



First Generation Initiative

News, Events & Updates

Hey Slugs! This February is Black History Month. This week, we have featured notable leaders in the UCSC community, along with engaging virtual activities and events centered around BIPOC voices for you all to participate in. As always, we encourage you to check out all of our social media and visit our website to view some awesome remote learning tips in one easy click below!

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Alumni Spotlight



First-Gen Faculty: James Doucet-Battle, Assistant Professor, Sociology Department

James Doucet-Battle was born and raised in Rochester, New York. His father worked for the Air Force and his mother was employed at Eastman Kodak. James' mother insisted on sending him to a highly regarded private Catholic school. The professor of sociology remains forever grateful to his family for their sacrifices, though he also acknowledges his struggles in a segregated environment where he was made to feel keenly that his true potential was not recognized.

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Student Engagement

UC President Michael V. Drake reflects on the Black workers, scholars, artists and activists who have propelled the University of California — and the world — forward, and the work that remains to be done to achieve our ideals of equality, inclusion and justice.

Read the Full Article Below.



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Upcoming Events



[Google Form](#)

SEEKING YOUR INPUT!

Planning is just now beginning for a UC systemwide first-gen conference to be held virtually in spring 2021. This will be the first-ever, first-generation conference focused on sharing the undergraduate experience across the UC campuses. It is our hope that both first-gen and continuing-gen undergraduate students across the UC System will attend this *free* virtual event. Complete the Google form attached so that we know what you want to see at this event!



Attend the African American Theatre Arts Troupe 30th Anniversary Gala!

UC Santa Cruz's African American Theater Arts Troupe (AATAT) presents an online gala in honor of their 30th anniversary. This celebration features national leaders of Black theater, including Woodie

King, Jr., playwrights, alumni, and representatives of the Black Theater Network.

The Gala will be held on Saturday, February 20 from 6:00 to 8:00pm

Registration is free and open to all students!

[Register Here](#)



Attend the Practical Activism Conference with Angela Davis

Practical Activism will be holding its 18th annual day-long conference on **Saturday, February 27th, 2021** virtually on Zoom. The conference is coordinated and led by students from College Nine and College Ten, and aims to further local and global change in our community by representing diverse perspectives on a variety of social justice issues. Opening this year's conference will be a moderated discussion with **Dr. Angela Davis**. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about several social-justice related topics in student-organized zoom workshops. The conference will be closed by a spoken-word performance from artist, Gina Loring. Registration links coming soon!

[Registration Link](#)



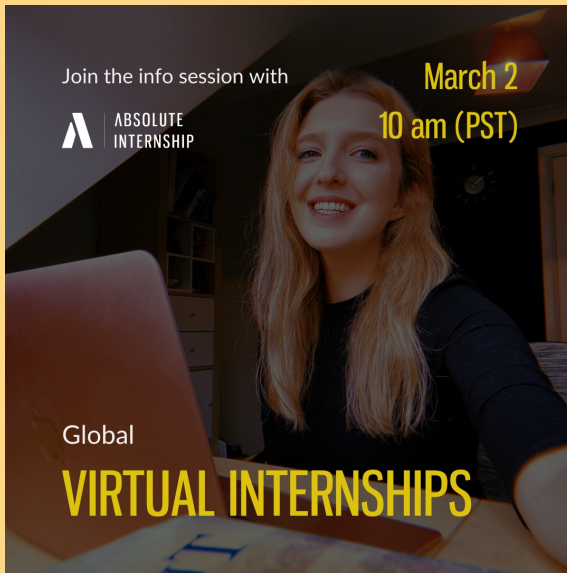
ABOLITIONIST FEMINISMS: BETH RICHIE, ERICA MEINERS, AND SONYA CLARK, FEBRUARY 23, 2021

Visualizing Abolition is a series of online events organized by Professor Gina Dent, and Dr. Rachel Nelson. The events feature artists, activists, and scholars united by their commitment to the vital struggle for prison abolition.

[Register Here](#)

Join in conversation with Beth Richie, University of Illinois, Chicago, Erica Meiners, Northeastern Illinois University, and Soyna Clark, Amherst College, Western Massachusetts, join us for a conversation on feminist—queer, anti-capitalist, grassroots, and women of color—organizing and abolition for the next Visualizing Abolition event.

Held on February 23rd at 4:00 pm



[Register Here](#)

Are you looking to maximize your summer? Check out UCSC Virtual Global Internships!

Go global (virtually) this summer! This program is offered by UCSC Global Learning (Study Abroad) as an alternative to traditional study abroad programs. Explore your career goals, expand your professional network and skills, and gain real work experience by participating in a remote unpaid internship for an organization based abroad all without traveling abroad.

Internships are customized according to your career interests and skills and are available in a wide variety of fields and disciplines. You will earn UCSC credit, enrolling in two online Summer Session courses for six units that are designed to complement your experience and support a successful internship. Internships are available in a variety of career fields and placements are in English with some language immersion options. You will intern approximately 20-30 hours per week and should expect to spend additional hours per week on your online UCSC courses.

We Want to Hear Your Story!

Calling all First Generation Students and First Generation Supporters

If you are a first generation student or not we want to hear from you! If you would like to be featured on our Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter send in a picture of yourself and a paragraph talking about



either what it means to be a first generation student to you or why you support first generation students. DM us your picture and paragraph @ucscfirstgen to be featured. We are also looking for first gen students that we can feature on our website to tell their stories about being first generation students and what it means to them. If you would like to be featured on the website fill out the google form attached.

[Google Form](#)

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