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**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT &
SOCIAL CHANGE MINOR**

**GRADUATION
& COMMUNITY
PARTNER
RECEPTION**

Center for Community
Engagement

Wednesday, June 8, 2022
Shostak Terrace (Murphy Hall)



A message from Director Shalom Staub

Thank you for joining us as we celebrate the accomplishments of our graduating students in the Community Engagement and Social Change minor and recognize the contributions of our community partners to our students' learning.

We are living in challenging times. The current moment demands that we pay attention to the inequalities in our society and that we use our time, energy, and resources wisely to build back to a more just and equitable society.

The students in the Community Engagement and Social Change minor that we celebrate today represent a special group of UCLA graduates. They have completed an educational program that foregrounds building knowledge and working for social justice through partnering with local communities. They have learned collaborative and problem-solving skills and developed their personal vision as change makers.

We are thrilled to be joined today by some of our community partners. This is our first ever graduation event that recognizes the role our community partners play in educating our students. We honor their knowledge and the commitment to social justice that they demonstrate every day through their work.

The Center for Community Engagement congratulates graduates and partners alike. Though the challenges in the world are great, we can pause today and recognize that we are launching this group of students into the world equipped to lead for change and justice.



Shalom D. Staub, Ph.D.

Director

Center for Community Engagement

Program of Events

Welcoming Remarks

Shalom Staub, Director
Center for Community Engagement

Faculty Advisory Committee Speaker

David Delgado Shorter, Professor
World Arts and Cultures

Community Partner Speaker

Amanda Diaz, National Hotline Manager
Freedom for Immigrants

Student Speakers

Jeniffer Leyva
Chandni Sakthi
Joaquin Covarrubias
Cassi Colangelo

Presentation of Student Certificates

Presentation of Community Partner Certificates

Reception

Community Engagement & Social Change Minor Graduates

2022 Graduates, their Research Topics, and Community Partners

Madeline Albright, Political Science | Sustainability Efforts in Unhoused Communities | The Salvation Army Bell Shelter

Jessica Grace Bushman, Political Science | Minor: Education Studies | Developing Pedagogical Materials on Unlawful Detainers for Volunteers in Court-Based Self-Help Legal Centers | Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County

Cassi Grace Colangelo, Education & Social Transformation | Understanding the Impact of Community School Practices on Student Experiences & Outcomes | Horace Mann UCLA Community School

Alanis Eve Colon, Biochemistry | Evaluating Environmental Justice Programs in Stockton, CA | Rise Stockton Coalition

Valeria Noem Coronado, Chicana/o and Central American Studies | Overcoming Legal Barriers to 'Youth Justice Reimagined' and Work in Secure Facilities

Joaquin Covarrubias, Chicano & Chicana Studies | The impact of Intergenerational Programs on Older Adults in Central Los Angeles and Levels of Resilience | Bresee Foundation

Helen Bich-Ha Dang-Vu, Political Science | Minor: Labor Studies | Resilience and Recovery: A Proposal In Response To Anti-Asian Hate | California Healthy Nail Salon Collaborative

Stephanie Estrada-Vargas, Psychology | Assessment of TELACU College Success Program (CSP) Existing Alumni Network and Outreach Strategies | TELACU College Success Program

Sophia Farooq, English | Research on Queer and Young Unsheltered Folk | Homeful Los Angeles

Rebecca Braun Goldman, World Arts & Cultures | Minor: Education Studies | Better Together: Implementation of Arts Education for Preschool-Aged Children | UCLA Early Child and Education Center, University Village

Lilianna Soledad Barron Gomez, Physiological Science | Identifying the Features of Meaningful and Impactful Youth Engagement at State-Level Stakeholder Tables in California | California Children's Trust

Lynn Charis Hur, Sociology | Exploring Community-Engaged Extreme Heat Mitigation and Communication Strategies in Los Angeles | Los Angeles Regional Collaborative for Climate Action and Sustainability (LARC)

Marisol Jasso, Sociology | Shedding Light on the Marginalized Left in the Dark: Unemployment Exclusion in Undocumented Immigrant Worker Communities | CAUSE & 805UndocuFund

Kavya Rao Juwadi, Psychobiology | Examination of the Online Presence of NCI-Designated Comprehensive Cancer Centers' Community Outreach and Engagement | UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center

Jeniffer Leyva, Sociology | Data-Sense Making: An Approach to Addressing Trauma-Resilience | Para Los Niños

Jessica Guadalupe Magana-Tavera, Sociology | Minor: History | Gentrification's Effects on Underserved and Underrepresented Los Angeles Communities: Koreatown | Bresee Foundation

Taylor McLeod, History | Disparities in K-12 education and Parent-Professional Relationships: A Case Study on Third Party intervention on Special Education Inequities | Learning Rights Law Center

William Armando Molina, Psychology | An Assessment of Mental Health Among Hispanics During the COVID-19 Pandemic: An All of Us Research Program Study | National Alliance for Hispanic Health

Jennifer Navarrete, Physiological Science | Educating the Educator: Anti-Racist and Trauma Informed Skills To Cultivate the Mental Health of Communities of Color in Educational Spaces | The Guidance Center

Chidinma Joy Onyeonwu, Neuroscience | The Effects of DOPA Team Outreach on High School Student Risk Perceptions of Cannabinoid Use

Adriana Isabel Perez, Psychology | Stereotype Threat in STEM Among Los Angeles Latino Youth | Knowing Neurons

Isabella Raquel Perez, Psychology | Creating a Safe Space: Assessing Afterschool Programs' Impact on Mental Health Support and Emotional Well-being for Low Income Minority Youth | Bresee Foundation: GRYD Program

Lien Kim Pham, Mathematics and Economics | The Accessibility of Arts Education for Marginalized Youth | Free Arts Los Angeles

Joshua Michael Prescott, Political Science | Minor: Public Affairs | A Critical Look at Affordable Housing and Gentrification in South Los Angeles | Gailen & Cathy Reervers Center for Community Empowerment

Chandni Sakthi, Physiological Science | Investing Adverse Community Indicators as a Contributing Cause for Marijuana and Other Substance Misuse Disorders Affecting Communities of Color | South Central Prevention Coalition

Tanya Elizabeth Solorzano, Public Affairs | Minor: Spanish | Tracking COVID-19 Vaccine Access Inside Immigration Detention | Freedom for Immigrants

Brendan Munro Thompson, World Arts & Cultures | Minor: Visual & Performing Arts Education | Virtual Community and Civic Placemaking | Virtual Care Lab

Min Valmocena, Psychology | Minor: Education Studies | Kapanganiban (Precarity), Katatagan (Resilience), and Komunidad (Community) of Filipino Trafficking Survivors in PWC's Towards Freedom Program | Pilipino Workers Center

Shefali Varma, Molecular, Cell, & Developmental Biology | Minor: Biomedical Research | Researching a Sustainable and Replicable Expansion Model for Student-Run Nonprofits | Project Lux

Faculty Advisory Committee

Andrew Atkeson (Chair) | Economics

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Amy Ritterbusch | Public Affairs

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Ananya Roy | Urban Planning, Social Welfare

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