HOSTS

Marissa López
Associate Dean of Graduate Education, DIVISION OF GRADUATE EDUCATION
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Chief of Staff / Chief Financial Officer, DIVISION OF GRADUATE EDUCATION

Noor Nakhaei
President, UCLA GRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
Doctoral Student, COMPUTER SCIENCE

SCHEDULE

5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
GUEST ARRIVAL
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
WELCOME BY ASSOCIATE DEAN MARISSA LÓPEZ
3-MINUTE FINALIST PRESENTATIONS
INTERMISSION
  AUDIENCE CHOICE VOTING
  VIP JUDGING PANEL TABULATIONS
AWARDS CEREMONY

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
CELEBRATORY RECEPTION

MEET OUR JUDGES

Robert Buswell
Emeritus Professor, ASIAN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES/CENTER FOR BUDDHIST STUDIES

Thomas Bye
Alumni, LINGUISTICS (‘72 MA AND ’76 PHD)

Yolanda Gorman
Senior Advisor to the Chancellor and Chief of Staff, OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

Jerome Greenberg
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Christina Lee Buswell
Translator, KOREAN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

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CHARLES STEINMETZ
JOSEPH & JENNIFER WATSON
UCLA CALIFORNIA NANOSYSTEMS INSTITUTE
UCLA STORE
Jenna Wahbeh
Redefining the Gold Standard of Degenerative Disc Treatments
BIOENGINEERING

Elaine Jessica Castillo Tamargo
Choose Your Own Adventure? Exploring Factors that Complicate Career Choice
EDUCATION

Judah Van Zandt
The Distant Giants Survey: Uncovering the Origins of Earth-like Planets
ASTRONOMY AND ASTROPHYSICS

Ella Petter
Unlocking the Power of Big Data to Improve Cancer Research
COMPUTER SCIENCE

Alexander Kwako
Reducing Bias in Standardized Tests
EDUCATION

Siddharth Srivastava
Cancer Diagnosis from Saliva Using Lasers
MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Dakotah Tyler
Characterizing Stellar Effects on the Evolution of Exoplanets
ASTRONOMY AND ASTROPHYSICS

Brandon Tsai
Next Generation COVID-19 Vaccines
HUMAN GENETICS

Moupi Mukhopadhyay
Protecting the Kerala Murals: Using Materials Science to Interpret Kerala’s Past
CONSERVATION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

Yifan Wu
Understanding Cell’s Language to Cure Disease
BIOENGINEERING