UC CLAA
México Summit
2023
Celebrating the 20 year anniversary of UC Alianza MX and 7 years of UC CLAA
This summit provides a unique opportunity to connect with Chicanx and Latinx alumni from all 10 UC campuses. Stay updated on the latest alumni and UC developments in areas such as binational entrepreneurship, climate change, health equity, and alumni engagement. And explore opportunities for new or expanded binational collaborations!
Bienvenidos y gracias por estar aquí con nosotros en la Universidad de California-Alianza en la ciudad de México. Welcome and thank you for joining us here at the University of California-Alianza in México City.

The University of California (UC) Chicanx Latinx Alumni Association in partnership with the UC Alianza México and the UC Office of the President, is hosting its 3rd UC Summit Meeting at Casa California. We are also celebrating our 7th anniversary as a UC alumni association representing all 10 UC campuses and approximately 250,000 Latinx alumni.

This week we will hear from many experts regarding US-México, binational initiatives in business & entrepreneurship, education, health equity, climate change and the environment, as well as alumni engagement & collaborations between the UC CLAA, UC Office of the President and UC Alianza de MX.

A special thank you to Senator Monique Limón, (SD 19), who will be our keynote speaker at the UC CLAA Welcome Reception in México City. Senator Limón is Co-Chair of the UC Legislative Roundtable and also serves as a member on the UC CLAA Advisory Board. She is an exemplary elected official, community leader, UC alumna, and has a long history in support of innovative initiatives in higher education. We would like to welcome the dignitaries and officials from California, Washington and México.

We would like to recognize Patricia Châu Nguyen, Director, UC Systemwide Alumni Engagement & Diversity Initiatives, for her support of the UC CLAA and this summit.

We look forward to all the presentations, speakers, dialogue, collaborations, and recommendations that will build and strengthen our UC Latinx alumni leadership and network.

Best,

Neptaly “Taty” Aguilera
UC CLAA CO-CHAIR

Lupé Gallegos-Díaz
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October 4-6, 2023,

Dear University of California, Chicanx Latinx Alumni Association Members & Guests:

Welcome to the University of California Chicanx Latinx Alumni Association (UC CLAA) Summit Meeting in México City, hosted in partnership with UC Alianza México and the UC Office of the President.

Since 2017, the UC CLAA has played an essential role at the University of California through its advocacy, alumni, and community engagement. Campus CLAA chapters are instrumental in providing services like mentorship, scholarship, and life-skills workshops for current students, while initiatives like the UC Chicano/Latino Advisory Council promote the creation of a UC that reflects the diversity of California.

Over the course of these three days, you will have an opportunity to hear from an exciting array of experts on topics like climate change, Latina entrepreneurs, and binational health initiatives, to name a few. You will also hear from state leaders like Senator Monique Limón, a UC alumna who has served her community as an educator, leader, and advocate in higher education for Latinx representation.

Finally, I want to congratulate the UC CLAA on being recognized by UC President Michael Drake as the first alumni constituency association of color in the University of California’s 150+ years of history! This is a major accomplishment in higher education as Latinx students represent nearly a quarter of all UC enrollment. In addition, UC Irvine, Merced, Riverside, Santa Barbara, and Santa Cruz are designated as Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI).

I look forward to working with the UC CLAA to improve Latinx representation at every level throughout the UC system and wish you a successful UC CLAA Summit Meeting in México City!

Sincerely,

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Ambassador Eleni Kounalakis (RET.)
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA
SUMMIT AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, OCT 4

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM | LAS PALMAS GARDEN
Bienvenidos/Welcome Reception
Welcome remarks, with light refreshments served.
KEYNOTE:
Senator Monique Limón

THURSDAY, OCT 5

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM | LAS PALMAS GARDEN
Registration & Breakfast
Event registration and a light breakfast.

9:30 AM - 9:40 AM | LAS PALMAS GARDEN
Welcome/Bienvenida
Welcome by the UC Chicanx Latinx Alumni Association
Co-Chairs
Neptaly “Taty” Aguilera
Lupé Gallegos-Díaz

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM | LAS PALMAS GARDEN
Panel #1: Climate Change and Environmental Impact
MODERATOR:
Federico Castillo, Ph.D., UC BERKELEY, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES
GUEST PANELISTS:
Charlotte Smith, UCB PUBLIC HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES
Luis Carvajal-Carmona, UC DAVIS ASSOCIATE, VICE CHANCELLOR FOR THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC DIVERSITY
Itza Castañeda, SOCIAL EQUITY DIRECTOR AT THE WORLD RESOURCE INSTITUTE MÉXICO

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | LAS PALMAS GARDEN
Panel #2: Latinas in Business
MODERATOR:
Leticia Corona, INVESTOR AND CO-FOUNDER OF TIERRA FIRME (UCB)
GUEST PANELISTS:
Jimena Suárez (UCB ALUM), FOUNDER OF SENTIENT, A VEGAN FASHION HOUSE IN MÉXICO CITY
Dr. Elida Bautista (UCSF ALUM), CHIEF DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION OFFICER AT BERKELEY HAAS
Karina Gonzalez (UC ALUM), GLOBAL ALLIANCE MANAGER, REALITY LABS AT META

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM | LAS PALMAS GARDEN
Lunch
KEYNOTE:
Jorge Silva, ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS UCOP

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM | GENERAL CONFERENCE ROOM
Roundtable #1: Learning More About UC Alianza México
MODERATOR:
UC Alianza MX
GUEST PANELISTS:
Anaïd Linares Rojas, RESEARCH ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR
Véronica Barroso, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS FOR CASA DE CALIFORNIA
Julianna Hernandez, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS
Andrea Galván Vélez, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF ACADEMIC EXCHANGE AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM | GRAY ROOM
Roundtable #2: Binational Med Journey:
Inspiring Latino International Medical Graduates
MODERATOR:
Mark Diaz, M.D., UC SAN FRANCISCO, CHAIR, NATIONAL HISPANIC HEALTH FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
GUEST PANELISTS:
Armando De Alba, M.D., MPH ASSISTANT DEAN FOR DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION (DEI) STUDENT PROGRAMS, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
Julieta Argüelles, M.D., UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, MD ANDERSON CANCER CENTER
Yvonne Rodriguez, NATIONAL CENTER FOR HISPANIC HEALTH RESEARCH

10:45 AM - 11:00 AM | SCULPTURE GARDEN
Break
Jeffrey Reynoso, DIRECTOR, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS), REGION 9
Dr. Ching-Hua Wang, PRESIDENT, SAMUEL MERRITT UNIVERSITY
Dr. Miguel Angel Fernandez Ortega, UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL AUTONOMA DE MÉXICO (UNAM)

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM | LAS PALMAS GARDEN
Roundtable #3: Educational Initiatives
MODERATORS:
Patricia Osario-O’Dea, UC OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, DIRECTOR OF ACADEMIC PROGRAM COORDINATION
Claudia Martínez, UC OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATOR PROGRAMS
GUEST PANELISTS:
Stephanie Reyes-Tuccio, ASSISTANT VICE CHANELLOR FOR EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS, UC IRVINE
Ariana Aparicio Aguilar, DACA PH.D. STUDENT, UC RIVERSIDE
Mark Lawson, Ph.D., DIRECTOR, PRESIDENT’S POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM (PPFP)

3:00 PM
UNAM Tour

FRIDAY, OCT 6

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM | SCULPTURE GARDEN
Registration and light breakfast

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM | LAS PALMAS GARDEN
Panel #3: Binational Health Initiatives
MODERATOR:
Mark Díaz, M.D., UC SAN FRANCISCO
GUEST PANELISTS:
Dr. Miguel Angel Fernandez Ortega, UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL AUTONOMA DE MÉXICO (UNAM)
Dr. Yvette Flores-Ortiz, DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR AT UC DAVIS CHICANA AND CHICANO STUDIES
Dr. Álvaro Garza, PROFESSOR UCSF (RETIRED) (UCSD AND UCSF)

10:45 AM - 11:00 AM | SCULPTURE GARDEN
Break

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM | LAS PALMAS GARDEN
Closing: The Future of UC CLAA, UC Office of the President, and UC Alianza de MX Alumni
MODERATOR:
Pablo G. Reguerín, Ph.D., VICE CHANCELLOR FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS, UC DAVIS
GUEST PANELISTS:
Patricia Nguyên, DIRECTOR OF SYSTEMWIDE ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT & DIVERSITY INITIATIVES, UCOP
Roberta Camarena, UC SAN DIEGO CLAA
Alejandro Cortez, UC RIVERSIDE CLAA
Cristina Kessel, DIRECTOR FOR SUSTAINABILITY AND SEMPRA INFRASTRUCTURE FOUNDATION, MEXICAN NETWORK OF UC ALUMNI

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM | LAS PALMAS GARDEN
Lunch
KEYNOTE:
Alfonso R. Salazar, ALUMNI REGENT-DESIGNATE

2:00 PM - 2:15 PM
Closing Remarks
Neptaly “Taty” Aguilera, UC CLAA CO-CHAIR
Lupé Gallegos-Díaz, UC CLAA CO-CHAIR

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM
Greet & Meet: Café y Charla con Patty Juarez
Patty Juarez, HEAD OF HISPANIC/LATINO AFFAIRS AT WELLS FARGO

For more detailed information on the agenda and speaker biographies, please scan this QR code.
KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Senator Monique Limón was elected to the state Senate in November 2020 and represents the 19th Senate district that includes all of Santa Barbara County and over 60 percent of Ventura County.

Born and raised in the 19th district, Sen. Limón has worked continuously to serve her community as an educator, leader, and an advocate for causes advancing the quality of life in her community.

Before the state Senate, Sen. Limón served as the Assemblymember for the region. Serving four years in the state Assembly, Sen. Limón chaired the Banking and Finance Committee and was the Vice-Chair of the Legislative Women's Caucus.

For Sen. Limón, education has always been a priority. A UC Berkeley graduate with a master's degree from Columbia University, Sen. Limón served six years on the Santa Barbara Unified School Board and as Assistant Director for the McNair Scholars Program at the University of California, Santa Barbara, prior to serving in the California State Legislature.

Sen. Limón, her husband and their child live in unincorporated Santa Barbara.

Alfonso R. Salazar is the senior director for KPMG LLP in the State & Local Government Practice and manages KPMG’s public sector clients in the Los Angeles region. Mr. Salazar is a government and technology expert with over 25 years of experience in the public sector as a professional services provider and former public sector executive.

Mr. Salazar is the immediate past president of the Board of Directors for the California Alumni Association at UC Berkeley and served as an ex-officio member of the UC Berkeley Foundation Board of Trustees.

Mr. Salazar served as the Acting Undersecretary for the California Trade and Commerce Agency and advised the office of Gov. Gray Davis on trade policies, economic development and technology.

Mr. Salazar double majored in political science and ethnic studies at UC Berkeley. He also holds a master's degree in public policy from the University of Michigan. He is currently the Secretary of the Alumni Associations of the University of California (AAUC) and will serve as an Alumni Regent-designate for one year commencing July 1, 2023, and an Alumni Regent for one year commencing July 1, 2024.

Jorge Silva is the Associate Vice President for Communications at the University of California Office of the President. Mr. Silva is a communications executive with more than 15 years of experience in the federal government, nonprofit sector, and national politics.

Prior to joining the University of California, Mr. Silva served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs at the U.S. Department for Health and Human Services, where he oversaw communications portfolios for human services and COVID-19 response. Previously, Mr. Silva served in the U.S. Senate as Deputy Chief of Staff and Communications Advisor to Senator Jacky Rosen and Senior Advisor to Democratic Leader Senator Harry Reid. Mr. Silva also served as Vice President of Communications for the Latino Victory Project and National Director for Hispanic Media for Hillary Clinton’s 2016 Presidential Campaign.

Originally from México, Mr. Silva earned a law degree from the Western Institute of Technology and Advanced Studies (ITESO) in Guadalajara, México, and a master's degree in International Policy Studies from the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey, California.

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