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# Professor remembered for passion, innovation

BY ANDREA HENTHORN & XINCHEN LI  
Daily Bruin reporters

William "Bill" Klug introduced himself in the first lecture of his programming class with a family photo of himself, his wife and two young children.

Klug wanted students to understand what he was like both in and out of work, said Amirhossein Kaboodrangidaem, a graduate student in bioengineering and Klug's former student.

Klug, who was an associate professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering, was killed in a murder-suicide in Engineering Building IV Wednesday morning. Many students and colleagues remember him as an energetic and approachable professor who always prioritized students.

In 1999, Klug received his master's degree in civil engineering from UCLA and in 2003, he earned his doctorate from the California Institute of Technology, or CalTech. He then returned to UCLA as a faculty member for the Henry Samueli School of Engineering and Applied Science the same year and became a full professor in 2015.

Klug was an excellent scholar, a well respected researcher and a very likable person, said Jiann-Wen Ju, a structural engineering professor who was Klug's instructor as a graduate

student. In a written statement, Ju said Klug's death is a great loss to friends, colleagues and the entire campus.

Klug conducted research about how biological structures and materials function on molecular and cellular scales in the Klug Research Group, said Ajit Mal, a mechanical and aerospace engineering professor.

The Klug Research Group, which consisted of several doctoral students, was working on a full-resolution supercomputer model of the heart project called "Virtual Heart," said Alan Garfinkel, a professor of integrative biology and physiology. Garfinkel worked with Klug on this project for more than five years.

Klug's colleagues said his work has the potential to tackle fatal diseases that current technology cannot cure.

"If the project professor Klug works on succeeds, scientists will be able to conduct experiments and test medicines on the human heart model," Mal said. "It will be a huge step forward in the study of heart diseases."

Daniel Ennis, an associate professor of radiology who worked with Klug on the human heart modeling project for more than eight years, said Klug was patient with coworkers and students.

"For over eight years working with Bill, I have never seen him raising his voice, even

when he was upset," Ennis said. Ennis said working with Klug on the human heart modeling project was an honor.

"I take him as a scientific soulmate," Ennis said. "Because we are from different academic backgrounds, it is inspiring to share each other's skills for a common goal."

Students who took Klug's classes said he was a role model in academics and a helpful instructor.

Kaboodrangidaem said Klug's Matlab class, an introductory laboratory programming class, gave him a foundational understanding of programming as an undergraduate.

Kaboodrangidaem added the skills Klug taught him were useful when he instructed students in his own bioengineering research project.

"Most of the things I conveyed (I learned) from Klug's class," Kaboodrangidaem said. "(He) is an extraordinary example for those who want to learn mechanical and aerospace engineering."

Amit Singh, who was a teaching assistant for several of Klug's classes, said Klug made him feel comfortable when he first left his home in India. Klug helped him become accustomed to the new UCLA environment and later assisted him in developing his research thesis.

"(When) we met, professor Klug told me to come to him

whenever I had either academic or personal concerns," Singh said. "He even invited his entire research group to spend a weekend at his home to make us feel more comfortable working together."

Klug usually assigned a lot of projects for his class but he cared more about students' actual mastering in skills than grades, Singh said.

"(He) often made extensions for assignments and loosened the grading policy," Singh said. "He cares more about if students are showing passion about their own project and making progress."

Alex Savello, Klug's former student, said the professor convinced him to attend UCLA and pursue a master's degree in a subject Savello had not studied before.

Savello said before he died, Klug assigned his students about 30 projects for the quarter. He said he thinks Klug's students will finish the assignments out of respect.

"We wanted to do the assignments regardless of what happens in the class because that's what he would have wanted," Savello said. "You grow to respect how much he wanted you to learn ... and not take shortcuts."

Graduate Students Association president Michael Skiles, who worked with Klug on the graduate student council, said he was a reliable faculty representative at council meetings.



HENRY SAMUELI SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCE  
William Klug, professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering, was killed in a murder-suicide Wednesday morning in Engineering Building IV.

"(Klug) was eager to serve students and the university as a whole," Skiles said. "He was interested in the issues that mattered to students."

In a statement to the university, Klug's widow, Mary Elise Klug, said she was grateful for students, colleagues and friends who mourn for Klug and expressed support to the family.

"Bill was so much more than my soulmate," Mary Elise Klug

said in the statement. "I will miss him every day for the rest of my life."

On Thursday and Friday, hundreds of students attended vigils in honor of Klug's memory, organized by the graduate and undergraduate student governments and the school of engineering.

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Fear swept across campus Wednesday, one BruinAlert at a time. It soon spread, sending terror through parents, siblings and friends worldwide.

An ordinary day turned tragic. Through the pain, though, we now try to return to some sort of normalcy – if that's what you can call it. We come together and bow our heads in silence. We call our parents and hold onto each moment more than we did just weeks before, reminded of life's fleeting quality.

For many of us, strength comes from unity. Within this Graduation Issue, we hope to bring you the best of the past year – the stories, people and moments that shaped our collective UCLA experience. Through each of our ups and downs, we recognize how our brief stops in Westwood are so impactful, forever tying us together.

This edition remembers professor William Klug and shows the fortitude of a community in solidarity. This is about our school, our home. Our UCLA.



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## UCLA alum's cards of kindness aim to lift spirits

BY ANDREA HENTHORN  
Daily Bruin reporter

The morning after Wednesday's campus shooting, UCLA alumnus Justin Renge drove to campus with a bag of 50 envelopes. Each envelop contained anonymous notes and money, which he distributed to random locations across the campus.

Renge, who graduated from UCLA in spring 2015, said he was off campus at a local gym when he saw the live news coverage of the shooting.

"My heart dropped," Renge said. "You hear about stuff like this happening from time to time, but you don't imagine it could happen at a place like UCLA."

After the lockdown was lifted and he confirmed his friends at UCLA were safe, he thought of a way to cheer students up.

The night of the shooting, Renge divided \$75 between 50 hand-addressed, multi-colored envelopes, which read, "Good luck on finals!"

"Good luck on finals! Your next snack/drink is from a recent UCLA alumni who watched in horror as Wednesday's tragedy occurred," the note read. "I hope that you will eventually pay it forward, and remember that we as Bruins

are all one family and stand united together!"

Renge, who is studying law at Southwestern Law School, said he could not attend the candlelight vigil Thursday night because he had class, so he wanted to give back in a different way.

Renge said he initially passed the notes out on Bruin Walk, but decided to leave them in various locations around campus instead. The notes can be found on desks of the Powell and Charles E. Young Research libraries, in residence hall common areas and in the trays of vending machines.

Though he did not know what atmosphere to expect when he drove to campus Thursday morning, he was pleasantly surprised to find students taking graduation pictures.

"(Seeing students happy) made me realize that as a community, we are really strong," Renge said.

Six people have already reached out to Renge on Facebook to thank him for leaving the notes. Renge said the students told him he made their day.

"As Bruins, we're all one family," he said. "Even though I graduated, I'm still a Bruin."

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UCLA alumnus Justin Renge said he wanted to give back in some way following Wednesday's tragic shooting incident on campus.



Students mourned UCLA professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering William Klug and other victims of gun violence at vigils held on Thursday and Friday.

## Vigils commemorate gun violence victims

BY KUHELKA GHOSH  
Features & student life editor

The plain night sky above Bruin Plaza was lit by hundreds of candlelights Thursday.

Students held the candles in silence, mourning professor William Klug, who was killed in a murder-suicide Wednesday.

The event was also held a day after National Gun Violence Awareness Day for victims of gun violence.

The Henry Samueli School of Engineering and Applied Science held a vigil Friday afternoon. Chancellor Gene Block and several colleagues spoke about their experiences with Klug.

The undergraduate student government and the graduate student government held another vigil Thursday. Students, faculty, administrators and local leaders attended, including Los Angeles city Mayor Eric Garcetti.

After speeches, there was a moment of silence for victims of gun violence.

USAC cultural affairs commissioner Amy Shao, then asked people to stand in a circle and hold hands. People stepped into the center to share their thoughts and experiences with Wednesday's incident and gun violence.

Selina Che, a second-year

business economics student who attended the vigil said she wanted to stand in solidarity with the campus and find comfort among other Bruins.

"I'm surprised by how many students are here, especially in the midst of finals," Che said. "It really shows the strength of our community."

Che said she thinks the spread of misinformation during the campus shooting caused a lot of panic. She added she thinks students should find confirmed sources and not listen to rumors spread by social media in the future.

Prashant Bala, a first-year business economics student, said he thinks the murder-suicide stemmed from mental health problems and that more mental health services should be provided to people.

"I know UCLA did its best, but if someone reached out to the (shooter) before, a friend or something, then maybe this wouldn't have happened," Bala said.

He added the stories people shared at the vigil helped instill a sense of community.

Student leaders at the vigil also made statements about the changes they plan to make on campus in light of the murder-suicide.

USAC council members organized the vigil to bring the community together as soon as possible, said Danny Siegel, USAC president and third-year political science student.

Siegel added the support students and faculty received from across the country demonstrates that the UCLA community extends beyond the campus.

Other UC campuses, including UC Irvine and UC Riverside, are also holding vigils for professor Klug.

Siegel said he thinks students and administrators should discuss student safety and address questions about door locks, BruinAlert's effectiveness and preparing for active shooter situations. He added this incident should encourage UCLA to lead a conversation about gun violence for the country.

Garcetti spoke at the vigil about campus safety.

"One thing I would encourage is not to shut a campus down," Garcetti said. "It has to stay open. Part of making sure there is a secure campus is to make sure people can (feel free)."

He added LAPD was prepared to make improvements for campus safety.

Dayanara Ramirez, a fourth-year communication studies and political science student,

said she is proud of the strong support system UCLA students have.

"I think the moments we were in classrooms waiting for that 'all clear' (translate) to this very moment," Ramirez said. "It's really beautiful to see how our community is coming together to remember professor Klug."

Speakers at Friday's vigil commended Klug's dedication to his vocation and unreserved love for his students.

"You could always see it in his eyes," said professor Pirouz Kavehpour, a friend and colleague of Klug who worked with him in the mechanical and aerospace engineering department. "He was excited about what he did."

Engineering professor Jeff Eldredge, said he noticed Klug's brilliance as a young student at Caltech, where Eldredge was his teaching assistant.

The memorial service closed with an a cappella rendition of "Imagine" by John Lennon.

A GoFundMe page was created Friday in honor of the late professor. The page has raised more than \$100,000.

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# UC system shows support for UCLA after tragedy

BY RYAN LEOU  
*National & higher education editor*

University of California students, administration and leaders showed their support for UCLA after the murder-suicide Wednesday.

UC Riverside and UC Irvine students held vigils Friday night to mourn the death of mechanical and aerospace engineering professor William Klug. UC Riverside's student government coordinated with the school's administration to reserve a space for the vigil, help buy battery-powered candles and send a campuswide email informing students about the vigil.

Riverside mayor Rusty Bailey and current student body president Ashley Harano gave speeches at the vigil, said Julia Schemmer, a first-year public policy student at UCR.

UCR's incoming external vice president, Oscar Loera Gonzalez, said he empathizes with UCLA because he remembers the San Bernardino shootings in December, which killed several UCR alumni.

"We understand the pain and we

want to show support any way we can," the third-year political science and public service student said. "It is important for all UC campuses to stand together in any tragedy."

Students at UC Irvine also held a small vigil where attendees shared their thoughts and feelings about the shooting, according to a Facebook event page.

Kristine Jermakian, a fourth-year pharmaceutical sciences and gender and sexuality studies student at UCI, said staff members from the UCI counseling center stressed the importance of healing.

"We wanted to show UCLA that we as a campus are there for them," Jermakian said. "We wanted UCI students to also have the opportunity to express their feelings after this very frightening event and find a space to heal."

Jermakian added the UCI vigil also discussed how prioritizing mental health may help prevent events like the murder-suicide.

"There (are) several conversations that we still need to have when it

comes to mental health and student safety," Jermakian added. "After this week, there needs to be a greater conversation to how that the system of education and how that impacts mental stability and stress on students."

UCR, UCI, UC Santa Barbara and UC Merced had official Facebook pages where students posted statuses supporting UCLA with the hashtag #WeAreOneUC.

Schemmer added she relied on the UC story on Snapchat to stay updated on the rapidly unfolding events at UCLA.

Snapchat videos showed police activity around the Engineering IV building and on Westwood Boulevard. Users from different UC campuses also submitted videos to the UC snap story expressing sorrow and standing in solidarity with UCLA students.

UC leaders proposed solutions to problems they think exacerbated the confusion around Wednesday's lockdown.

Student regent-designate Marcela Ramirez said she heard stories about students not getting BruinAlerts or



COURTESY OF CAROLINE NGUYEN  
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professors administering exams after the shooting. She added she thinks UC chancellors should look into the effectiveness of emergency response systems and faculty training for emergency protocol.

"In a situation like Wednesday, the

primary responsibility (of professors and students) should be to get to (a) safe place," Ramirez said. Ramirez added she thinks the UC should create graduate student-specific mental

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# General education reformer, director of cluster program to retire



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Gregory Kendrick, director of the freshman cluster program, will be retiring at the end of the year. He also taught the Cluster 30 course "Neverending Stories: Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Myth."

BY LAUREL SCOTT  
*Daily Bruin reporter*

One of Scott Hugo's favorite memories at UCLA was taking a cluster course with Gregory Kendrick, during which he wrote a final paper on Anakin Skywalker from the "Star Wars" films.

"I'll never forget when I handed it in, he had a little smile on his face when he referred to it as my magnum opus," said Hugo, who graduated in 2009. "I'm incredibly grateful I had the chance to work with a professor like him so early in my academic career."

Kendrick, who has overseen the freshman cluster program since it began in 1998, will be retiring at the end of this year.

In addition to his work with the cluster program, Kendrick has taught the cluster "Neverending Stories: Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Myth" since 2009.

Freshman clusters are yearlong courses focused around a central theme taught by a team of faculty and graduate students. During spring quarter, students enroll in smaller seminars related to the cluster's theme.

"I'm really proud of the work I've been a part of in terms of reforming the general education curriculum at UCLA," Kendrick said.

Kendrick said he began his career at UCLA in 1997, when Judi Smith, the dean and vice provost for undergraduate education, offered him a position to help reform UCLA's general education requirements through the freshman cluster program.

When he took the job, the general education curriculum consisted of a variety of courses that were unrelated to each other and lacked difficulty for students, Kendrick said.

At the University of Kentucky, Kendrick had been a student activist who worked to abolish general education requirements, said Lucy Blackmar, assistant vice provost of the Undergraduate Student Initiated Education program.

"Now he's become what I call UCLA's general education guru," Blackmar said.

Blackmar described Kendrick as the perfect person to develop the cluster program because he was both interested in teaching and organized enough to be an administrator.

Kendrick said he grew up in Kentucky, where his family had lived for

almost 200 years. He was the first member of his family to attend college.

His mother's side of the family was staunchly German-American and his father was a World War II veteran who fought in the Battle of the Bulge and helped liberate the Dachau concentration camp, Kendrick said.

He added his two sides of the family painted very different pictures of what it meant to have German heritage.

"From an early age, I felt myself torn," Kendrick said. "A lot of what I found myself doing later with modern history was trying to find an answer to that question (about my heritage), which was, of course, a little bit of both."

Ten years after attending the University of Kentucky, Kendrick became a graduate student in history at San Francisco State University, he added.

"I was initially drawn to history as an escape, and then ... as a career because I saw it was the kind of subject that could really change the world," Kendrick said.

Kendrick was hired as the cluster instructional coordinator and soon

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became the director of the program, Smith said. She added he was instrumental in reforming UCLA's general education curriculum.

"He was always among the committees ... making sure the plans being voted on were implemented," Smith said. "He was dedicated to making certain that students had a really fantastic academic experience."

In 2009, Kendrick began to teach full time, becoming one

of the lecturers for the newly formed Cluster 30. Titled "Neverending Stories: Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Myth," the course focuses on the study of myth and storytelling from ancient times to contemporary culture.

Kendrick said his experiences teaching the class were the inspiration for two books he wrote about archetypes of heroism and villainy in Western history and culture.

Joseph Nagy, an English professor who also teaches Cluster 30, said Kendrick's spring seminar in the cluster course is always the first one to fill up.

"The students love him, and they look upon him as a source of wisdom but also someone they can understand and see things from the perspective of," Nagy said. "It's hard to imagine (the class) without him."

On the last day of the myth cluster lecture during winter quarter, Kendrick said his students gave him a tongue-in-cheek goodbye. The class played the song "Memory" from the musical "Cats," knowing he disliked musicals.

"I was very touched," Kendrick said. "All the students pulled out their iPhones and waved them back and forth like

candles." After his retirement, Kendrick said he plans to stay busy by traveling, playing chess, studying wine and auditing some astronomy classes at UCLA.

He added he plans to write fiction and tell the story of Norse mythology from the point of view of Loki, the god of mischief.

"He has a bone to pick with the gods, and I intend to share it with anyone who will read it," Kendrick said.

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health services because graduate students are in a high-stress research environment and have different needs from undergraduate students.

UC President Janet Napolitano issued a written statement to mourn Klug.

"Such violence on our campuses and in our communities is intolerable," Napolitano said in the statement. "In responding with courage and resilience, UCLA's students, faculty and staff continue to demonstrate the strength of the UCLA community."

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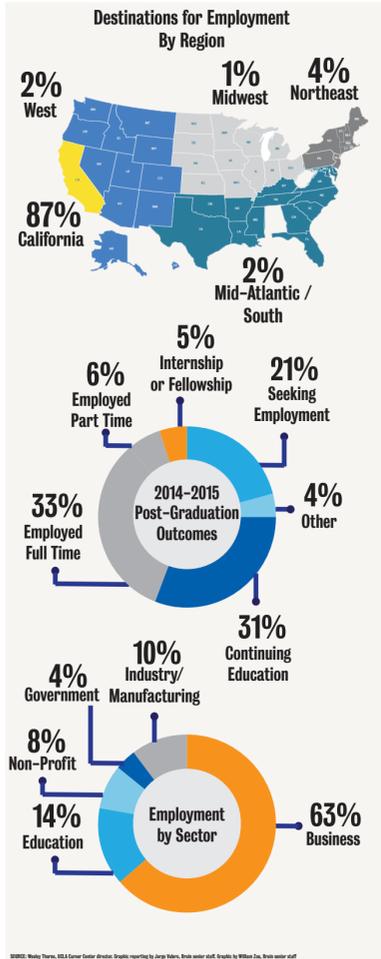


"When I explain to people, I tell them I'm not just a former druggie who needs to do this," says second-year molecular, cell and developmental biology student Christian Kramme.

Aside from maintaining good grades, Kramme is also the CEO of Greenbox, Inc., a company that currently delivers medical marijuana to UCLA and Berkeley students. He speaks about balancing his religious beliefs with marijuana use and his reasons behind entering the cannabis industry.

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## EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS FOR UCLA GRADUATES



## Class of 2016 enters weak but improving job market for college grads

BY JORGE VALERO  
Daily Bruin contributor

UCLA graduates will enter an improved job market in June but may still face challenges finding full-time employment after graduating.

According to the career center's 2015 First Destination survey, about 33 percent of UCLA graduates with bachelor's degrees had full-time job offers within six months. About 21 percent of graduates were still looking for full-time work six months after graduating and others were employed part time, held internships or went to graduate school.

The average salary for graduates with full-time offers was \$60,558, which is about \$10,000 higher than the national average, said career center director Wesley Thorne.

"These numbers are encouraging for the class of 2016 as well, and show that UCLA (graduates) are highly sought by employers," Thorne said.

Thorne added a recent College Grad survey found many industries, including accounting firms, financial services and the government sector, are hiring more students than in recent years.

The majority of people who did find full-time work after graduating began their job search more than six months prior, Thorne said.

Though graduates with four-year degrees have better employment prospects, many only find part-time jobs, said, UCLA Institute for Research on Labor and Employment director Chris Tilly. In addition, the job market for college graduates is still worse than it was

before the 2008 recession, Tilly said.

According to a recent study by the Economic Policy Institute, the current national unemployment rate for young college graduates between the ages of 21 and 24 is 5.6 percent, Tilly said. In September 2008, the unemployment rate for graduates was 5.7 percent.

Young college graduates continue to have lower wages and entry-level jobs as well, Tilly said.

"A lot of young people are struggling to survive on their own, and have trouble finding and affording a place to live and a car to get them around," Tilly said. "As a result, more young grads are living at home than ever before."

Thorne added students should try a variety of approaches when looking for work, including attending career fairs, using campus resources and networking with alumni who have been successful in the job market.

Most employers look for graduates who have specific skill sets, including communicating information confidently, working well in groups and demonstrating leadership skills, Thorne said.

Tilly said he thinks students should not get discouraged if their first job after college is not their dream job. "Employers are generally skittish of hiring alumni who they suspect will be unsatisfied with the job," he said. "It's important to remember your first job likely won't be your last."

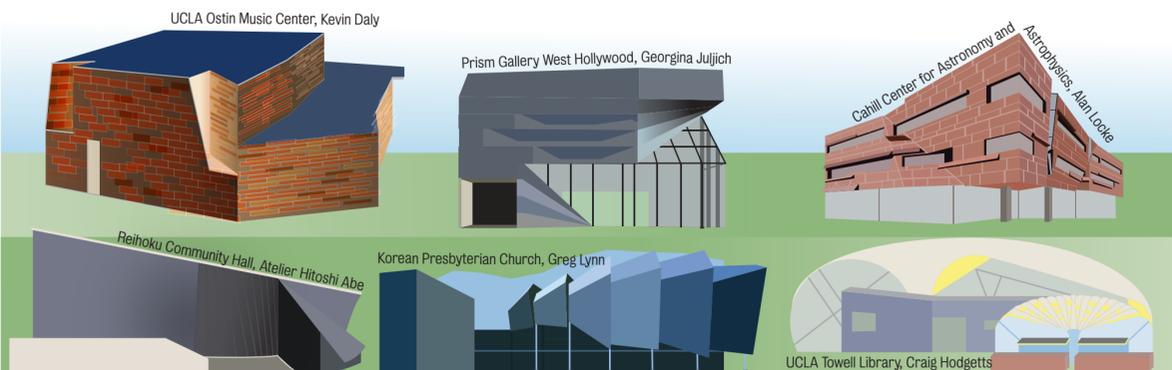
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## UCLA FACULTY LEAVE THEIR MARK THROUGH ARCHITECTURE

UCLA faculty at the department of architecture and urban design have played a role in designing or constructing buildings all over the world. Below are some buildings they have helped create.



Graphic reporting by Allison Ong, Daily Bruin reporter. Graphic by Alice Liu, Daily Bruin senior staff and Lukem Woo, Graphics editor.

## Architecture programs build upon an interdisciplinary approach

BY ALLISON ONG  
Daily Bruin reporter

Robots may soon be an architect's newest hammer and nails.

Two large blue robotic arms perch on tracks in the back of a local industrial building owned by UCLA's Department of Architecture and Urban Design. The 330-pound machines—the largest industrial robots used by an American college—can be found in the newly-relocated IDEAS research satellite campus for AUD graduate students.

AUD, which was founded 52 years ago, has launched multiple academic programs within the last 10 years, including IDEAS. The platform, created in 2013, provides project space to students pursuing Master of Architecture degrees. On main campus, the school's 10-year-old bachelor's program aims to build the framework of a career related to architecture or design.

No longer an isolated discipline, AUD curriculum draws influence from the fine arts, engineering and global studies. Alumni have found work in technology startups, education and movie production. The Master of Architecture

I program seeks to reinforce connections with industry business partners, said Julia Koerner, a lecturer in architecture and urban design.

"In the architecture profession, you always need to be on the cutting edge of design in order to stay relevant," Koerner said. "This isn't a job where you keep on doing whatever you're doing on a daily basis. You always have to reinvent yourself."

### Reconstructing Boundaries

Though IDEAS settled into its current location last month, the long work tables are already populated with hand-drawn renderings and laser-cut skeletons of structures yet to be built. The Master of Architecture II program immerses students in one of four SUPRASTUDIOS, applied research courses that focus on topics such as sustainable design and building in extreme environments. Each SUPRASTUDIO collaborates with industry business partners such as Boeing, an aerospace company, giving students real-world problems to solve in studio.

Students in the machine vision SUPRASTUDIO apply computational and urban design skills to architectural

challenges, Koerner said. This year, some SUPRASTUDIO students fabricated wall panels without using a traditional mold, instead programming robotic arms to twist a pack of fiberglass and resin into its desired shape.

Master of Architecture II student Ruolin Xu is working individually on a project from Boeing, using digital hologram technology to simulate the takeoff and landing of airplanes in her design for a port. Instructors rarely shoot down students' ideas, Xu said.

"(Our professors) believe in what we decided as a designer, and they want us to realize it," she said. "It's not about right or wrong. It's about making the best decisions you can."

Working across disciplines is unique in today's time, Koerner said. In 2013, for example, she worked with fashion designer Iris van Herpen to design the world's first 3D-printed dress in flexible material.

"The software I use in designing these 3D-printed dresses is the same we use in architectural design," she said.

"What we teach the students now is going to be relevant in 10 years. If the technology becomes available, how are

we as architects going to integrate it into architecture?"

**Laying Foundations**  
Gabriel Fries-Briggs, an architecture and urban design visiting assistant professor, leads a technology seminar in Perloff Hall for students in AUD's two-year bachelor's program.

Black-and-white sketches plaster the walls of his classroom, where students are modeling 3D objects on their laptops. The seminar expands upon the interdependent and contingent relationships between architect, labor and materialization, Fries-Briggs said.

"There's no imperative to teach architecture just to be practiced," he said. "We're teaching the larger way architecture engages with the world—urban, visual, graphic and social issues as well."

The curriculum for the bachelor's program does not satisfy everyone, however. Third-year architecture student Rayan Itani said she'd like to see more case studies and practical application in her classes.

"UCLA doesn't really prepare you for the real world because it's very theoretical," said Itani. "They're big on reading and writing. The only functional project

we did was (designing an) office building last quarter."

Colette Aro, a third-year architecture and world arts and cultures student, also said she wishes architectural history courses were more rigorous.

However, she said the major's breadth exposes her to options in other fields and allows her work to be critiqued. For example, she's looking forward to this month's RUMBLE—AUD's weeklong, schoolwide exposition.

Fries-Briggs said the bachelor's curriculum thinks holistically about the changing nature of the profession, producing not just practitioners of architecture but people interested in research or education. Like master of architecture students, undergraduates apply multi-disciplinary ideas and concepts to their coursework.

"I encourage students to bring things they're interested in ... to the studio environment, and they do a great job of that," he added. "I think there's a lot of cross-pollination of ideas across the university."

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## UCLA to convert double rooms into triples to house additional students

BY ALYSSA HSU  
Daily Bruin contributor

UCLA will convert double dorm rooms to triples to prepare for an increased enrollment of students in the 2016-2017 academic year.

In 2015, the University of California received state funding to enroll an additional 5,000 students across the UC for the 2016-2017 academic year, said UC spokesperson Kate Moser in a written statement.

UCLA agreed to enroll 600 more freshmen and 150 more transfer students, said UCLA spokesperson Rebecca Kendall in an email. The university has not decided which residential halls will have an increased number of triple rooms.

At the January regents meeting, UC President Janet Napolitano launched a new student housing initiative, which aims to add approximately 14,000 beds to the dorms by 2020.

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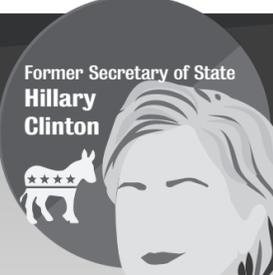
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Businessman **Donald Trump**



Former Secretary of State **Hillary Clinton**

### KEY PLATFORMS



**Health care:** Replace President Barack Obama's health care law (Obamacare) with a single payer health system, or "Medicare for all;" the government provides health care to all citizens, paid for by raising taxes on those making more than \$250,000 and raising taxes on capital gains (income earned from investments).

**Higher education:** Eliminate tuition at public colleges and universities, lower student loan interest rates and pay for the costs with a tax on Wall Street speculation.

**Campaign finance reform:** Appoint Supreme Court justices who will overturn Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, which allows unlimited campaign contributions from nonprofit corporations. Let states regulate campaign spending and donations.

Raise the federal minimum wage to \$15 per hour

**Border control:** Build wall along southern border with Mexico and have Mexico pay for it.

**Foreign trade:** Declare China a currency manipulator, enforce intellectual property rights more rigorously, pursue World Trade Organization cases against China for its export subsidies to state-owned companies.

**Health care:** Eliminate Obamacare, allow health care companies to compete for customers across state borders and allow health care premiums to be tax deductible.

**Health care:** Keep Obamacare in place, regulate drug prices.

**Higher education:** Eliminate community college tuition, cut interest rates on student loans, refinance loans at current rates, income-based loan repayment program.

**Gun control:** Increase background checks and regulate gun sales over internet and at gun shows, pass laws making gun manufacturers liable for violence carried out by criminals with their guns.

**Women's issues:** Fight for paid family leave, equal pay for women doing the same work as men, ensure funding for women's health organizations like Planned Parenthood.

Raise the federal minimum wage to \$12 per hour

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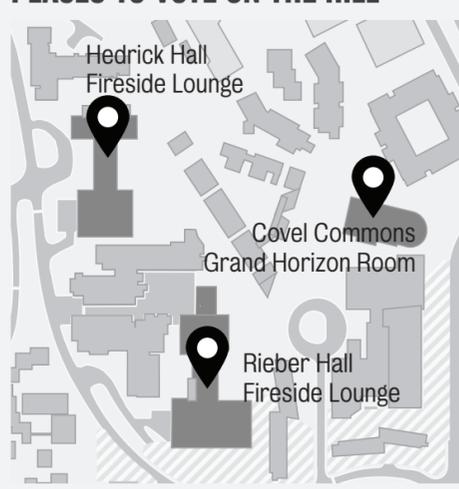
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**Proposition 50**

## PLACES TO VOTE ON THE HILL



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## TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

**ACROSS**

- Mist
- Somber evergreens
- Addlepat
- Like good cheddar
- Sun, in combos
- Sheik colleague
- Rajah's consort
- Last box to check
- Golf warning
- Benefit from
- Devotee's suffix
- Luau strummers
- Troubles, to Hamlet
- Summer job seeker
- Unseen winter hazard (2 wds.)
- Falsify
- Take on cargo
- Catches some Z's
- Prolonged gaze
- Tina Turner's ex
- Charlton Heston epic (2 wds.)
- Outlaw
- Kind of toast
- Corn bread
- Tree trunk
- Struts with pride
- Fragrant flower
- Applied henna
- Wine served warm
- Circus prop
- Place (abbr.)
- Sauna woods
- Alice's chronicler
- Inbox filler
- Cosmetics brand
- Mild brews

**PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED**

R	A	D	A	R	S	E	C	T	C	L	E	F		
A	R	O	M	A	U	T	A	H	H	U	R	L		
I	N	G	O	T	F	O	U	R	U	L	N	A		
D	E	E	R	E	I	N	L	E	A	G	U	E		
A	S	H	K	E	G									
N	A	C	L	E	A	T	S	H	O	G	A	N		
E	L	L	C	L	I	O	S	A	F	E	T	Y		
W	E	A	T	H	E	R	T	H	E	S	T	O	R	M
T	U	R	E	E	N	A	U	N	T	D	I	P		
S	T	A	L	E	E	L	M	S	Y	E	A	H		
			P	A	Y	E	M	U						
C	H	A	S	T	E	L	Y	O	P	A	L	S		
V	I	E	D	O	L	E	O	A	P	P	I	A		
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**DOWN**

- Dwell on
- Culture dish goo
- Stoic founder
- Imposing building
- To date
- K-12
- Actress Dianne —
- Did a laundry chore
- No longer extant
- On a rampage
- Dragon's breath
- Very, for Pierre
- Direct link
- Type
- Cut too close
- Aurora, to Plato
- Zeppelin
- Los Angeles cager
- Fashion's — Simpson
- Orlando attraction
- Forbidden
- Dreaded exams
- Ms. Zellweger
- Kind of cavity
- Fiasco
- Canopy support
- Whichever
- Altar affairs
- Moon goddess
- Use sparingly
- Rainout-proof
- Checkroom items
- Two-color cookie
- Viking name
- Witty person
- With, in Cannes
- Rooter
- Glacier, once
- Wall climber

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