

Beyond the Headlines

The *Beyond the Headlines* speaker series features eight speakers per quarter, each presenting an in-depth lecture about the most significant contemporary, and often controversial, issues in the news. Pulled from today's major headlines, our topics cover foreign policy, state and national politics, education, the economy, social justice issues, and more!

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Spring 2018 - Tuesdays (#359865)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Lecture</i>	<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Speaker Bio</i>
Apr 10	Politics	"An Overview of Iran's Nuclear Agreement and Trump's Opposition"	Nader Bagherzadeh, PhD, UCI	Nader Bagherzadeh, PhD, Professor, UCI Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. He has appeared on local and international television and radio programs to discuss Iran's nuclear program.
Apr 17	Politics	"Brexit: The Past, Present, and Future"	Stephan Gardbaum, PhD, JD, MSc, UCLA	Stephan Gardbaum, PhD, JD, MSc, MacArthur Foundation Professor of International Justice and Human Rights at the UCLA School of Law.
Apr 24	Politics & Society	"Our Political Disease: Hypocrisy and Outrage in the age of ME-dia"	Kurt Hohenstein, PhD, JD, MA	Kurt Hohenstein, PhD, JD, MA, author of <i>Coining Corruption: The Making of the American Campaign Finance System and The Rules of the Game: Simple Truths Learned from Little League</i> . Dr. Hohenstein has taught as an Associate Professor of History at Winona State University, and is an independent historian for the SEC Historical Society.

May 1	Politics	"Is It Time to Talk About Impeachment?"	Bill Blum, JD	Bill Blum, JD, Los Angeles lawyer and former State of California Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). In addition, he is an award-winning writer and legal journalist of considerable notoriety. He is currently a columnist withTruthdig.com.
May 8	Politics	"Islam in America: Perspectives from an American Muslim Imam."	Jihad Turk	Jihad Turk, founding President of Bayan Claremont Islamic Graduate School, the nation's first Muslim graduate seminary to offer accredited Master's degrees in the fields of Islamic Studies, Education, Chaplaincy and Leadership.
May 15	Politics	"Immigration and the Remaking of Globalization"	Margaret Peters, PhD, UCLA	Margaret Peters, Assistant Professor of Political Science. Her work focuses on the politics of migration, including refugees, in both immigrant receiving countries and emigrant sending countries. Her book, Trading Barriers: Immigration and the Remaking of Globalization (2017, Princeton University Press) examines the relationship between trade policy, outsourcing, and immigration policy.
May 22	Society	"Responding to Youth Homelessness in Los Angeles"	Alison Hurst & Rachael Pedowitz, A Safe Place for Youth	Alison Hurst, Executive Director & Founder & Rachael Pedowitz, Director of Housing Advocacy, A Safe Place for Youth
May 29	Education	"Higher Education in The Age of Trump"	George Keiffer, JD	George Keiffer, JD, Chair of the UC Board. His goals include focusing on the quality of undergraduate education, examining the costs of higher education, preserving the University's historic excellence in teaching, research and public service, and continuing to expand access to more and diverse Californians.

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Apr 11	Technology	"Beyond Bitcoin: What's the Big Deal?"	Beverly Macy	Beverly Macy, author of <i>The Power of Real-Time Social Media Marketing</i> , draws on her experience as author, educator and industry expert on the evolution of digital media and emerging technology to help organizations, brands and individuals build effective business strategies to succeed in the new business climate.
Apr 18	Technology	"Talking to Computers: What Digital Assistants Do Now and How They will Evolve"	William Meisel, PhD	William Meisel, Ph.D., is a technology analyst who writes a newsletter on commercial applications using human language to communicate with digital systems.
Apr 25	Politics	"American Elegiac: The Rise and Decline of the American Empire"	Kurt Hohenstein, PhD, JD, MA	Kurt Hohenstein, PhD, MA, JD, author of <i>Coining Corruption: The Making of the American Campaign Finance System</i> and <i>The Rules of the Game: Simple Truths Learned from Little League</i> . Dr. Hohenstein has taught as an Associate Professor of History at Winona State University, and is an independent historian for the SEC Historical Society.
May 2	Politics	"Whither the Courts? A Look at what's Ahead for the Supreme Court and the Lower Federal Courts"	Bill Blum	Bill Blum, Los Angeles lawyer and former State of California Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). In addition, he is an award-winning writer and legal journalist of considerable notoriety. He is currently a columnist with Truthdig.com .
May 9	Politics	"Islam in America: Perspectives from an American Muslim Imam."	Jihad Turk	Jihad Turk, founding President of Bayan Claremont Islamic Graduate School, the nation's first Muslim graduate seminary to offer accredited Master's degrees in the fields of Islamic Studies, Education, Chaplaincy and Leadership.
May 16	Society	"Responding to Youth Homelessness in Los Angeles"	Alison Hurst & Rachael Pedowitz	Alison Hurst, Executive Director & Founder & Rachael Pedowitz, Director of Housing Advocacy, A Safe Place for Youth.
May 23	Politics	"Climate Change in an Age of Conservative Politics"	Cameron Bard	Cameron Bard is a renewable energy expert and former policymaker from the state of New York. Before moving to Los Angeles, he served as the Chief of Staff to New York State's energy czar, Richard Kauffman, in the office of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo. He currently works in the solar industry and is also an adjunct instructor at New York University.
May 30	Economy	TBD	David French	David French, MBA, Chief Executive Officer of David French & Associates, LLC, a business strategy consultancy.

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<p>Jan 23</p>	<p>Health</p>	<p>“Why it Would Benefit Both Women and Men to Abandon the 70 KG Man”</p>	<p>Janet P. Pregler, MD, UCLA</p>	<p>Janet P. Pregler, MD, is Director of the Iris Cantor-UCLA Women’s Health Center and director of the UCLA National Center of Excellence in Women’s Health and Professor of Clinical Medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA.</p>
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<p>Jan 30</p>	<p>Politics</p>	<p>“European elections since Brexit and the Future of Europe”</p>	<p>Dominic Thomas, PhD, Professor, UCLA</p>	<p>Dominic Thomas, PhD, is Madeleine L. Letessier Professor, Chair of the Department of French and Francophone Studies, and Acting Chair of the departments of Germanic, Italian, and Scandinavian at UCLA. He is the author of numerous books on African and European culture, history, and politics, an elected member of the Academy of Europe, and European Affairs Commentator on CNN / CNN International.</p>
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<p>Feb 6</p>	<p>Politics</p>	<p>“The Rights and Realities of Women in Iran”</p>	<p>Mansour Jafarian, JD, LLM, Former Consultant for the United Nations</p>	<p>Mansour Jafarian, JD, LLM, Director of International Affairs at his law firm, deals specifically with US & Iranian affairs. He has nearly 20 years of experience working in law offices in Tehran, Iran, as well as for the United Nations as a legal advisor in Kabul, Afghanistan and Pristine, Kosovo.</p>
<p>Feb 13</p>	<p>Politics</p>	<p>“Understanding the Middle East Today”</p>	<p>Jonathan Dobrer, Professor, University of Judaism</p>	<p>Jonathan Dobrer, MA, teaches at the University of Judaism and has taught at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley.</p>
<p>Feb 20</p>	<p>Society</p>	<p>“The Crisis of Homelessness and the Noncompliant Mentally Ill in our Society.”</p>	<p>John Snibbe, PhD, Clinical Psychologist</p>	<p>John Snibbe, PhD, former program head of Psychiatric Mobile Responses Team Operations, L.A. County Department of Mental Health</p>

<p>Feb 27</p>	<p>Politics</p>	<p>“Evaluating the North Korean Situation: How Worried Should We Be?”</p>	<p>Jennifer Jung- Kim, PhD, Lecturer, UCLA</p>	<p>Jennifer Jung-Kim is a continuing lecturer who teaches Korean history in the Department of Asian Languages and Cultures as well as Asia- related courses in the International and Area Studies program and the Honors Collegium program.</p>
<p>Mar 6</p>	<p>Politics</p>	<p>“2018 Mid-Term Elections”</p>	<p>Zachary Courser, Research Director of the Dreier Roundtable</p>	<p>Zachary Courser, PhD, is a visiting assistant professor of government at Claremont McKenna College, and has published articles on the connection between political parties and democratic participation.</p>

Mar 13	Politics	“The Putin Cult”	Jared McBride, Lecturer, UCLA	Jared McBride, PhD, teaches Eastern European and Russian history. He specializes in the regions of Russia, Ukraine, and Eastern Europe in the 20th century. His research interests include borderlands studies, nationalist movements, mass violence and genocide, the Holocaust, inter- ethnic conflict, and war crimes prosecution.
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Jan 24	Education	“Equal Rights and Unequal Schools: Civil Rights Challenges”	Gary Orfield, PhD, Professor, UCLA	Gary Orfield, PhD, is Professor of Education, Law, Political Science and Urban Planning; and Co- Director of the Civil Rights Project/Proyecto Derechos Civiles at UCLA.

<p>Jan 31</p>	<p>Politics</p>	<p>“European elections since Brexit and the Future of Europe”</p>	<p>Dominic Thomas, PhD, Professor, UCLA</p>	<p>Dominic Thomas, PhD, is Madeleine L. Letessier Professor, Chair of the Department of French and Francophone Studies, and Acting Chair of the departments of Germanic, Italian, and Scandinavian at UCLA. He is the author of numerous books on African and European culture, history, and politics, an elected member of the Academy of Europe, and European Affairs Commentator on CNN / CNN International.</p>
<p>Feb 7</p>	<p>Politics</p>	<p>“Trump and the World”</p>	<p>Derek Shearer, PhD, Former Ambassador and Professor, Occidental College</p>	<p>Derek Shearer, PhD, Director of the McKinnon Center for Global Affairs at Occidental College, served in the Clinton administration as an economics official in the Commerce Department, and then as Ambassador to Finland (1994-97).</p>

Feb 14	Politics	"The JFK Assassination: Did the Release of the New Documents Change the Story?"	Kirk Saduski, Documentarian	Kirk Saduski, Producer and Executive at Playtone, and Co-Executive Producer of the CNN documentary series The Sixties, The Seventies, The Eighties, The Nineties, is currently in production as co-executive producer of 1968 for CNN.
Feb 21	Society	"The Crisis of Homelessness and the Noncompliant Mentally Ill in our Society."	John Snibbe, PhD, Clinical Psychologist	John Snibbe, PhD, former program head of Psychiatric Mobile Responses Team Operations, L.A. County Department of Mental Health
Feb 28	Technology	"Robotics, Automation, and our Changing Society"	Dennis Mangrobang, CEO, Flexwest, LLC	Dennis Mangrobang, BSCS, is CEO of Flexwest, LLC., an automation and engineering company. His primary interest is in vision guided robotics, applied to manufacturing.
Mar 7	Politics	"Why is Saudi Arabia no longer the Shrinking Violet of the Middle East?"	James L. Gelvin, Professor, UCLA	James L. Gelvin, PhD, is Professor of Modern Middle Eastern History at the University of California, Los Angeles. He is a specialist in the modern social and cultural history of the Arab East, and is the author of five books.

Mar 14	Politics	"The Status of Jerusalem and the American-Israeli- Palestinian Triangle"	Scott Abramson, UCLA & Israel Institute	A historian of the modern Levant, Scott Abramson is a doctoral candidate in UCLA's Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures and a fellow at the Israel Institute.
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