



### Hold The Date

## Join the UCLA Geography Department and the Friends of Geography 2022-23 WELCOME RECEPTION

Experience the UCLA Mathias Botanical Garden and New La Kretz Garden Pavilion and

### SPECIAL EVENT

Celebrating the Newly Established

## ANTONY ORME UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AWARD

**Saturday, November 5, 2022, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

at the Mildred E. Mathias Botanical Garden, La Kretz Garden Pavilion and Herbert Plaza

Invitations to follow

### Antony Orme Undergraduate Research Experience Award Dr. Richard A. Marston, FoG Board President

As you may already know, Antony R. "Tony" Orme, professor emeritus of geography, passed away on May 30, 2020. He had served nearly 50 years at UCLA, including his time as Dean of Social Sciences and Department of Geography Chair. Tony will be greatly missed but leaves a rich and enduring legacy of achievement. He is survived by his wife Amalie, a Professor of Geography at CSU Northridge, his daughter Devon, Assistant Professor of Earth Sciences at Montana State University, and his sons Mark and Kevin.



One of Tony's greatest contributions was as an inspiring teacher and mentor of graduate students. Over his career at UCLA, he supervised over twenty doctoral dissertations. Undergraduate and graduate students who took his courses decades ago still recall their time with him fondly, particularly if they were fortunate enough to take a field course. His geological and geomorphological knowledge was encyclopedic and his enthusiasm infectious.

The Orme family has made a generous gift to establish the Antony Orme Undergraduate Research Experience Award at UCLA to support research by Geography undergraduate students across the breadth of the discipline. With donations by alumni, faculty and friends, in collaboration with the UCLA Friends of Geography, we reached our goal of the \$100,000 endowment minimum, so that the Orme Award will be able to support geography undergraduate students in perpetuity.



Additional donations can be made through the UCLA Geography website: [geog.ucla.edu](https://geog.ucla.edu) Click on the "Give Now" button in the upper right corner of the home page, then select "Antony Orme Undergraduate Research Experience Award" as the fund from the list to which you would like to donate.

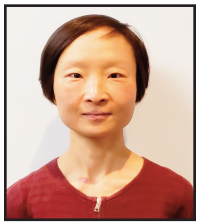
# Welcome New FoG Board Members

## DAVID KAITZ



David is a Senior Project Manager with Davis Demographics in Riverside, California. He is a founding member and partner with Davis Demographics and have been with the company for almost 30 years. As a Senior Project Manager, his specialty is helping public school districts with their demographic needs and assist in establishing customized GIS databases. David received his BA in Geography from UCLA in December 1989. David has been a champion of the Career Day offerings at UCLA for the past 5 years.

## JING LIU



Jing Liu is a Geography Professor teaching a host of classes that include Physical Geography and GIS (Geographic Information Science) at Santa Monica College. Jing earned her bachelor's degree from Beijing Normal University, Beijing, China in 2007 and her master's degree in Beijing Normal University and the Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research, Chinese Academy of Science, Beijing, China in 2010. She then traveled across the Pacific Ocean to the United States and earned her PhD from the Department of Geography at the University of Wisconsin – Madison in 2017.

Her research interests include digital soil mapping, citizen science, and online web mapping, in addition to contributing to the "Rediscovering the Golden State" website.

We welcome Jing as an important link to the SMC students who transfer into the Geography Department.

## MAYA O'BRIAN



Maya is a Technical Consultant at Esri in Redlands, California. She's currently working as part of Esri's Professional Services division implementing Esri's full suite of web and mobile GIS products for customers on the west coast. Before starting full-time work, Maya interned at the City of San Luis Obispo Public Works GIS Department, NASA DEVELOP at JPL, and Esri. She graduated from UCLA in 2018 with a major in Geography and Environmental Studies with a minor in GIS&T. Maya has been integral to the success of the Bruins in Geography Career Forums held these past 2 years with the UCLA Geography Association.

# Bruins in Geography:

## Career (Zoom) Workshops

### WINTER 2022

Thank you to Steve Esselman, Planning Director of the City of Shafter; Jen Johnson, Urban Planning consultant; and Dr. Robert Wiener, California Coalition for Rural Housing who attended the Zoom workshop in February, representing the Urban Planning Field in the Public, Private and Non-profit sectors.

### SPRING 2022

The Bruins in Geography April offering was public sector careers, highlighted by presentations by former Geography Association President Sean Woodward, who was a GIS Data Management Intern with the Alaska Regional Office of the National Park Service. Nathan Heick, a Systems Analyst in Information Technology for the Los Angeles County Sanitation District was also part of the evening.

On May 24th, FoG and the Geography Association, with the help of the Geography Department staff, hosted an alumni event in the Palm Court of Bunche Hall. About 8 alumni joined the first "in person" event since 2018, with over 20 undergraduates in attendance. Pictured: Photo 1: Geography Association President Vivian Jade Yee with a fellow student; Photo 2: Alumni Mark Davidson, JPL/NASA with student.



# FoG Scholarship Winner

The Friends of Geography 2022 scholarship was awarded this spring to **América Aylin Sanchez Radilla**, an outstanding graduating senior as of June 2022. She graduated with a major in Geography and a minor in Labor Studies. Although she was awarded the FoG scholarship in her last quarter at UCLA, the scholarship enabled her to finish without incurring additional debt and helped her to cross the "finish line" of her undergraduate career with a bit of weight off her shoulders. (cont'd)