The Office of Interdisciplinary & Cross Campus Affairs (ICCA) is pleased to announce a new funding opportunity for workshops, planning meetings, or symposia designed to advance interdisciplinary and cross campus education, research, or service at UCLA.

PROPOSAL APPLICATION FORM

1. Applicant Name, Title, and Contact Information:

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2. Faculty Participants (with school affiliation and role/contribution to event):

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2. Jessica Peake, Director, International and Comparative Law Program, UCLA School of Law, co-organizer

Open to all regular UCLA faculty members.
Must include collaborations of faculty from at least two separate schools to be considered for funding.

3. Proposal Narrative (≤ 500 words describing the purpose and expected objectives of proposed event(s) including target audience):
UCLA holds enormous potential for fruitful interdisciplinary cross-campus exchange, growth, and development in human rights work. The purpose of this proposal is to petition for a seed grant that enables us to begin to realize this potential. Concretely, we would use the grant to convene a set of workshops during the 2014-2015 academic year that would advance the interdisciplinary study of human rights across campus. We believe that the time is now ripe to harness the collective energy and widespread passion on this topic at UCLA.

Human rights implicate a broad spectrum of human existence, and their study calls for an inherently interdisciplinary approach. However, contemporary human rights discourse is acutely dominated by law, in a manner that deprives this discourse of the valuable insights of scholars in the humanities and social sciences. At UCLA, we observe a related concern: the absence of a forum for interdisciplinary inquiry bringing together scholars and students individually pursuing research on human rights, thereby reproducing an unfortunately siloed approach to shared questions. Our goal is to develop a platform for remediying this by means of three events: a planning meeting and two subsequent interdisciplinary workshops. The timeline and purpose of these events is provided below:

Planning Meeting (Fall Quarter 2014)
- Identify the two central, contemporary issues in human rights to serve as the themes for our two interdisciplinary workshops.
- Identify potential participants across campus and in various disciplines.

Two Interdisciplinary Workshops on Human Rights (Spring Quarter 2014)
- Each workshop will focus on a single theme and will comprise of two parts.
  - We plan to invite a leading researcher or practitioner on the theme to be discussed at the workshop to present a keynote and lead a plenary discussion. The plenary discussions will be open to UCLA undergraduate and graduate students, as well as faculty.
  - The second half of each workshop will be devoted to presentation of and feedback on works-in-progress by UCLA graduate students or faculty from various disciplines addressing human rights. We will solicit works in progress in advance, and assign commentators from within the UCLA community.
- This two-tiered format exposes participants to leaders in the field and the exchange of scholarly materials encourages participants to think critically about work from disciplines other than their own. We very much look forward to the fostering of interdisciplinary ideas and research methodologies in these workshops.

This interdisciplinary emphasis builds upon David Kim’s forthcoming publication, titled *Imagining Human Rights* and consisting of essays from anthropology, law, history, philosophy, sociology, art, and literary and film studies.

Proposals for workshop(s) or symposia must stipulate that the event will be advertised and open to the public.
Priority will be given to collaborative events that engage a diverse range of faculty and/or students across schools.
Planning meeting proposals must include a clear template for developing a new interdisciplinary or cross-campus activity, course, or program.

4. Budget and Justification (≤ 250 words):

We anticipate that the two workshops will run as pilot programs for a larger workshop series or a set of conferences in the 2015-2016 academic year. On the basis of these two interdisciplinary workshops, we aim to articulate a more specific agenda for that possibility. We hope that these pilot workshops will help us identify human rights themes that require rigorous interdisciplinary study, as well as structures for interdisciplinary human rights studies.

We would like to request $2,500 for two workshops. Each workshop consists of a keynote speaker and a group of faculty and students at UCLA.

Workshop 1
- Flight for keynote speaker - $600
- Accommodation for keynote speaker - $250
- Refreshments – $300
- Printing (promotional materials, workshop materials) - $100

Workshop 2
- Flight for keynote speaker - $600
- Accommodation for keynote speaker - $250
- Refreshments – $300
- Printing (promotional materials, workshop materials) - $100

The workshops will be open to the public. They will be advertised accordingly with informative and eye-catching posters and flyers.

Include other sources of funding (if any).
Performance
Workshops, planning meetings, or symposia must be conducted during the 2014/2015 academic year.

Deadline
Applications are due October 31, 2014

Announcement
Awards will be made as soon as possible, but no later than November 30, 2014.

Awards
Proposals may be funded in whole or in part at the discretion of the Review Committee, although no single award will exceed $2,500 for proposals involving workshop or seminar series or $1,000 for proposals for a single workshop/seminar/planning event.

Submission
Please complete this Proposal Application Form and transmit to Lgrzesik@conet.ucla.edu.

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