institute
- Molecular Biology Institute

Organized Research Units (ORUs) are entities created within UCLA to conduct and facilitate research, provide students with opportunities, and carry out public service programs across traditional disciplinary boundaries. ORUs are interdisciplinary by their very nature. They form bridges across the entirety of the UCLA campus, creating space and connections for groundbreaking research.

Over the past few years, ICCA has overseen the re-establishment of the five year review system for ORUs, organizing review committees and facilitating evaluations for ten of the campus’ eighteen ORUs, with the seven of the remaining eight to be completed within the next two years.

For more information on ORUs, please see http://www.icca.ucla.edu/organized_research_units_overview

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## Organized Research Units & Directors

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ICCA has been holding its annual funding competition since 2013, starting with the Symposia, Workshop & Planning Meeting awards and expanding in 2014-15 to include the Visiting Speaker awards and Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Research Scholarships. The faculty competition awards are held twice each year.

ICCA would like to thank its review committee members, who are indispensable to our funding competitions.

**Award Overview**

| $248,000 | In total awards granted since 2013 |
| 66 | Departments collaborating on award events & projects |
| 56 | Symposia, Workshop & Planning Meeting awards since 2013 |
| 10 | Visiting Speaker awards since 2015 |

The Symposia, Workshop & Planning Meeting funding opportunity requires proposals with collaborations between faculty from at least two divisions, professional schools, or Organized Research Units for an event or series of events to further interdisciplinary activity at UCLA.

The Visiting Speaker funding opportunity requires proposals with partnerships between faculty from at least three divisions, professional schools, or Organized Research Units bringing an outside speaker to UCLA for a series of events and discussions around a specific research area.

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Symposia, Workshop & Planning Meeting Awards

Fall 2017

Women’s Health & Gender Differences Cross-Campus Symposium Series

A new symposium series to engage cross-campus collaboration at UCLA in the area of women’s health scholarship and research. This series will promote North and South campus collaboration to allow for multi-disciplinary liaisons which encourage new and innovative cross-campus research.

Affiliated Departments: Medicine, English, Gender Studies, Cinema & Media Studies, World Arts & Cultures/Dance, Engineering, Urban Planning, Law, Anthropology

Affiliated Faculty: Carolyn Crandall, Medicine; Judith Gasson, Medicine; Janet Pregler, Medicine; William McDonald, Film; Victoria Marks, World Arts & Cultures/Dance; Elizabeth Marchant, Gender Studies; Rachel Lee, English & Gender Studies; Majid Sarrafzadeh, Engineering; Anastasia Lousaitou-Sideris, Urban Planning; Lara Stemple, Law; Nancy Levine, Anthropology; Deborah Krakow, Obstetrics & Gynecology

The UCLA Luskin Center for History and Policy and the Promise Institute for Human Rights at UCLA School of Law convened an interdisciplinary, high-level workshop entitled “The Past and Future of Human Rights: Recognizing and Preventing Genocide.” The workshop brought together scholars from UCLA and other institutions, along with a select number of human rights activists and practitioners, in a workshop setting to encourage and facilitate discussion between those thinking about genocide prevention and accountability from different perspectives. The workshop presentations will be followed by sustained conversation among all workshop participants, guided by a skilled facilitator. This section will be open to the public.

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Fall 2017

**Synaesthesia Playground: Olivier Messiaen’s Quartet for the End of Time Student-Faculty Workshop**

The long-term goal of this project is to create a performance production of Messiaen’s Quartet for the End of Time as a fully immersive concert experience, where the audience with the four performers and actor are together enveloped inside a live video projection environment. Messiaen wrote the piece during World War II, when he was captured as a prisoner-of-war in a German concentration camp. The work was premiered at the outside camp grounds in 1941, by himself and his fellow prisoners, to an audience of said 3000 people, consisting of prison officers and prisoners from all walks of life.

Messiaen details his vivid experience of sound-color synaesthesia, where he sees colors mapped to certain harmonies, in the notation throughout the work. The use of live video projection in a staged production to represent Messiaen’s synaesthesia and the confluence of themes and context promotes the understanding of the neuro-physiological condition of synaesthesia.

Affiliated Departments: Music; Theater; Study of Religion

Affiliated Faculty: Jocelyn Ho, Performance Studies; Michael Hackett, Theater; Carol Bakhos, Study of Religion, Near Eastern Languages & Cultures

**Revisiting the Teaching Evaluation: Exploring practical ways for the review process to better assess & reward teaching**

The goal of this symposium is to improve undergraduate education by assessing ways to make the teaching review process result in a more representative evaluation of teaching effectiveness and efforts to improve instruction. Student evaluations are currently given significant weight in evaluating teaching for promotion despite literature questioning the correlation between evaluations and student learning. At this event, departmental leaders will engage in strategic planning with the Deans, Academic Senate, and other faculty to evaluate and improve the teaching review process at UCLA.

Affiliated Departments: Chemistry & Biochemistry; Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology; Physics & Astronomy; Microbiology, Immunology, and Molecular Genetics; Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering; Urban Planning; Psychology; History; Statistics; Bioengineering

Affiliated Faculty: Albert Courey, Chemistry & Biochemistry; Tracy Johnson, Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology; Shanna Shaked, Physics & Astronomy; Erin Sanders, Microbiology, Immunology, & Molecular Genetics
“10 Big Questions” is a campus-side initiative that aims to stimulate dialogue, exchange, and the creation of new knowledge and opportunities across the university. “10 Big Questions” is both an upper division undergraduate course open to all students and a series of public conversations available to the broader community. As instructor, Dean Steele will moderate ten class sessions in all 2018; each class will be organized around a single question designed to elicit interdisciplinary discussion amongst a curated panel of UCLA scholars, artists, scientists, and researchers.

Affiliated Departments: Art, World Arts & Cultures/Dance; Design | Media Arts; Physics & Astronomy; Education; Law; Architecture & Urban Design; Chemistry & Biochemistry; Ethnomusicology; History; Ecology & Evolutionary Biology; English; Gender Studies; Theater, Film & Television; Urban Planning; Social Welfare; Medicine; Sociology; Philosophy; Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology; Civil & Environmental Engineering; Chicano Studies; Global Economics, Management & Entrepreneurship; Information Studies; Germanic Languages; Digital Humanities; Comparative Literature; Institute of the Environment & Sustainability; African American Studies; Asian Languages & Cultures

Affiliated Faculty: Brett Steele, Art; Victoria Marks, World Arts & Cultures/Dance; Lionel Popkin, World Arts & Cultures/Dance; Polly Roberts, World Arts & Cultures/Dance; Rebeca Mendez, Design | Media Arts; Andrea Ghez, Physics & Astronomy; Jerry Kang, Law; Dana Cuff, Architecture & Urban Design; Rodrigo Valenzuela, Art; Paul Weiss, Chemistry & Biochemistry; James Newton, Ethnomusicology; Scott Waugh, History; Paul Barber, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology; Kathleen McHugh, English, Gender Studies, Film, Theater & Television; Lauren McCarthy, Design | Media Arts; Peter Sellars, World Arts & Culture/Dance; Andrea Fraser, Art; Seana Shiffren, Law & Philosophy; Ananya Roy, Urban Planning & Social Welfare; Kelsey Martin, Neuroscience; Darnell Hunt, Sociology; Susan Foster, World Arts & Culture/Dance; Greg Lynn, Architecture & Urban Design; Tracy Johnson, Molecular, Cell & Developmental Biology; Jennifer Jay, Civil & Environmental Engineering; David Gere, World Arts & Culture/Dance; Janet O’Shea, World Arts & Culture/Dance; Catherine Opie, Art; Willen Henri Lucas, Design | Media Arts; Abel Valenzuela, Urban Planning, Chicana/o Studies; Alfred Osborne, Global Economics, Management & Entrepreneurship; Marcelo Suarez Orozco, Education & Information Studies; Todd Presner, Germanic Languages, Comparative Literature, Digital Humanities; Robert Watson, English, Institute of the Environment & Sustainability; Jerry Kang, Law; Bryonn Bain, African American Studies, World Arts & Cultures/Dance; David Schaberg, Asian Languages & Cultures

Designing Healthy Communities: 2018 COEH Symposium

The Designing Healthy Communities symposium aims to raise visibility of the built environment’s influence on health outcomes by presenting multiple perspectives on the topic from prominent scholars in the field, while showcasing UCLA faculty and student work in this area and engaging the audience in discussion and activities focused on advancing the field.

For more information, please see the event website: [http://coeh.ph.ucla.edu/designing-healthy-communities](http://coeh.ph.ucla.edu/designing-healthy-communities)

Affiliated Departments: Environmental Health Sciences, Urban Planning

Affiliated Faculty: Michael Jerrett, Environmental Health Sciences; Richard Jackson, Environmental Health Sciences; Anastasia Loukaitou-Sideris, Urban Planning
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Grading Practices in the College Classroom: A Cross-Campus Workshop on Equitable Strategies

The goal of this workshop is to inspire the adoption of inclusive and equitable grading practices that foster learning and academic success for all students and align with teaching strategies that support diverse learners in all disciplines. The day will include an evaluation of current grading practices and a discussion on how to bring these practices into alignment with inclusive teaching strategies.

Affiliated Departments: Ecology and Evolutionary Biology; Education; World Arts & Cultures/Dance; Chemistry & Biochemistry; Sociology; African American Studies; Engineering; Asian Languages and Cultures; Microbiology, Immunology, and Molecular Genetics; Physics and Astronomy

Affiliated Faculty: Blaire Van Valkenburgh, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology; Sylvia Hurtado, Education; Pat Turner, World Arts & Cultures/Dance; Miguel Garcia-Garibay, Chemistry & Biochemistry; Victoria Sork, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology; Darnell Hunt, Sociology and African American Studies; Jayathi Murthy, Engineering; David Schaberg, Asian Languages & Cultures; Erin Sanders, Microbiology, Immunology, and Molecular Genetics; Shanna Shaked, Physics & Astronomy

The Science of Dreams: Blending Quantitative Theories of Dreams with Latest Advancements in Data & Neuroscience

This symposium aims to offer a multidisciplinary platform for sharing ideas and creating a roadmap to answer the most pressing questions in dream studies. It will involve a discussion around the quantitative and qualitative dimensions of dreams, and initiate a dialogue at the intersection of computer science, cognitive and social sciences, and neuroscience with a data-driven approach to dream science.

Affiliated Departments: Electrical and Computer Engineering; Anthropology; Computer Science; Cognitive Science; Neuroscience; Statistics; Philosophy; Linguistics; Psychology

Affiliated Faculty: Vwani Roychowdhury, Electrical and Computer Engineering; Douglas W. Hollan, Anthropology
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Spring 2018

UCLA Interdisciplinary Cannabis Symposium

The goal of this symposium is to advance understanding of cannabis’ effects on health and society. Morning talks will give an interdisciplinary overview of the health, legal, economic, and social impacts of cannabis. Breakout sessions will cover topics of cannabis abuse, economic and tax considerations, criminal justice and legal considerations, public health and public safety consideration, and therapeutic potential. The ultimate goals of the symposium are to educate the community about current evidence of the impact of cannabis, to evaluate research topic priorities from prop 64, and form research teams organized around these topics.

Affiliated Departments: Law; Psychiatry; Public Affairs; Public Health; History; Biochemistry; Marketing; Pediatric Neurology

Affiliated Faculty: Jeffrey Chen, Director, Cannabis Research Institute; Jennifer Mnookin, Dean, UCLA School of Law; David Schaberg, Dean, Department of Humanities; Timothy Fong, Associate Professor of Psychiatry; Gary Segura, Dean, Luskin School of Public Affairs; Jonathan Fielding, Professor, School of Public Health; Kelly Hernandez, Professor of History; James Bowie, Professor and Vice Chair, Biochemistry; Aimee Drolet-Rossi, Professor and Chair, Marketing; Shaun Hussain, Professor, Pediatric Neurology

Integrating Liberal Arts Foundations in Engineering Curriculum

This project will bring together faculty from the Henri Samueli School of Engineering and Applied Science and UCLA Writing Programs. The goal of these planning meetings will be to analyze the current course offerings and fill opportunities for new courses for engineering students. Ultimately, the involved faculty hope to reestablish the current technical breadth requirement as a “Technology and Society” sequence which will offer a broader societal context. Additionally, this initiative will establish writing-to-learn assignments which will be integrated into the existing curriculum.

Affiliated Departments: Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering; Electrical Engineering; Microbiology, Immunology & Molecular Genetics; Public Policy; Management

Affiliated Faculty: Rick Wesel, Associate Dean of Academic and Student Affairs, Henry Samueli School of Engineering and Applied Science; Evelyn Carter, BruinX, Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion; Lisa Felipe, EPIC Program Director; Leigh Harris, Director, UCLA Writing Programs; Jayathi Murthy, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, Dean, Henry Samueli School of Engineering and Applied Science; Greg Pottie, Chair, Electrical Engineering; Erin Sanders, Director CELIS, Assistant Adjunct Professor, Microbiology, Immunology, & Molecular Genetics; Patricia Turner, Vice Provost Undergraduate Education, Senior Dean, UCLA College; John Villasenor, Professor, Public Policy, Electrical Engineering, Management
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Legislative Theater for Racial Justice

This symposium series will host Alessandro Conceicao, a scholar, educator, and facilitator of the Center for Theater of the Oppressed in Rio de Janeiro. His role as a master joker is to help communities critically analyze their social situations. At UCLA, Conceicao will give two presentations open to the public, and will lead a five-week workshop during which UCLA students will collaborate with participants in Bain's activist theater work at two prisons. This workshop will culminate in a Legislative Theater performance created and performed by UCLA students.

Affiliated Departments: World Arts and Cultures/Dance; Law; African American Studies; Ophthalmology; Theater; Pediatrics; Urban Planning; Social Welfare; Geography; Public Affairs; Public Health

Affiliated Faculty: David Gere, Professor, World Arts and Cultures, Director, UCLA Art & Global Health Center; E. Tendayi Achiume, Assistant Professor, School of Law; Bryonn Bain, Director, UCLA Prison Education Program, Assistant Professor in Residence, African American Studies; Joseph Berra, Clinical and Experiential Project Director, School of Law; Lynn Gordon, Professor, Ophthalmology; Robert Gordon, Assistant Director, UCLA Art & Global Health Center, Lecturer, World Arts & Cultures/Dance; Brian Kite, Professor and Chair, Theater; Karin Nielsen, Clinical Professor, Pediatrics, Director, Center for Brazilian Studies; Ananya Roy, Professor, Urban Planning, Social Welfare, and Geography, Inaugural Director, Institute on Inequality and Democracy; Bonnie Taub, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Public Health, Co-Chair of Department of Latin American Studies M.A. Program, Associate Director, Latin American Institute
Visiting Speaker Awards

**Fall 2017**

**No More Excuses: Transforming Children’s Oral Health Care through Interprofessional Collaboration**

This two-day conference will focus on the discussion of Early Childhood Caries (ECC), the most prevalent childhood disease that disproportionately affects children of color and those from low socioeconomic families. Dr. Marko Vujicic, the Chief Economist and Vice President of the Health Policy Institute at the American Dental Association, will spearhead the discussion in order to mobilize dental, medical, nursing, public health and public policy faculty, ultimately forming a strategic plan of action.

Affiliated Departments: School of Dentistry; Pediatrics; Psychiatry; General Internal Medicine; Ophthalmology; Nursing; Public Health; Health Policy and Management; Community Health Sciences; Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology; Public Policy

Affiliated Faculty: Francisco Ramos-Gomez, Professor, Pediatric Dentistry; Paul H. Krebsbach, Professor, Dean, School of Dentistry; Edmond R. Hewlett, Professor, Restorative Dentistry, Associate Dean, Outreach and Diversity Equity Advisor; Bill Piskorowski, Associate Dean, Community Based Dental Education; Cambria Garrel, Assistant Clinical Professor, Pediatrics; Wendy Slusser, Clinical Professor, Pediatrics; Stephanny Freeman, Professor, Psychiatry; Linda Sarna, Dean, Professor, Nursing; Inese Verzemnieks, Project Director, Center for Vulnerable Populations Research; Moira Inkelas, Professor, Health Policy and Management; Michael Prelip, Professor, Department Chair, Community Health Sciences; Sarah Blenner, Project Manager, Public Health Training Program on Population Health Advocacy; Robin Flint, Project Director, UCLA Center for Healthier Children, Families, & Communities; Tiffany Cvrkel, Professor, Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology; Manisha Shah, Associate Professor, Public Affairs; Stacey Yukari Hirose, Department Administrator, Public Policy; Thomas Coates, Director, UCLA Center for World Health and UC Global Health Institute

**Transdisciplinary Homelessness Research: Measure H & Beyond**

This conference took place in May 2018 and hosted Professor Dennis Culhane from the University of Pennsylvania. The conference was designed to foster transdisciplinary discussion and multiple viewpoints of single issues. Professor Culhane helped identify potential linkages, research opportunities, and data sources that may otherwise have been missed. Topics included pathways into and out of homelessness; relationships between the housing market and homelessness; articulating new service delivery models and data collection; mobile phones as a platform for outreach; and at-risk groups like adolescents and veterans. The conference closed with a conversation about sustaining this initiative through a campus-wide initiative, regular working groups, joint research and seed grants.

Affiliated Departments: Community Health Sciences; Economics; Statistics; Urban Planning; Public Policy; Sociology; Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences; Family Medicine; Chicana/o Studies

Affiliated Faculty: Randall Kuhn, Associate Professor, Community Health Sciences; Till von Wachter, Professor, Economics; Janey Rountree, Executive Director, California Policy Lab; Moshe Buchinsky, Professor, Economics; Mark Handcock, Professor and Chair, Statistics; Michael Lens, Professor, Urban Planning and Public Policy and Associate Faculty Director, UCLA Lewis Center; Judith Seltzer, Professor, Sociology and Director, California Center for Population Research; Adriana Lleras-Muney, Professor, Economics; Norweeta Milburn, Professor-in-Residence, Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences; Lillian Gelberg, Professor and Vice Chair, Family Medicine; Michael Rodriguez, Professor and Vice Chair, Family Medicine and Director, Blum Center on Poverty and Health in Latin America; Abel Venezuela, Professor, Chicano/a Studies and Director, Institute for Research on Labor and Employment; Dawn Upchurch, Professor and Vice Chair, Community Health Sciences
Visiting Speaker Awards

Spring 2018

Art and Social Change in the Digital Era

This event, planned for Winter 2019 and hosted by the Visual and Performing Arts Education Program (VAPAE), will be the start of a new conversation on the ways in which social and digital media arts are used to enact change in the community. VAPAE will host Favianna Rodriguez, an Oakland native who uses visual art, digital art, and printmaking to inspire social change and lead art interventions and who will deliver the keynote speech at the event. The program will combine a public gathering and discussion followed by digital arts-based workshops for UCLA students. The ultimate goal will be to imagine new possible solutions, interventions, and partnerships to give a voice to those communities who have less influence in our current political climate.

Affiliated Departments: School of the Arts and Architecture; Graduate School of Education and Information Studies; World Arts and Cultures/Dance

Affiliated Faculty: Kevin Kane, Director of VAPAE Program, School of the Arts and Architecture; Karen Hunter Quartz, Research Director, UCLA Community Schools, Graduate School of Education and Information Studies; Joann Isken, Director, Principal Leadership Institute, Teacher Education Program, Director, STEAM IMPACT cohort, Graduate School of Education and Information Studies; David Gere, Professor, World Arts and Cultures/Dance and Director, UCLA Art and Global Health Center; Anurima Banerji, Associate Professor, World Arts and Cultures/Dance

Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Research Awards

David Nguyen

Faculty Mentors

Cecilia Rios-Aguilar, Graduate School of Education & Information Studies
S. Michael Gaddis, Sociology

Research Area: David had already founded the Community College to PhD (CC2PhD) Scholars Program, seeking to diversify the professoriate by preparing community college students for social science PhD programs. As part of the Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Research Scholarship, David sought to evaluate the CC2PhD Program, specifically by examining participants’ self-reported 1) social science capabilities, 2) PhD preparation knowledge, and 3) interest in obtaining a PhD.

Sabrin Sidhu

Faculty Mentors

Zili Liu, Psychology
Massimo Ciavolella, Director, UCLA Center for Medieval & Renaissance Studies

Research Area: Sabrin’s research examined Greek antiquity and the European Renaissance to understand the Western origins of perception and the effects of these origins upon modern psychology. Her research combined comparative literature and psychology, comparing both literary works and written experimental results.

Kelly Huitong Mao

Faculty Mentors

Francis Steen, Communications
Zachary Steinert-Threlkeld, Public Policy

Research Area: Huitong’s research project focused on the introduction and implementation of Sesame Credit, a private credit-scoring platform based on Alipay’s data-collecting power and the Chinese government’s public announcement of the implementation of its Social Credit System, which seeks to assign a “social credit” score to every citizen.
2017-18 ICCA Sponsored & Co-Sponsored Events

Since its inception, ICCA has been pleased to support a number of events across campus, particularly those in support of student activities and global education.

The 2017-18 academic year was no exception.

International Education Week

ICCA was again a co-sponsor of International Education Week in November, 2017. This year’s theme was “Connecting Across Borders.” The week includes a series of events focusing on both international education at UCLA as well as the perspectives of international students and faculty on campus. You can find more information available on the International Education Week website here: [http://international.ucla.edu/educationweek/article/185851](http://international.ucla.edu/educationweek/article/185851)

CUGH 2018 Conference Student Travel Stipends

In support of global health education, ICCA awarded travel stipends to seven graduate and undergraduate students to attend the 2018 Consortium of Universities for Global Health Conference entitled “Health Disparities: A Time for Action” in New York. The conference allowed students to connect with internationally renowned experts and further their own knowledge and experience in the growing field of global health.

AIBS Interdisciplinary Team Science Workshop

In Fall 2017, ICCA hosted a two-day workshop for graduate students, postdocs, and faculty dedicated to the practice of team science, led by a facilitator from the American Institute for Biological Sciences. Participants received hands on training on how to participate in, lead, and develop interdisciplinary teams to better address the scientific problems of the future.

Global Health Day

In Spring 2018, ICCA supported fifty students in attending the UC Global Health Day in San Diego. You can find more information about this event here: [https://www.ucghi.universityofcalifornia.edu/event/uc-global-health-day-2018](https://www.ucghi.universityofcalifornia.edu/event/uc-global-health-day-2018)
Vision - Enhance UCLA’s societal contributions through interdisciplinary programs

Mission - ICCA facilitates crossing disciplinary boundaries in pursuit of knowledge and solutions.