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Bill Moyers On America



Chancellor Michael V. Drake, Bill Moyers and Dean C. Ronald Huff

On November 14, 2005, the School of Social Ecology sponsored a lecture by Bill Moyers at the Barclay Theatre. Moyers' talk was a thought-provoking reflection on our history as a campus, and on the meaning of social ecology in contemporary America. Social ecology, he said, is "all things connected to each other, all parts inter-reacting." He also observed that "a healthy social ecology [must] be sustained by strong moral ecology." Bill Moyers' last visit to our campus was with President Lyndon Johnson for a groundbreaking before the campus was built, 40 years ago. He stated that President Johnson would have approved of the School of Social Ecology and its focus on societal issues.

Moyers spoke at length about the ecology of a liberal democracy and the need for equality, noting the current trend toward "social Darwinism." Wealthy special interests are assaulting the middle class, and social mobility is slowing down. He sees America in danger of becoming a "calcified European styled class system." His humble beginning in Texas made him realize the ethics of cooperation and "habits of the heart" in caring for one's neighbor. His observations of society today are that it has no center or ethical core and that we need to have a moral bond with each other. On-line access to the full text of Mr. Moyers' remarks is available on the School of Social Ecology home page at www.seweb.uci.edu.



40th Anniversary & 35th Anniversary University of California, Irvine School of Social Ecology

While the University of California, Irvine just celebrated its 40th anniversary, the School of Social Ecology is commemorating its 35th year. Social Ecology has experienced unprecedented growth in both undergraduate and graduate enrollment and in the number of remarkable researchers and educators who have chosen to join our faculty. We are very proud of our exceptional programs in the School of Social Ecology and committed to interdisciplinary, problem-driven research, teaching, and outreach. There isn't a week that goes by when a member of our faculty isn't being interviewed by the print or broadcast media, or invited to comment on issues of national and international importance. These include a breadth of topics, from false memory and wrongful convictions to global warming and human security.

Our undergraduates number 2,888 and we have five degree programs, while our graduate students number 235 with doctorates in five areas: criminology, law and society; planning, policy and design; psychology and social behavior; environmental health, science and policy; and social ecology. Our faculty has also grown to 72, with more than \$7 million in grants, contracts, and gifts awarded annually. This year we added two additional research centers, the Center for Evidence-Based Corrections and the Center for Psychology and Law, bringing to 10 the total number of centers based in Social Ecology.

Our outreach programs in the surrounding communities, the Community Outreach Partnership Center and the Criminology Outreach Program, are also expanding to reach more of our underserved residents and minorities.

We're proud of the progress we've made from a Social Ecology program in 1970 to a School with four different departments today: criminology, law and society; planning, policy and design; psychology and social behavior; and environmental health, science and policy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New center formed

This fall, the newly formed **Center for Psychology and Law**, housed in the School of Social Ecology, received approval. The center's goals are to investigate issues and train graduate students to address problems in these two fields that intersect. Its research areas include scientific evidence; memory suggestion and the law; child victim/witnesses; juvenile offenders; mental health and justice; and miscarriages of justice. Under the direction of Elizabeth Loftus and Bill Thompson, the center's faculty includes Beth Cauffman, Alison Clarke-Stewart, Simon Cole, Ronald Huff, Richard Leo, Sal Maddi, Jodi Quas, and Jennifer Skeem.

Bringing Schools together

The campus-wide **Center for Organizational Research**, housed within the School of Social Ecology, is an interdisciplinary center that includes faculty from the Schools of Social Ecology and Social Sciences and the Merage School of Business. Its purpose is to bring together organizational scholars from across campus to foster individual and collaborative research, organize colloquia, sponsor graduate seminars, and create a regular symposium series in organizational research. Members have received grants related to the center's work since 2003. Martha Feldman from the School of Social Ecology and Calvin Morrill from the School of Social Sciences are Co-Directors of the Center.

Corrections research

In an effort to put science before politics when managing state prisons, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation will provide \$1.95 million over three years for corrections research at a new UC Irvine center, the **Center for Evidence Based Corrections**, housed in the School of Social Ecology. The center is directed by Joan Petersilia, professor of criminology, law and society and a longtime advocate of using research to inform corrections policy. Susan Turner, who is also a professor of criminology, law and society, is associate director of the center, which will focus research on evaluating programs.

Recruiting top students

The **Planning, Policy, and Design Department (PPD) Advisory Board** has established a graduate scholarship fund to help us remain competitive in recruiting new graduate students. Already, we have some donations coming in from Board members and others to help us attract new talent to our PPD graduate program. If you are interested in supporting this effort, please contact either Marlon Boarnet, chair of planning, policy and design at 949-824-7695, or mgboarne@uci.edu, or Deborah Sarkas, director of development at 949-824-1874, or dsarkas@uci.edu.

Community Outreach Partnership Center (COPC)



Ernesto and Socorro Vasquez

The School of Social Ecology Development Director, Deborah Sarkas, and COPC Director, Victor Becerra, have partnered to generate private support for COPC's 2005/06 programs.

This fall, a visit to Dr. Gwyn Parry, Director of Community Medicine at Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian, resulted in a \$25,000 gift in support of COPC's ALMA program. Additionally, efforts to increase private individual gifts were equally favorable. Ernesto and Socorro Vasquez increased their support from \$10,000 to \$25,000 this year.

Victor continues to devote time and effort with the development staff to identify, cultivate, and steward donors and potential donors. A long-time advocate and donor, Maria Elena Avila, has helped to increase awareness of the contribution COPC is making to the community as well as increasing her support

from year to year. "This co-operative effort shows the wide base of support from all sectors outside the campus including individuals, local business, private foundations, and other organizations," said Victor, "and the far-reaching effort of COPC and the work we do."

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Making a Difference in the Community:

Criminology Outreach Program (COP)

Esteban Rodriguez, who is studying criminology, law and society, has received offer letters from the law schools of Stanford University, UCLA, and the University of Southern California. As an undergraduate at UCI, Esteban has been active in **Professor John Dombink's Criminology Outreach Program (COP)**. This program mentors middle and high school students in the Newport-Mesa and Garden Grove school districts. Students study the criminal justice system and legal issues. COP helps to increase a student's college readiness through skill development, including critical thinking, writing, oral presentations, and library research.



Esteban Rodriguez

Esteban is the first member of his family to complete a bachelor's degree. In talking with Esteban, one can see that he is a focused young man, but a modest one. "I get motivated by mentoring these students," he said. "I see such hope and potential in them."

Born and raised in Orange County, his parents emigrated from the State of Sonora in Mexico to find more opportunity for their children. Esteban is the youngest of three children, and he has enjoyed the support of his older siblings and parents. He credits his success to a supportive family environment.

In addition to his participation with COP, he is also a community service officer with the Garden Grove Police Department. In recognition of his achievements, he has been asked to address the graduating class at Los Amigos High School in June, where he is a COP mentor.

Mei-Ling Malone, an undergraduate student in Criminology, Law & Society, also enjoys mentoring middle school children through COP. Upon graduation, she plans to pursue a doctorate in Child and Adolescent Development in Education. Her career goal is to become a college professor who can influence educational policy.



Mei-Ling Malone

Mei-Ling's father is a campus minister at UC Davis, and her mother is an auditor with the federal government. She is the middle child of a family of six children. Her elder brother attended UC Davis in computer science, and a sister double majored in business and economics at UC Berkeley. All her siblings have different interests, and her parents have always encouraged them to find their own path. Her father is African American and her mother is Chinese. Her parents met in college in Kansas and have made their home in Sacramento.

With her diverse background, she sees "educational inequality" and "social injustice in the legal system," and wants to make a difference with her career path in finding solutions to these societal problems.

We wish Esteban and Mei-Ling success in their respective career paths, and we thank them for their roles in fulfilling our School's commitment to serve the needs of its surrounding communities. If you are interested in supporting this effort, please contact either John Dombink, professor of criminology, law and society at 949-824-6223, jddombri@uci.edu, or Deborah Sarkas, director of development at 949-824-1874, or dsarkas@uci.edu.

The Social Ecology Mentor Program

The School of Social Ecology seeks alumni and community mentors with successful careers in social ecology-related fields: lawyers, psychologists, social service workers, urban planners, community outreach coordinators or directors.

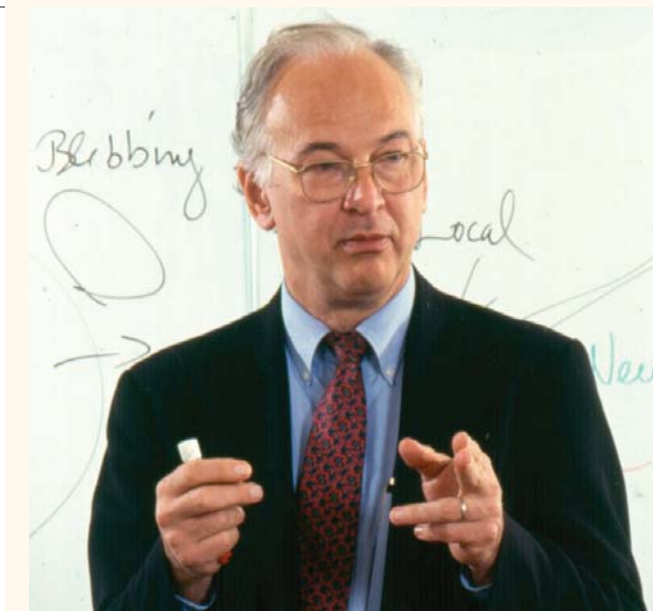
We want to pair mentors with undergraduate students to advise students on academic and career options. The mentors will make contact with individual students to encourage and support them as they sort through their career options. By getting involved with a promising student, mentors tell us that they gain so much -- actually giving back in a way that directly impacts a young person's career exploration. Please contact Deborah Sarkas, director of development at 949-824-1874, or dsarkas@uci.edu.

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Hispanic youth and their families benefit from the programs that COPC offers in the community of Costa Mesa. The after-school programs help students to improve their educational performance in middle and high school. This year, the Vasquezes' gift also includes scholarship assistance for a COPC graduate during his/her first year in college at UC Irvine. "Giving is relational; people give to people," said Victor.

COPC continues to provide a valuable service to the Hispanic community of Costa Mesa. The growth of its programs is directly tied to the generosity it receives from the private sector. COPC continues to provide needed services to the Hispanic community in Costa Mesa by growing its programs with these generous contributions. For more information, contact either Victor Becerra at 949-824-9337, or vbecerra@uci.edu or Deborah Sarkas at 949-824-1874 or dsarkas@uci.edu.



Dr. Carl W. Cotman

Newkirk Center: Inaugural Allen Lecture November 3, 2005 "Delaying Alzheimer's Disease"

Funded by a generous gift from Dick and Mary Allen, Carl W. Cotman, professor of neurology, School of Medicine, and executive director of the Institute for Brain Aging and Dementia, focused on the leading work done at UC Irvine that introduced new approaches for delaying the onset and treatment of Alzheimer's disease.

Exercise and nutrition are two key factors that have a profound impact on the progression of the disease. He also talked about the prospects of stem cells and other new drugs emerging to treat this devastating disease.

After the lecture, a reception followed in the main lobby of the Beckman Center. It was a well-attended lecture, the first in a series promoting scientific knowledge.

RECENT Awards & Grants

Simon Cole is a co-principal investigator on a project funded by the National Science Foundation entitled, "Privacy, Identity, and Technology" for \$750,000. In September, the Boston Globe featured an article about him as a critic of forensic analysis. He identified 20 known cases of fingerprint misidentifications in the United States and the United Kingdom dating back to 1918, some of which resulted in wrongful convictions.

Joseph Dimento received a 2005-06 Fulbright Distinguished Chair Award. Considered one of the most prestigious Fulbright appointments, the award was given to only 30 senior scholars across the U.S. this year. In the spring, he will serve as Turin Chair for Environmental Policies at Italy's Polytechnic Institute in Turin. He will teach environmental law and consult with Italian colleagues about urban land use issues, including Irvine's Great Park.

Alison Clarke-Stewart has received continued funding for her "NICHD Study of Early Child Care and Youth Development-Phase IV." She is the leader of the UCI site of this nationwide study. In September, it was announced that a \$14.6 million contract from the National Institutes of Health was awarded to UCI researchers including Clarke-Stewart to become a Vanguard Center in the National Children's Study.

Oladele Ogunseitan, professor of environmental health, science and policy was part of an interdisciplinary team that has been awarded a five-year, \$1.5 million grant from the National Science Foundation to reduce the environmental and health dangers posed by discarded electronics, such as cell phones. "Dele" also serves as chair of the UCI Council on Academic Personnel (CAP), which evaluates all academic hiring, as well as merit and promotion recommendations.

How You Can Support the School of Social Ecology

To ensure the vitality of the School of Social Ecology, we invite you to support our three-fold mission of teaching, research, and public service. The UCI Foundation, the University of California, Irvine's preferred channel for private gifts, offers a variety of ways to contribute to the School of Social Ecology.

Gifts can be in the form of cash, securities, real estate or any kind of personal property of marketable value. Or it can be a planned gift – such as a trust annuity or bequest – that is arranged during your lifetime with the benefits to the school deferred to a future date.

Your gift may be an unrestricted donation to the Dean's Discretionary Fund, a fund to enhance the quality of education and research at the school. You may also choose a named endowment opportunity that honors the memory of a loved one or begins a tradition of philanthropy in your own name. Of course, all gifts are tax-deductible.

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Special Events

Social Ecology Career Night

The School of Social Ecology hosted a Career Night on February 7, 2006. Thirty professionals from various fields gave presentations, held discussion panels, and talked with graduating Social Ecology students. A reception followed the program. We wish to thank all the participants who gave so generously of their time. Their service to the school is greatly appreciated.

We encourage all alumni to play an active role in assisting our students as they pursue opportunities in a very competitive job market. If you would like more information on how you can participate in future programs, please contact Ashley Vikander, at (949) 824-6862 or abvikand@uci.edu.

Homecoming 2006

On February 11, Homecoming 2006 was held on the UCI campus. The event included a barbeque, games, live music, live student performances, and the UCI men & women's basketball games at the Bren Events Center. The event was well attended by alumni and current students in Social Ecology and from across campus. If you missed the event this year, please consider joining us next year. It is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with your classmates and have some fun!

UCI FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

October 6, 2005

"An Evening in Napa," sponsored by the UCI Foundation Board, showcased the School of Social Ecology on October 6. Coordinated through External Relations under director of development, Deborah Sarkas, the program featured many of the School's educational, research, and outreach interests and projects.

Chancellor Michael Drake introduced Dean C. Ronald Huff. Dean Huff gave an overview of the School of Social Ecology and introduced our first presenter, Professor Richard Matthew, who gave a presentation on the Center for Unconventional Security Affairs (CUSA). He talked about the human security issues in impoverished areas of the world with powerful slides of environmental devastation. Professor Elizabeth Loftus followed with a lighthearted version of her "Mind Diet," revealing how memories can be changed by things we are told, including how one's food choices can be altered by "implanting" false memories.

After a question-and-answer period, guests were escorted to an outdoor courtyard where the Butler Street Blues Band (Social Ecology's own) played blues music, and where department display tables were set-up to introduce guests to the School of Social Ecology. Faculty, students, and staff from the School's four departments were on hand to educate the guests.

It was a clear and warm fall evening, with wine tasting and wonderful food. Many of the guests stayed well into the evening, socializing with the School's faculty, students, and staff.



2005 HUMAN SECURITY SUMMIT

November 4, 2005

The Center for Unconventional Security Affairs (CUSA) presented this year's Human Security Award to Zainab Salbi. Last year's recipient, Heather Mills McCartney, was the presenter at this sold out event at the Beckman Center. Zainab spoke with great passion about the plight of women in Iraq under the Taliban. She signed copies of her book, *Between Two Worlds*, after the talk. Zainab's father was the pilot for Saddam Hussein. At 23, she formed a non-profit group, Women for Women International, to help support women in war torn countries, "to give them a voice."



Pictured above: Zainab Salbi, Assoc. Professor Richard A. Matthew and Heather Mills McCartney

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 22

CELEBRATE UCI

You are all invited to "Celebrate UCI" scheduled for Saturday, April 22, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. This is UCI's 28th annual open house, one of the campus's oldest and most festive traditions. This spring event features games and rides for children; an Earth Day celebration; academic information; a classic car show; campus tram tours; the Wayzgoose Medieval Faire with food booths, demonstrations, rides, games; and much more. We hope you will all come! It's an excellent opportunity to bring family and friends to campus. You will be surprised at all the growth the campus has undergone since you graduated. Join your fellow alumni, faculty, students, and staff as we Celebrate UCI! Events and parking are FREE. For more information, call UCI at (949) 824-5182 or visit www.uci.edu/celebrate.

April 27

LAUDS & LAURELS

Nineteen members of the University of California, Irvine community will be honored at the 36th annual Lauds & Laurels Award ceremony April 27, at The Westin South Coast Plaza. The UCI Alumni Association awards program, initiated in 1971, recognizes alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends who have brought recognition to the university through their achievements, studies or profession. Recipient of this year's Distinguished Alumni Award from the School of Social Ecology is David Marrero '74, Ph.D. '81. Bryan McDonald, a Ph.D. candidate in the School of Social Ecology, will receive UCI's Outstanding Graduate Student award. Please join us to celebrate the accomplishments of our honorees.

Steve Capps,
Dr. Elizabeth
Loftus and
Jorge Ancona



May 11 & 12

CONFERENCE ON INEQUALITY

On May 11 and 12, "Inequality: Southern California's Fault Line" Conference will be held at the Beckman Center, co-sponsored by the School of Social Ecology. Professor William Julius Wilson, of Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, will be



Professor William
Julius Wilson

one of the top scholars featured as a speaker at this conference. He is a foremost authority on the urban underclass and public policy. His talk is part of the Chancellor's Distinguished Fellows Series, and will be featured on May 11 at 7 p.m. in the Beckman Center Auditorium. This conference will bring together other top scholars and community leaders to examine inequality in Southern California. Interested parties can RSVP to the Community Outreach Partnership Center (COPC) at 824-4883, or email COPC@uci.edu to make reservations or receive more information concerning the conference.

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