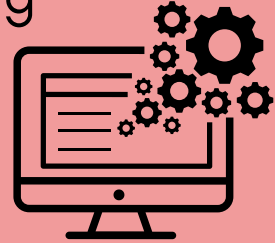


Upcoming Events and Announcements



Gerotech: Digital Communications

A technology workshop covering texting iMessages/Google Messages, and Emails -The Basics and Beyond!



[Click here to view the recording](#)

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the
Recording



Introducing Five Curated Educational Adventures for 2026

- Costa Rica: February 5 – 15
- St. Simon & Jekyll Island: April 26 – May 1
- Ireland: June 3 – 11
- New York City: August 2 – 7
- Cuba: October 31 – November 7

2026 Travel Preview with Road Scholar

As part of our ongoing collaboration with Road Scholar, we're offering an exclusive preview of upcoming travel opportunities designed especially for intellectually curious and active older adults

AROHE's 2026 Travel Preview with Road Scholar - Tuesday, April 29

4:00 PM EDT / 3:00 PM CDT / 2:00 PM MDT / 1:00 PM PST

Our partners at Road Scholar will showcase upcoming adventures that offer cultural immersion, intellectual engagement, and unforgettable memories.

Featured Trips Include:

- Costa Rica at a Slower Pace: Natural Wonders by Water & Land
- Best of St. Simons, Sapelo, Jekyll: An Island-Hopping Adventure
- The Best of Ireland: A Week on the Emerald Isle
- New York City at a Slower Pace: The Best of the Big Apple
- Cuba Today: Havana, Cienfuegos, Trinidad

RSVP

From our friends at UCLA Emeriti/Retirees Relations Center - Emergency preparedness

MAY 14
10:30-
12pm

Join UCLA's Office of Emergency Management and UCLA Health for an informative workshop. This session will provide essential guidance on how to prepare for emergencies and ensure you can effectively assist yourself, your family, your neighbors, and your colleagues in times of crisis. We will focus on practical steps to bridge the gap between the onset of an emergency and the arrival of professional help.



You can register by clicking this link: <https://retirees.ucla.edu/event-6116775>

Be sure to select the non-UC affiliation option

JUNE 2
10-11:30am

RFA Annual Meeting- Introduction of New Officers



*SRA Annual Meeting - Election of Officers

JUNE 20
11-1pm



Special Guest
Author, Janice Munemitsu



Must be an SRA paid member to join this event. See below for details.

Contact Karen Koblitz to learn more koblitz@usc.edu

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Scholars**



More information coming soon! Email the Emeriti Center with questions at emeriti@usc.edu

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ALICE PARKER

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

EEB 132

Program

4:00pm - Introduction & Welcome

4:05pm - Talk by Professor Parker &

Fireside chat with Professor Sandeep Gupta

5:20pm - Plaque Reveal

5:30pm - Reception (EEB Courtyard)

[Click here to register](#)

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Learn how to protect your legacy, plan or update your estate, and secure peace of mind.

Led by USC alumnus Brian Chew, USC Gould and USC Marshall, Class of 1992, designed to guide USC retirees through the essentials of wills, trusts, and long-term estate planning.

He will cover the following topics:

- Revocable Living Trust
- Pour-Over Will
- Durable Power of Attorney
- Advance Health Care Directive
- Real Estate Deed(s)
- POA and AHD for Minor Children



TUESDAY
MAY 13

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM



[Click here to register](#)

LOVE TO GARDEN?

You're invited to the USC Peace Garden Open Garden Hours!

Come unwind, recharge, and re-leaf some stress at the USC Peace Garden! Stop by to pick up fresh produce, learn more about the garden, enjoy the sunshine, and soak in the beauty of nature.



Mon. 10:00 - 1:30 pm
Tue. 11:00 - 3:00 pm
Wed. 10:00 - 1:30 pm
Thu. 11:00 - 3:00 pm
Fri. 9:00 - 3:00 pm
Sat. 9:00 - 3:00 pm
Sun. 9:00 - 3:00 pm

We hope to see you there! ❤️

**3015 Shrine Pl.
Los Angeles
CA 90007**

Earth Day Garden Party

Celebrate sustainability by making your own garden-grown tea bags, exploring the garden, and crafting a colorful cardboard vase filled with beautiful blooms!

April 25 | 11 am - 3pm.



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USC SRA Staff Retirement Association



Single Membership

Any member or spouse/partner of member. Spouse/partner of a deceased member may continue their membership.

Single membership per year:
\$50
Spouse/Partner per year:
\$50



Life Membership

Life membership is paid once and is non-transferrable.

Single Life membership:
\$400



Joint Life Membership

Joint Life membership is available for any member and their spouse/partner.

Joint Life membership:
\$700

USC Staff Retirement Association MEMBERSHIP LINK



All members of USC retired and active staff and their spouses/partners/companions are eligible for membership and are encouraged to join. There is no age restriction. Retired USC faculty and their spouses/partners are also welcome, and others by request to the Board of Directors.

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At least
55 years
of age



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2025 SPRING CALDWELL SCHOLAR LUNCHEON RECAP

The USC RFA and Emeriti Center were delighted to host the Russell Caldwell Neighborhood Scholars, their families, and celebrate the seniors. The Scholars shared updates on what they are studying, the internships they have, and what the future holds.

Karen Koblitz, Chair of the Caldwell Scholarship, gave a brief history of Professor Caldwell and the scholarship. Therese Caldwell, daughter-in-law of Russell Caldwell, shared family memories, and Carole Shammas, Professor Emerita, spoke about Caldwell as a professor and mentor.

We extended heartfelt congratulations to the seniors. Raul Torres, Jr., a Mechanical Engineering major in the Viterbi School of Engineering, is looking for a job in his field. For his senior project, he helped design and fabricate a 3D-printed microfluidic device. A pressure-controlled, self-adjusting cuff to resolve the issue of freely moving deformable bodies, often used in soft robots or cephalopods.

Also graduating from Viterbi is Jose Zarate-Diaz, majoring in Biomedical Engineering. He will finish his coursework in the fall, and this summer he is interning for the start-up SilverSpur Therapeutics. Jose has been working under co-founder, USC Professor Dr. Eun Ji Chung, in his research lab as part of a team that is focused on nanoparticle therapeutics for Autosomal Dominant Polycystic Kidney Disease.

We recognized the achievements of our junior scholars, John Recendez, a Business Administration major in the Marshall School of Business, and Natalia Carrillo, an International Relations major in the Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences. Natalia is currently studying international relations at USC's Washington, D.C. campus, enabling her to study with renowned professionals in the field of politics. In February, she participated in a one-week internship with the Organization of the American States as an international electoral observer in Quito, Ecuador, for their recent elections.

John will be working in the banking industry this summer and will also travel to Oaxaca, Mexico, for a Maymester as a member and the Finance Chair of Oaxaqueños de USC, a cultural club for people born in or descended from the state of Oaxaca, Mexico.

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Sophomore Alondra Hernandez is studying Neuroscience in the Dornsife College and has been interning at a local hospital, aiming for a career as a physician, to make an impactful contribution and bring high-quality healthcare to minority and low-income communities.

Isaic Alonso, also completing his sophomore year, was excited to announce he has been accepted as a Chemistry major and is now focusing on Mathematics, Physics, and Chemistry, reflecting his deep commitment to the sciences.

Freshman Genesis Gonzalez is an Interdisciplinary Major in the Dornsife College. She is one of only 200 undergraduate students who were accepted into the prestigious Thematic Option program. Genesis made the 2024 Fall Semester Dean's List and was nominated to join the Alpha Lambda Delta Honors Society for first-year academic success. She volunteers for the Luskin Orthopedic Institute for Children within the hospital's rehabilitation therapy department.

Leah Stevenson is a freshman majoring in Architecture, as it combines two of her passions, art and technology.

We were treated to the artistic talents of Jose Zarate-Diaz and John Recendez. Jose shared a video featuring his poem "Wandering." John also enjoys creative endeavors, and he and a friend run the Unlucky Pictures Film Company. He presented a film that he wrote, "Last Night at the Chinatown Express," which was released last summer. Both works were impressive, captivating, and entertaining, and highlighted the creative talents of our scholars outside of the classroom.

The event was filled with pride and anticipation as we all celebrated the accomplishments of these scholars. We are incredibly proud of their dedication and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

2025 SPRING CALDWELL SCHOLAR LUNCHEON PHOTOS



Last Night At The

CHINATOWN EXPRESS

Director
BRIAN ARRIETA

Writers
JOHN REZENDEZ & BRIAN ARRIETA

Producer/1st AD
JOHN REZENDEZ

Director of Photography
ERIC BROWN

Sound/Lighting
FELIPE HOYOS

Starring
RUBI CHAVEZ
ALEX YUAN

Wandering

by Jose Zarate-Diaz

Tú crees que estás mirando a las estrellas
Pero en realidad te están mirando a ti
Como los girasoles miran hacia sol
Ellas se voltean a mirar a ti

Brillas no como cualquier otra persona
Tienes tus propios ojos, rostro, sonrisa
Y tu propio sonido de reír

Tu historia es como un libro
En que no quiero dejar de leer
Por ver lo que puede suceder
En el siguiente capítulo

Aunque ahorita la vida es un rompecabezas
Claramente tu foto
Poco a poco será complete

Hay muchas cosas que pueden suceder
Y no sabrás qué hacer
Pero recuerda que la vida te besa
Y Aunque no puedes controlar todo
Dale cada día
Pie atrás pie

*You think you are looking at the stars,
But in reality, they are looking at you.
Like the sunflowers turning toward the sun,
They turn to gaze at you.*

*You shine unlike anyone else,
With your own eyes, face, smile,
And the unique sound of your laughter.*

*Your story is a book,
I don't want to stop reading,
[As I'm] Eager to see,
What happens in the next chapter.*

*Though life may currently feel like a puzzle,
Cleary your image,
Piece by piece, Will come together.*

*Many things may happen,
And you won't always know what to do,
But remember—life kisses you,
And Although You Cannot Control Everything,
Give it each day,
Step by Step*



Happy travels with
Emeriti Center friends

