

# 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!

**Enrollment for Spring Quarter has closed. Fall enrollment for Beyond the Headlines will begin on Friday, July 27, 2018. Please call registration at 310-825-9971 to enroll in courses.**

**Click on the sections below to see a list of speakers and topics for Spring Quarter.**

## 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.

## Spring 2018 - Wednesdays (#359867)

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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 <a href="http://Truthdig.com">Truthdig.com</a> .
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	"China: Belt and Road and Beyond. Looking at China's future and Global Impact"	David French	David French, MBA, Chief Executive Officer of David French & Associates, LLC, a business strategy consultancy.

**UPCOMING: Fall 2018 - Tuesdays only**

Beyond the Headlines is not offered during the summer

quarter. The course will resume in the Fall quarter back in our original larger space in Gayley Center and the course will return to its traditional meeting date on Tuesdays. Enrollment information will be announced at the start of July, and enrollment for Fall quarter opens on July 27, 2018. If you are not already receiving the OLLI emails, please email [osher@uclaextension.edu](mailto:osher@uclaextension.edu) to be added to the email list.