

Fall 2018: Issue 5

What's UP with UgsP?



Underrepresented
Graduate
Students in
Psychology

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Welcome, New Members!

Underrepresented Graduate Students in Psychology (UGSP) was established in 2012 as a student-led initiative to create a more inclusive environment for students from underrepresented groups. We continue to honor this mission through various events, committees, and other initiatives. We look forward to bringing together underrepresented students and allies at our socials, brown bag speaker series, and outreach activities. We are also excited to announce an emerging initiative to promote mental wellness amongst our students, particularly those who may be affected by recent events. Stay tuned to hear more about this exciting opportunity!

Meet the 2018-2019 Board

Our board spans across all areas in the department and across all years in the program. We welcome and encourage all interested parties to get involved with UGSP leadership – there are

many great benefits to being involved, including professional development, opportunities for awards and recognition, and the chance to make a difference in the lives of your peers.

President – Jenn Gamarra, 4th year Clinical

Vice President – Dana Saifan, 3rd year Clinical

Treasurer – Gerald Higginbotham, 3rd year Social

Secretary – TBD

Committee Chairs

Social – Gwen Price, 3rd year Developmental

Brown Bag – Mako Tanaka, 2nd year Social

High School Outreach – Chelsea Romney (4th year Health), Marcie Haydon (4th year Health), & Danny Rahal (3rd year Developmental)

Undergraduate Outreach – ReJoyce Green & Blanche Wright, 3rd years Clinical

Transfer Outreach – Kim Martin, 2nd Year Social

Committees

We are excited to introduce our **brand new Transfer Outreach Committee!**

Undergraduate Outreach

This committee organizes panels for undergraduate students to learn about various aspects of the graduate student experience. We hope to galvanize interest in grad school by offering examples of successful underrepresented students & providing undergrads the opportunity to connect with graduate students so they feel comfortable asking questions about diversity in graduate school.

Transfer Outreach

This committee is dedicated to providing resources & improving the experiences of the diverse group of transfer students at UCLA. A central goal of this committee is to serve transfers as they navigate their undergraduate experience & provide information about graduate school as they set future goals by creating/hosting events & building community between undergraduate & graduate students.

High School Outreach

As members of underrepresented groups, we find it imperative to give back to our communities through teaching, education, & service. This committee target a wide range of underrepresented high school students & holds events for

Brown Bag

This committee organizes talks given by faculty members from underrepresented backgrounds or whose research focuses on diversity issues. This speaker series allows graduate students to network with prominent faculty members from

both parents & students about getting into college.

Social

This committee plans & coordinates events throughout year. Our goal is to foster a sense of community among UGSP members. It is a chance for students to interact with people that come from diverse backgrounds who share similar experiences.

underrepresented groups, hopefully fostering a sense social connectedness & community within the Psychology Department.

We are currently recruiting members! If you are interested, please email makotanaka@ucla.edu

Upcoming Events

Complete Survey on Socio-Political Dialogue in UCLA Psych Dept!

Two of our board members, who are student reps on the department's Diversity Issues Committee, have spearheaded a department-wide survey to hear YOUR perspectives on national socio-political topics and how they should (or should not) be acknowledged and/or addressed within the UCLA Psychology Department. Whether you have felt negatively, neutral or positively about socio-political discussions within the department (e.g., with peers, faculty, etc.), we want to hear from you!

Please fill out this **5-10 minute survey by October 15th, 2018**. We will use this data to inform next steps. Link to survey is [here](https://goo.gl/forms/xi8S5jQMhrwWUdi82) (<https://goo.gl/forms/xi8S5jQMhrwWUdi82>).

If you have already completed the survey, please disregard this invitation; we kindly ask that you only respond once.

Annual UGSP Research Assistant Recruitment Event

This event, hosted by the UGSP Undergraduate Outreach Committee, is for undergrads looking to get involved in research! Send information out to your students or undergrads who might be interested!

When? Oct 17th, 5:00-6:30

Where? Location TBA

RSVP: <https://goo.gl/forms/PEHZDnR4VggBpVZx1>

**TAKE PART
IN RESEARCH**

What's UGSP Been Up To?

Independent School Alliance Event

This summer, the **HS Outreach team** met with 40 middle school & high school students from Independent School Alliance to discuss pathways for academic success. The primary mission of **Independent School Alliance** is to help underrepresented students prepare for & gain admittance to private/charter schools in the LA area. Thanks to all of those who volunteered for your enthusiasm & participation; because of the wonderful turnout, we were able to facilitate small group discussions & provide each youth with an opportunity to speak directly to a UGSP member about getting into college. Stay tuned for upcoming events this fall & winter!



Welcome Back Party

The joint UGSP, PIA, and PGSA welcome event last Friday was a success! Food, drinks, and lively conversation led into an incredible turn out for volunteers to join our respective organizations. Over forty graduate students showed up to celebrate the start of a new year and get inspired to do great work for our student body and university as a whole. Look out for new events and UGSP again at the end of the quarter!



Have you or a student in the department done something in line with diversity or support for underrepresented student? Wrote an article? Won an award? Participated in a program or event? Whatever it is,

*Send in suggestions for our next Student Spotlight! Send submissions to
ucla.ugsp@gmail.com*



RESOURCES

Workshops

Statistics Workshops

The IDRE Statistical Consulting Group will be presenting free workshops during the Fall Quarter. Click on the links below to register:

- **Introduction to SAS** | Tuesday, October 9, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon
- **SAS Macro Language 1: Essentials** | Monday and Tuesday, October 15 and 16, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **SAS SQL 1: Essentials** | Wednesday and Thursday, October 17 and 18, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Introduction to R** | Tuesday, October 23, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon
- **Introduction to SPSS** | Tuesday, October 30, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Professional Development

National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity

UCLA graduate students are eligible to register for free Institutional Memberships! As an Institutional Member, you have access to the following resources:

- The NCFDD Core Curriculum trainings
- Monthly guest expert and multi-week course trainings
- The full NCFDD library with over 100 hours of professional development training
- A private discussion forum for peer-mentoring and participation in monthly writing challenges
- Participation in the 14-Day Writing Challenge
- Accountability partner matching

[Activate your free Institutional Member account here!](#)



Brett Kavanaugh Sworn in as Supreme Court Justice

"A sharply divided Senate — reflecting a deeply divided nation — voted almost entirely along party lines Saturday afternoon to confirm Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court.
...
Kavanaugh becomes the nation's 114th Supreme Court justice and President Trump's second appointment to the court, creating a conservative majority on the nation's highest court for years to come."

[READ MORE...](#)

Midterm Election Coming Up

The Midterm Election is coming up on [November 6!](#)

The last day to register is [October 22.](#) [REGISTER ONLINE](#) now.

To see what and who is on the ballot, what yes/no votes mean, who supports/opposes measures, and where campaign funding comes from, educate yourself with a [Voter Guide.](#)



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