

16TH ANNUAL

Lavender Graduation

Celebrating the Lives and Achievements of UCLA's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Community

Saturday, June 15th, 2013



UCLA Anderson School of Management Korn Convocation Hall

I PM - 3 PM





Congratulations UCLA LGBT graduates of 2013 on your efforts and outstanding achievements.

We wish you the best of luck in your future ventures!

Dr. Antronette (Toni) Yancey



Antronette (Toni) Yancey, MD, MPH, was a professor at the Fielding School of Public Health and an extraordinary life force. A true renaissance woman, Toni was a physician and a public health researcher and activist; she was also a poet and author, a former model and, at 6'2", a Division 1 basketball player during her undergraduate years at Northwestern.

Toni was passionate about improving

the health of vulnerable populations. She created "Instant Recess", a program dedicated to "making America healthier 10 minutes at a time." Her idea to incorporate brief bouts of physical activity into daily routine earned her numerous awards, including the Pioneering Innovation Award from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. She was one of a handful of national thought leaders asked to serve on the board of directors of the Partnership for a Healthier America, the non-profit that guided First Lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move campaign.

Toni co-founded the Fielding School's UCLA Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Equity. She was tireless in ensuring that research findings would be translated to community programs. She made change happen in countless ways, from advocating for policy change to cajoling employers to allow their staff to engage in Instant Recess on paid time. She served as a role model to countless minority students.

Toni's book of poetry and art, An Old Soul with a Young Spirit: Poetry in the Era of Desegregation Recovery, was published in 1997 and sold out of its first printing. Her spoken word music CD was released in 2001.

She and her long-time partner, Darlene, raised a family and were highly involved in the community. Dr. Yancey passed away earlier this year after a strong fight against cancer. We dedicate today's event as a celebration of Toni's life, accomplishments and life-long message of authenticity and visibility.

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Welcome

Welcome to the 16th Annual Lavender Graduation at UCLA!

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." —Nelson Mandela

You all are living proof that education is a powerful tool to create change. Just by being here today, you are creating change and leaving your mark on this community! Over the last 16 years of this ceremony and 18 years of the LGBT Campus Resource Center's existence, we have honored many leaders who have come before us and paved the path for the work we do. And I am excited you are here to continue this legacy.

At UCLA, we are home to the brightest young people in the world. During your time here, you have explored identities, taken leadership positions, and learned what it means to be part of a diverse LGBTQQIA community. This is just the beginning of your incredible journey! Sitting amongst us today are graduates who will go on to become teachers, scientists, law makers and entrepreneurs. In short, you will become catalysts for change in your respective fields and communities, armed with an education and supported by those who have come before you and those that will follow in your footsteps.

Though the Lavender Graduation only occurs once a year, remember that every day is a cause for celebration. We are a strong community with so much potential. We continue to grow, become more visible, and integrate our many complex and beautiful intersections into the cultural fabric of UCLA.

Thank you for the work you have done to enhance our campus and the work you will continue to do to transform our communities in the future. Be fierce, be beautiful, be yourself.

With Bruin PRIDE,

Raja G. Bhattar, Director

LGBT Campus Resource Center

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Torie Osborn



Torie Osborn is currently serving as Los Angeles Deputy Mayor for Neighborhood Community and Services, overseeing civic engagement, anti-poverty, neighborhood council, immigration integration, constituent services, faith-based and relations and field operations for Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa. She is a veteran nonprofit executive who has worked for 45 years on civil rights, women's rights, HIV, poverty and healthcare issues. In the late 1980s/

early 1990s, at the height of the AIDS epidemic, she stepped forward as a national leader in the LGBT movement.

Torie is a lifelong social activist who has served as CEO for four nonprofit social-change organizations, including the LA Gay and Lesbian Center, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, and the Liberty Hill Foundation, where she served for eight years. Named "LA's best all-round coalition-builder" by the LA Weekly, she served in Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa's cabinet from 2006-2008, advising him on poverty and homelessness policy, and initiating the Office of Strategic Partnerships, an innovative department linking philanthropy to the City. From 2010-2012, she was Senior Strategist with South LA-based California Calls, an pioneering statewide voter engagement project building a constituency in low-income communities of color for tax and fiscal reform. Torie ran a strong campaign for California Assembly in 2012 that drew national attention and broke records for donor and grassroots engagement, losing in the June 2012 primary by less than 1% of the vote.

Torie has a BA from Middlebury College, and an MBA in Finance/Marketing from UCLA's Anderson School of Management.

16th Annual Lavender Graduation Program

Procession of Students, Faculty, Staff & Invited Guests

WELCOME

Raja G. Bhattar

Director, LGBT Campus Resource Center

GREETINGS

Dr. Janina Montero

Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Torie Osborn

Deputy Mayor of Neighborhood and Community Services,

City of Los Angeles

Recipient of the 2013 Lavender Leader Award

2012 - 2013 HIGHLIGHTS

by Dafne Luna and Jesus "Aces" Lira, Queer Alliance

STUDENTS' CHOICE OUTSTANDING FACULTY AWARD

presented to Alma Lopez

by Dafne Luna and Jesus "Aces" Lira

RAE LEE SIPORIN OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AWARD

presented to Jewel Pereyra

by Dr. Rich Rose

AL AUBIN SERVICE TO THE UCLA LGBT COMMUNITY AWARD

presented to Shannon Flint

by Dr. John Taborn

CURTIS SHEPARD UCLA LGBT LEADERSHIP AWARD

presented to Yiu Ho Au

by Al Aubin

CHARLES E. HARLESS GRADUATE STUDENT LEADER AWARD

presented to Liam Mina

by Dr. Saeromi Kim

MINTON-SPIDELL EMERGING LEADER AWARD presented to Rashmi Raviprasad

by Rick Nelson

DAN CALDER EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMICS AWARD presented to Lee Jasperse by Emily Roh

EZEKIEL "ZEKE" WEBBER LEADERSHIP IN ACTIVISM & EDUCATION AWARD presented to Katie Schowengerdt by R. Brad Sears

BRIDGE BUILDER AWARD

presented to R. Brad Sears

by Catharine McGraw

LGBT STUDIES MINOR CERTIFICATES

presented by R. Brad Sears and Catharine McGraw

UCLA LAMBDA ALUMNI NETWORK AWARD

presented by Dr. Allen Menton, Chair, Lambda Alumni Network

EDWARD SCOTT MORRISON SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS presented by Dr. Amanda di Bartolomeo

STUDENT SPEAKER

Sancha "Vara" Baucom

DEDICATION FOR ANTRONETTE "TONI" YANCEY presented to Darlene Edgley

by Raja G. Bhattar

PRESENTATION OF LAVENDER GRADUATES, CLASS OF 2013 presented by Dr. Amanda di Bartolomeo and Dr. Saeromi Kim

CLOSING REMARKS

Raja G. Bhattar

RECESSIONAL

REFRESHMENTS IN THE ATRIUM

Presenting the Class of 2013

DOCTORAL DEGREES

Kyle Bukowski*

DOCTOR OF MEDICINE

David Kane*

JURIS DOCTOR

MASTERS DEGREES

Brennan Gerard

MASTER OF FINE ARTS

Connor Johnson

MASTER OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE,
SPECIALIZATION IN ARCHIVAL STUDIES

Eden Silva Jequinto

MASTER OF URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING,
SPECIALIZATION IN COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

David W. Lee

MASTER OF MUSIC,
SPECIALIZATION IN CONDUCTING

Liam Mina

MASTER OF SOCIAL WELFARE

Hared Ochoa*

MASTER OF SCIENCE, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Ami Patel

MASTER OF ARTS, ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES

Austin Chin Sos

MASTER OF URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING,
SPECIALIZATION IN TRANSPORTATION POLICY AND PLANNING

Monica Tahergorabi

MASTER OF ARTS, CINEMA & TELEVISION

Masami Yamagata

MASTER OF EDUCATION,
SPECIALIZATION IN STUDENT AFFAIRS

BACHELORS DEGREES

Matt Abularach

BACHELOR OF ARTS, POLITICAL SCIENCE AND CHICANA/O STUDIES

Adriana Jeanette Alvarez

BACHELOR OF ARTS, CHICANA/O STUDIES
MINOR IN LGBT STUDIES

Kathleen Bartosh

BACHELOR OF ARTS, HISTORY
MINOR IN NEAR EASTERN LANGUAGES & CULTURES

Sancha "Vara" Baucom

BACHELOR OF ARTS, GENDER STUDIES

Marci Brooks

BACHELOR OF ARTS, AFRO-AMERICAN STUDIES SPECIALIZATION IN ENGLISH, PRE-CIVIL RIGHTS

Charmaine Czermak

BACHELOR OF ARTS, WORLD ARTS AND CULTURES

Jesus Duran

BACHELOR OF ARTS, ANTHROPOLOGY

Shannon Flint

BACHELOR OF ARTS, ENGLISH
MINOR IN LGBT STUDIES

Benjamin Formaker-Olivas

BACHELOR OF ARTS, ANTHROPOLOGY

Katelyn Foster

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, NURSING

Andrew Gibson

BACHELOR OF ARTS, ENGLISH
MINOR IN LGBT STUDIES

Kyle Galen Granali

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, INTEGRATIVE BIOLOGY AND PHYSIOLOGY

Anees Hasnain

BACHELOR OF ARTS, SOCIOLOGY
MINOR IN POLY-SCIENCE

Michael Hawkins

BACHELOR OF ARTS, AFRO-AMERICAN STUDIES

Lee Jasperse

BACHELOR OF ARTS, ENGLISH AND PSYCHOLOGY

Joseph Juarez

BACHELOR OF ARTS, SOCIOLOGY

Emily Irene Kunstler

BACHELOR OF ARTS, GENDER STUDIES
MINOR IN LGBT STUDIES

Jesse Landeros

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, BIOLOGY

April Lee

BACHELOR OF ARTS, DESIGN MEDIA ARTS

Sangmi Lee

BACHELOR OF ARTS, ECONOMICS
MINOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Ana Leticia Ma Huang

BACHELOR OF ARTS, GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Meghan Moriah Maloney

BACHELOR OF ARTS, HISTORY AND AMERICAN LITERATURE
MINOR IN LGBT STUDIES

Taylor Mason

BACHELOR OF ARTS, INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES
MINOR IN AFRO-AMERICAN STUDIES

Amalia F. Mesa-Gustin*

BACHELOR OF ARTS, THEATER

Cyrus Miller

BACHELOR OF ARTS, GENDER STUDIES

Jason Monares

BACHELOR OF ARTS, POLITICAL SCIENCE
SPECIALIZATION IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Theodore Pham Nguyen

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, BIOCHEMISTRY

Jisu Oh

BACHELOR OF ARTS, PHILOSOPHY
SPECIALIZATION IN LOGIC AND ETHICS

Robert Nicholas Olivar Jr.

BACHELOR OF ARTS, ENGLISH

Manuel Orozco

BACHELOR OF ARTS, ANTHROPOLOGY

Jason Patel

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, BIOLOGY

Jewel Pereyra

BACHELOR OF ARTS, GENDER STUDIES & AMERICAN LITERATURE AND CULTURE

Amilcar Perez

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE,
MICROBIOLOGY, IMMUNOLOGY, AND MOLECULAR GENETICS

Peerawat Prasatcharoen

BACHELOR OF ARTS, SOCIOLOGY

Marie La'Salle Price

BACHELOR OF ARTS, PSYCHOLOGY
MINOR IN LGBT STUDIES

Liliana Ramos

BACHELOR OF ARTS, HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY

Stephanie K. Ricaldi

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, BIOLOGY
MINOR IN LGBT STUDIES

Julian Rojas

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, MATHEMATICS

Austin Theodore Rose

BACHELOR OF ARTS, GEOGRAPHY AND SOCIOLOGY
MINOR IN GENDER STUDIES

Luz Sanchez

BACHELOR OF ARTS, ANTHROPOLOGY
MINOR IN EDUCATION

Jon Schneider

BACHELOR OF ARTS, HISTORY

Katie Schowengerdt*

BACHELOR OF ARTS, AMERICAN LITERATURE AND CULTURE
MINOR IN EDUCATION STUDIES

Jason Darnell Smith

BACHELOR OF ARTS, WORLD ARTS AND CULTURES

Clara Tsao

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, BIOLOGY BACHELOR OF ARTS, SOCIOLOGY

Stephanie Zendejas

BACHELOR OF ARTS, CHICANA/O STUDIES

Congratulations!

*in absentia

Student Organizations

UNDERGRADUATE

Queer Alliance

BlaQue

Fluid

La Familia

Mishpacha

Pan-Asian Queers (PAQ)

Project 1

QueerXGirl

Cornerstone

Delta Lambda Phi Fraternity

Gamma Rho Lambda Sorority

OutWrite Newsmagazine (formerly Ten Percent)

TransUP

GRADUATE

UCLA Lambda Graduate Student Network (LGSN)

Out@Anderson, Anderson School of Management

OUTLaw, School of Law

MedGLO, David Geffen School of Medicine

Library & Archive OUTreach,

Graduate School of Education & Information Studies

Social Welfare LGBTQA Caucus, Luskin School of Public Affairs

Queers for Public Health,

Jonathan & Karin Fielding School of Public Affairs

For more information on how to get involved, visit the LGBT Campus Resource Center in the Student Activities Center, B36, or visit our website at www.lgbt.ucla.edu

Thank You!

The LGBTQ Student Leadership Council and the UCLA LGBT Campus Resource Center would like to extend a special thank you to all who made this celebration possible:

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Vice Chancellor Janina Montero

Maria Blandizzi,
Office of the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs

Deb Geller, Dean of Students Office

David Miller and the Office of the Vice Provost for Diversity and Faculty Outreach

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2013 Ally Week Committee

Arthur Ashe Student Health and Wellness Center

Counseling and Psychological Services

Gender Studies

UCLA Lambda Alumni Network

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April Lee

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...and a special thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers!

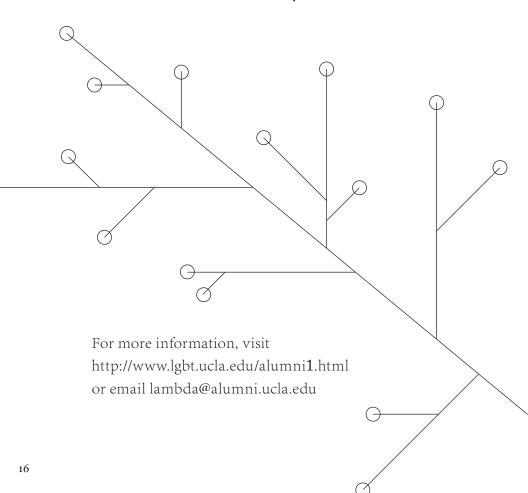


CLASS OF 2013

Join the

UCLA LAMBDA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

one of the oldest LGBT alumni networks in the country!





congratulates

Alma Lopez

on receiving the

LGBT Student's Choice Outstanding Faculty Award

and proudly supports
the LGBT class of 2013!

Around for the summer sessions? Join us for



Sundaes on Tuesdays

Every Tuesday, 11 am to 1 pm LGBT Campus Resource Center

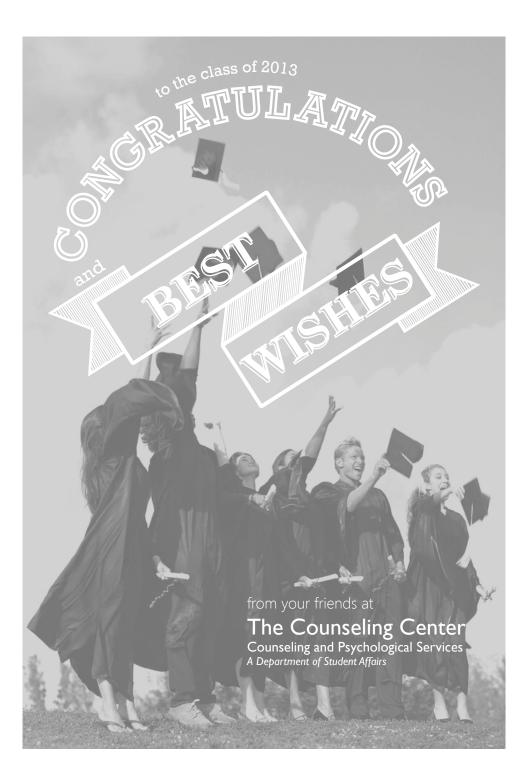




Congratulations, Class of 2013!

UCLA Urology

Unwavering in our dedication to equality, communication and respect.





On behalf of all of our staff at The Arthur Ashe Student Health and Wellness Center, congratulations to all of the LGBTQIA graduating scholars on this tremendous accomplishment. We wish you good health and success in your future endeavors, with the support of UCLA always behind you!

"Success is a journey, not a destination. The doing is often more important than the outcome."

—Arthur Ashe



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16TH ANNUAL LAVENDER GRADUATION

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2013 GRADUATES

MINTON-SPIDELL

proudly commends

RASHMI RAVIPRASAD

for her display of exceptional leadership.

We congratulate all

UCLA LGBTQ students and
graduates of 2013

for what you have already accomplished,
and thank you for your contributions
to our community in the future.

With great pride and admiration, we wish you all the best.

Go, Bruins!

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2013

MICHAEL FLEMING

AND THE ENTIRE TEAM AT THE

DAVID BOHNETT FOUNDATION

ARE PROUD TO SUPPORT

THE UCLA LGBT CENTER'S

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