

What's UP with UgsP?



Underrepresented
Graduate
Students in
Psychology

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In Memorium: Jenessa Shapiro



In December 2018, we were deeply saddened to learn about the passing of our beloved Faculty Sponsor, Dr. Jenessa Shapiro. Jenessa was the UGSP Faculty Sponsor since the group's inception in 2012. With her support and guidance, UGSP has flourished into the thriving organization we know it to be today.

Jenessa's dedication to UGSP, and underrepresented groups more broadly, has always been highly evident. In the early days of UGSP, she mentored the leadership in creating the foundation of the group, and assisted in establishing the organization's presence at UCLA through an APA grant. Over the years, she continued to be a caring mentor and guide UGSP leadership with a strong passion for the mission, but did so without imposing limits or judgments about the directions in which this group could grow. She truly let UGSP become driven by the students and the community it serves.

We continue to feel the loss of this tremendous mentor and friend. However, we are eternally grateful for her dedication to UGSP and all that she has provided for us. We will strive to continue her legacy of supporting and bettering the experience of underrepresented groups.

Jenessa Shapiro Memorial Graduate Fund

To honor Jenessa's legacy, the Department is developing the Jenessa Shapiro Memorial Graduate Fund. The award will focus on the topics that Jenessa was passionate about - diversity and social justice. While the specifics of the award will depend on the funds that can be raised, the goal is to give the award to a student in psychology or at Anderson (where Jenessa was half time) whose research contributes to the study of diversity and social justice.

If you are able to contribute to this fund, no matter how small of a contribution, it will be greatly appreciated. Please make your check payable to the UCLA Foundation, noting Jenessa Shapiro Memorial Graduate Fund on the memo line and mail your gift to the attention of Janice Shintaku at UCLA College of Letters and Science, 1309 Murphy Hall, Box 951413, Los Angeles, CA 90095. My understanding is that any contribution is tax deductible.

You can also make a gift online by visiting the following website:

www.giving.ucla.edu/ShapiroMemorial

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Upcoming Events

High School Outreach Events

The High School Outreach Committee is planning an upcoming presentation on mental health and managing college admissions anxiety for the **Academic Leadership Community** (date TBD) and a presentation on careers in psychology for their college fair on **March**

What's UGSP Been Up To?

Wine & Paint Night

UGSP hosted our first ever Wine & Paint Night! The event was a success as our artist Brandon from Paint & Sip LA led us step by step through a painting. The group did a fantastic job and we are all very proud of the result!

“Out of Many, One” Screening & Discussion

On February 25th from 12-1pm, the Diversity Issues Committee will be screening the Netflix documentary, “Out of Many, One” (Trailer Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ep4bmXjneUM>). After the screening, there will be an interactive discussion related to themes of the film (e.g., immigration, U.S. citizenship process) led by graduate student committee members. All graduate students are invited to attend and we look forward to creating an engaging space for learning and discussion.

Please complete the google-form to RSVP (<https://goo.gl/forms/m7BgsJzmKsw3dhnp1>) to be put on the attendee list. The event will be capped to up to 10 doctoral students in order to support a rich, yet intimate discussion. Thus, reservation for the event is on a first-come, first-serve basis. You will receive a confirmation e-mail to confirm your spot at the luncheon (and there will be a waitlist in the event someone has to cancel).



College Fair

The High School Outreach committee participated in a college fair at Venice High School on Feb 21!

“Creating a CV & Finding a Post-Bacc Job Workshop”

On Feb 11, the Undergraduate Outreach Committee organized a successful workshop for undergraduate students, to prepare them for life after college!

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

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

[APA Ethnic Minority Student Resources and Information](#)

Explore news, information and resources for students of color in psychology: APA and OEMA programs, projects and publications; local and national conferences; and, scholarship and research opportunities.

[UC Financial Resources for Underrepresented Students](#)



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