As a land grant institution, UCLA acknowledges the Gabrielino/Tongva peoples as the traditional land caretakers of Tovaangar (Los Angeles basin, Southern Channel Islands).
ABOUT THE UCLA LUSKIN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Founded in 1994 and dedicated in 2011, the UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs is a leading institution for research and scholarship in the areas of public affairs, public policy, social welfare and urban planning. Based in the global metropolis of Los Angeles, UCLA Luskin develops creative solutions and innovative leaders that confront challenges in immigration, drug policy, prison reform, transportation, the environment, and other areas vital to the continued health and well-being of our global society.
Congratulations, UCLA Class of 2021! It is my honor to join your family, friends, and the entire University of California community in celebrating you and your wonderful accomplishment. Amid historically challenging circumstances across the globe, you have worked hard, persisted and persevered, in pursuit of your UC education.

I hope you will always take great pride in what you have achieved at the University of California, and in being a part of the UC family for life. This great university will always be a part of you, and UC will always be indelibly better for your time here as students.

UCLA alumnus and American hero Jackie Robinson once put it this way: “A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives.” You leave UCLA with the knowledge, skills, and confidence you need to go out into the world and create your future – and to change our planet for the greater good of all.

Your graduation is a milestone reflecting your resilience, your strength, and limitless hope for the future. The world faces unprecedented challenges. You are the leaders who will help heal what is wounded and right what is wrong. As you embark on this journey, know that you are ready. We are behind you, cheering you on, and wishing for ease, joy, and fulfillment in the path ahead of you.

Go forth, Bruins, and make the world a better, brighter place. Fiat lux – let there be light!

Michael V. Drake, M.D.
President, University of California
Congratulations, Class of 2021!

Graduation is the culmination of many years of determination, diligence and hard work. I hope you are proud of all that you have accomplished, and that your time at UCLA has broadened your horizons, deepened your relationships, strengthened your skills and helped you grow as people.

I also encourage you to take time to honor those who helped you on your journey and have been rooting for you from the start — your family, friends, mentors and peers.

You are entering an era that needs your creativity, brilliance and passion. This pandemic has taught us important lessons about vulnerability and inequality, but also about service, empathy and community. As we recover from the pandemic, you are well-equipped to contribute to the creation of a more prepared, more resilient and more just society.

At UCLA we affirm values of compassion and inclusion, careful research and thoughtful analysis, innovation and collaboration. Those are the very virtues that will serve you as you make your way through this challenging moment and beyond.

This UCLA community you have been a part of, the community you helped create, and the broader alumni community you are now joining will be with you always. May they give you strength and inspiration.

Congratulations once again. We can’t wait to see where you’ll go from here.

Fiat lux,

Gene D. Block
UCLA Chancellor
To the UCLA Luskin Class of 2021:

It is my honor to join all of you today in congratulating the UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs graduating class of 2021. I am deeply moved by their brilliance, their dedication and the impact they will have for all of us.

Graduates, it has been our privilege to host you these last years — two for those with master’s degrees, and a bit more for those receiving their doctoral and undergraduate degrees. In your time at Luskin, we have done our best to share what we know about the social world and how we come to know it.

As you embark on your own careers, I am confident that the lessons learned here have prepared you — not just to be the next generation of policymakers, social services practitioners and urban planners, but to be a powerful force for positive action, to advocate for a society that works for all its members.

After today’s ceremony, you will move on to new careers and new horizons — some at other universities, some working in communities and government agencies near and far. As you travel through your life, please remain connected and engaged with the Luskin School and UCLA. Many of you have heard from UCLA Luskin alums during your experience here — as event speakers, peer advisors and mentors, at career fairs and departmental programs. As the newest UCLA Luskin alumni, you can help by sharing your own expertise and knowledge with future students. We are forever proud that you have earned the degrees we bestow upon you today — we hope you are proud to carry the message of the Luskin School and UCLA to the broader world.

The goal of the UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs is to prepare our students through research, education and public service to be change agents. On this day, I am proud to say that you are the evidence of our success.

Congratulations to the 2021 graduates! I wish you every happiness!

Gary M. Segura
Dean, UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs
Patrisse Cullors is an educator, artist and best-selling author who has been on the front lines of community organizing for 20 years. In 2013, the UCLA alumna created the #BlackLivesMatter hashtag on Twitter, which grew into an international movement for racial justice and reform. Time magazine named her one of the 100 most influential people in 2020.

As a teenager, Cullors became interested in activism and joined the Bus Riders Union, an advocacy group that fought for increased funding for bus systems in Los Angeles. She later started Dignity and Power Now, a coalition formed to shed light on brutality by sheriff’s deputies in county jails.

She has also led the JusticeLA and Reform L.A. Jails coalitions, helping them to win progressive ballot measures, fight against a $3.5 billion jail expansion plan in Los Angeles County, and implement the first Civilian Oversight Commission of the Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department.

Her activism has been informed by her studies of revolutionaries, critical theory and social movements around the world. She earned a bachelor’s degree in religion and philosophy from UCLA in 2012 and a master’s in fine arts from USC.

In 2013, Cullors co-founded the Black Lives Matter Global Network Foundation with Alicia Garza and Opal Tometi in response to an acquittal in the killing of unarmed Florida teenager Trayvon Martin by a neighborhood watch volunteer. Today, the organization supports Black-led movements in the United States, United Kingdom and Canada and has been nominated for the 2021 Nobel Peace Prize.


In 2020, Cullors co-produced the 12-part YouTube series “Resist,” which chronicles the fight against Los Angeles County’s jail expansion plan. She also signed a multi-year production deal with Warner Bros. and has said she intends to use the contract to continue to uplift Black stories, talent and creators.

Cullors serves as the faculty director of Arizona’s Prescott College, where she designed the curriculum for a new master’s of fine arts program focusing on the intersection of art, social justice and community organizing.
PROGRAM

Opening remarks
Governor Gavin Newsom and First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom
President Michael V. Drake
Chancellor Gene D. Block
Dean Gary M. Segura

Student Awards and Student Speakers
Undergraduate Department
Student Address
Meredith Phillips, Chair
Long Hoang

Public Policy Department
Student Address
Martin Gilens, Chair
George Evers
To Be Announced

Social Welfare Department
Student Address
Laura Abrams, Chair
Nana Akua Asabea Sarkodee-Adoo
To Be Announced

Urban Planning Department
Student Address
Chris Tilly, Chair
Edgar B. Mejia
To Be Announced
Keynote Address
Patrisse Cullors, educator, artist, author and co-founder of the Black Lives Matter Global Network Foundation

Message from the Department Chair

Presentation of Doctoral Candidates
Faculty Advisors from Social Welfare Department
Faculty Advisors from Urban Planning Department

Presentation of Master’s Candidates and Conferring of Degrees
Presentation of Candidates for the Master of Public Policy
Martin Gilens, Chair
Conferral of the Master of Public Policy
Gary Segura, Dean

Presentation of Candidates for the Master of Social Welfare
Laura Abrams, Chair
Conferral of the Master of Social Welfare
Gary Segura, Dean

Presentation of Candidates for the Master of Urban and Regional Planning
Chris Tilly, Chair
Conferral of the Master of Urban and Regional Planning
Gary Segura, Dean

Presentation of Candidates for the Bachelor of Arts in Public Affairs
Meredith Phillips, Chair
Conferral of the Bachelor of Arts in Public Affairs
Gary Segura, Dean

Closing Remarks
Stephen Cheung, Alumnus and member of the Board of Advisors
2021 Master’s Candidates

Master of Public Policy

Candidates

Jacqueline Adams
Julie Aguilar
Sarah Andre
Rayan Bacaloni
Jessica Bendí
Rosie Browne
Hengyu Cai
Shannon Camacho
Kaylyn Canlione
Monique Cardona
Eduardo Castillo
Shunan Chen
Jeongseok Cho
Hanqing Chu
Sara Colic Omanovic
Siqiang Dai
Amanda de la Cerda
Cassandra Dewitt
Dmitry Diment
Ashley Etter
George Every
Daniel Flynn
Diana Garcia
Belinda Gaspar
Katrin Gendova
Sarah Goldmuntz
Kristen Goss
Zijing Guan
Jonathan Hagman
Joshua Hardman
Jasmine Henmcess
Punnapvin Herabat
Hiroaki Hirayama
Tamera Hutcherson
Shuichiro Ikeda

Robin Kaloustian
Riko Kato
Aeden Keffelew
Assel Kumeckbayeva
Samuel Lau
Jiaxin Li
Isabelle Liu
Yijia Liu
Kathreen Lopez
Azami Moriyasu
Mariela Nevarez
Norihisa Niïo
William Proctor
Savannah Ramirez
Eduardo Reyes
Aidan Rutten
Amy Sage
Ricardo Saraiva Ferreira
Joshua Segui
Karishma Shamdasani
Xiaotang (Yoko) She
Kathryn (Katie) Solomon
Chee Yeon Song
Courtney Taylor
Rachel Vogt
Aditya Voleti
Savannah Walker
Luoqi (Rocky) Wang
Siyuan Wang
Bret Weinberger
Haqija Wu
Weifan Wu
Jianzhao Zhang
Chuandruí Zhu

1 Concurrent degree candidate for Juris Doctor
2 Concurrent degree candidate for Master of Social Welfare
3 Concurrent degree candidate for Master of Public Health
4 Concurrent degree candidate for Master of Business Administration
5 Concurrent degree candidate for Doctor of Medicine
† Certificate in Global Public Affairs
Brett Elizabeth Anderson
Jessica Danielle Appell
Gregory Vondell Arnold
Eva Leona Batalla-Mann
Jessica Friedman Bendit
Carl Ann Rei P. Bolano
Joseph William Burton
Ronald Alexander Calderon
Kaylyn Canlione
Maira Becky Chavez
Cheyenne Lee Cole
Janaya Marie Cradle
Jade Alyssa Dalton
Lisa Chi Do
Gloria Duran
Ashely Carin-Marie Etter
Ash Farnan
Sarah M. Fiskin
Vilma Jeaneth Flores
Kimberly Fuentes
Alexia Renee George
Lana Glazkova
Araceli Gonzalez
Melissa Arlene Gonzalez
Ambar Jacqueline Green
Avely Grigsby
Caitlyn Dessaint Handy
Mayra Alexandra Hernandez
Alyssa Faith Heskin
Lauren Kiyoh Higa
Sarah Elizabeth Homsy
Jameelah Ashanti Howard
Rebeca Cecilia Islas
Lucia Juarez
Hanako Alexandra Justice
Alyssa Maria Keane
Matthew Robert Keels
Amanda King
Taylor Jennings Kreiss
Julia Rachel Kulewicz
Kelly Y. Lai
Gabriella Therese Lara
Aryeh Yitzhak Lazar
Jeanne Huynh Le
Jordan Robert Lee
Deanna Sharon Lin
Deanna Sharon Lin
Maggie Liu
Bernice Olimpia Lopez
Princess Asata Louden
Vanessa Macademia
Kacie Gem Magoski
Michelle Malkoukian
Enease Mansoorian
Alexis Stephanie May
Katharine Louise McCarty
Patrick Stapleton McCormick
Valery Mendoza-Martinez
Jennifer Mizuki
Catya Jeannette Molina
Madison Lee Murphy-Sinclair
Angela Lan-Anh Nguyen
Guanhua Nie
Elizabeth Joy Noziger
Tyler Block Ollanik
Darlene Stephanie Olmedo
Jesus Padilla Jardon
Syd Peterson
Nancy Alejandro Regis
Anna Maureen Riley
Robyn D. Roberts
Francisco Rodriguez
Sara Ann Rodriguez
Stephanie Ruiz
Rangeena Salim-Eissa
Mariesa Jene Samba
Nana Akua Asabea Sarkodee-Adoo
Fabiola Saucedo Macias
Jodi E. Scofield
Antonio G. Shallowhorn
Michael Thomas Sheley
Arthur Liu Sun
Anna Kim Tri
Alejandra Maria Vargas
Isabella Maria Viducich
Tiffany Kay-Yan Wang
Kate Woods
Sakile Wulbrecht
Iris Xing-Ting Xu
Jiali Yao

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Concurrent degree candidate for Master of Public Health
Concurrent degree candidate for Master of Arts, Asian American Studies
Certificate in Global Public Affairs
Master of Urban and Regional Planning Candidates

Fernando Abarca
Natalie Amberg
Samikchhya Bhusal
Cynthia Bourjac
Chelsey Bryant
Suzanne Caflisch
Bertha Calderon Chinas
Isabel Cardenas
Eric Dasmalchi
Laura Daza Garcia
Khristian Decastro
Sarah Diekroeger
Antonio Elizondo Sanchez
Charlotte Fagan
Muthia Faizah
Irene Farr
Gerrlyn Gaco
Jorge Gamboa
Madeleine Garces
Alejandro Gonzalez
Andres Gonzalez
Gul Nisa Gurbuz
Lauren Hiller
Cassie (Cassandra) Hoeprich
Eleanor Hunts
Yu Hong Hwang
Rayne Laborde
Daniel Luu
Tamara Mahadi
Selena Mao
Edgar B. Mejia
Matthew Mello
Damian Mendoza
Breigh (Shireen) Montgomery
Christina Monzer
Alicia Morales Perez
Alexander Murray
Yustina Octifanny
Asiya Patel
Shelly Quan
Sasha Ragland
Noy Ramon
Cindy Reyes
Morgan Rogers
Lena Rogow
Daniel Ruiz
Rumsha Sajid
Monika Shankar
Elise Troxell
Michael Van Gorder
Jayne Vidhecharoen
Malavika Vinod
Tayler Ward
Alexandra Weber
Charlotte Will
Robyn Wong
Jacob Woocher
Allison Yang
Jan Yonan
Zachary Zeilman

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"The New Face of Caregiving: Multidimensional Factors of Caregiver Burden Among Young Adult Caregivers"

Ryan J. Dougherty  
(David Cohen)  
"Prescribing Ethics to Psychiatric Medications: An Ethnography of Coercion in Involuntary Outpatient Commitment"

Aryun Hahm  
(Fernando Torres-Gil)  
"Balancing Work and Family: Parenting Preference, Compensating Differentials and Work-Family Interface"

Meredith Gamson Smiedt  
(Todd Franke)  
"Police Officer’s Attitudes Towards Young People, Crime, and Criminal Responsibility"

Rachel Wells  
(Ananya Roy)  
"Change the Narrative: Poverty Discourse and Frontline Work in Community-Based Organizations in Post-Welfare Los Angeles"
André Comandon
(Paavo Monkkonen)
"Ethnoracial Diversification at the Edges of Exclusion"

Rebecca Crane
(Paavo Monkkonen)
"Is Granny in that Flat?: How Regulations Shape the Construction and Use of Accessory Dwelling Units in Los Angeles"

Silvia Gonzalez
(Paul Ong)
"The Role of Neighborhoods and Ethnorace in Constructing Health-Related Disparities in California"

Yiwen Kuai
(Michael Lens)
"Flying Under the Radar: 4% Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program"

Bo Liu
(JR DeShazo and Deepak Rajagopal)
"Planning for Sustainable Transportation Through the Integration of Technology, Public Policy, and Behavioral Change: A Data-Driven Approach"

Patrick Adler
(Michael Storper)
"The Curating City: A Functional Account of the Agglomeration of Creative Industries"
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Ellie Graesde
Darielle JD Green
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\textsuperscript{3}Cum Laude
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