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The Palestine Solidarity encampment in Dickson Plaza. (Photographer: Karla Cardenas-Felipe/Daily Bruin)

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SURVIVORS + ALLIES

Report: From Surviving to Healing: Results and Demands from a Study with Survivors of Sexual Violence on University of California Campuses

Survivors+Allies (S+A), a UC-wide student organization supported by CSW|Streisand Center that advocates for and with survivors of sexual violence in the University of California system, released a <u>report</u> that shed light on the inadequacies and challenges faced by survivors within the UC system and presented a compelling call for change. The report provided evidence for a number of bills in the 2024 legislative season proposing critical changes to Title IX legislation on university and college campuses.



The Survivors+Allies report launch webinar was held on Friday, February 9, 2024

UC SENTENCING PROJECT

Report: Life Without Parole and Felony Murder Sentencing In California

The <u>report</u> was created by the Special Circumstances Conviction Project team in collaboration with the Felony Murder Elimination Project. The report reveals that more than half of the people sentenced to life without parole (LWOP) were convicted without a district attorney requiring a finding of fact that they intentionally perpetuated a death. The report also details how factors such as race, age and gender play a role in sentencing outcomes.

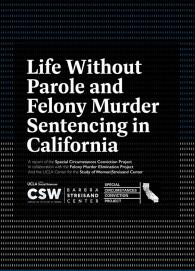
Report: Maximizing Time, Maximizing Punishment: The Lived Experience of Long-Term Sentences in California Women's Prisons

This <u>report</u>, published in collaboration with the California Coalition for Women Prisoners, makes an urgent call to action for reform in California's criminal justice system. It urges policymakers, advocates, and the public to recognize the human toll of long-term sentences and the need for change.

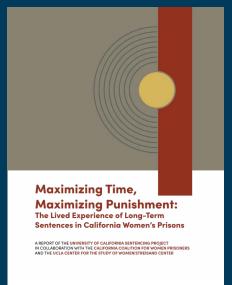
Mellon Grant

The UC Sentencing Project was awarded a \$2 million

grant by the Mellon Foundation to support organizers, scholars and artists—inside and outside of prison—who are working to disrupt narratives that legitimize the racialized and gendered criminalization of people in California's prisons for women.



Special Circumstances Conviction Project report cover

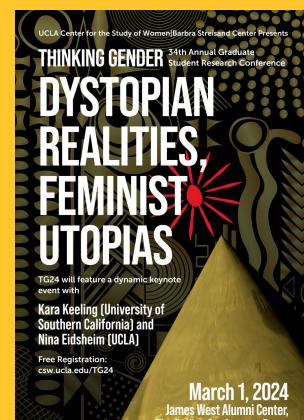


UC Sentencing Project report cover

THINKING GENDER 2024

The theme for our 34th annual Thinking Gender Graduate Student Conference was "Dystopian Realities, Feminist Utopias." Proposed by Thinking Gender Coordinator and PhD student Lynette Dixon, the theme explored how dystopianism serves as an apt metaphor to investigate and critique social and political issues related to gender, race, class, and sexuality, and how utopianism is an ethical mandate to imagine a better present and future. Dr. Kara Keeling (Cinema and Media Studies, University of Southern California) gave the keynote address.

Dixon also curated an inspired <u>playlist</u> for the conference.



The Collins Conference Room



Lynette Dixon Thinking Gender 2024 Coordinator I want folks to remember the quotidian and communal practices we can employ to resist violence.

Dixon in her interview with UCLA Newsroom

PHOTOS FROM THINKING GENDER 2024



Thinking Gender panel presentation



Dr. Nina Eidsheim and Dr. Kara Keeling during the keynote session



Thinking Gender 2024 panel presentation

" I found literally every single paper interesting, which does not happen at every conference. I felt a strong sense of community from all the organizers, attendees, and presenters...

Feedback from Thinking Gender attendee

Campus and Community Collaborations

Transnational Gender and Labor Working Group

CSW|Streisand Center helped launch the UCLA Transnational Gender and Labor Working Group and hosted a book talk, closed workshop, and film screening with Dr. Elena Shih (Manning Assistant Professor, American Studies and Ethnic Studies, Brown University). In her book, *Manufacturing Freedom: Sex Work, Anti-Trafficking Rehab, and the Racial Wages of Rescue, Shih* argues that anti-trafficking rescue and rehabilitation projects profit off persistent labor abuse of women workers and imagined but savvily marketed narratives of redemption.





Dr. Elena Shih presenting at her book talk

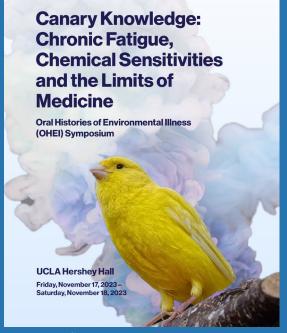
Symposium: "Canary Knowledge: Chronic Fatigue, Chemical Sensitivities and the Limits of Medicine"

The two-day symposium on environmental illness included panels with faculty, students, and research participants, as well as art interludes, and a closed workshop. This symposium was part of a larger UC Multicampus Research Programs and Initiatives project and also celebrated the conclusion of CSW|Streisand Center's Chemical Entanglements research stream.



Graduate student panelist presenting her research





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The content was fascinating! I enjoyed learning more about how the archived interviews were created and how they are being used. It was also exciting to realize that so many academics are interested in MCS [Multiple Chemical Sensitivity].

Feedback from symposium attendee

Symposium flyer

Activist-in-Residence Program

CSW|Streisand Center joined the UCLA International Institute on Inequality and Democracy, Asian American Studies Center, and cityLAB-UCLA to support our first activist in residence, Narges Zagub. The objective of the program is to strengthen the infrastructure of social transformation by supporting local movement leaders, community organizers, and artists with university resources.



Flyer for the Activist-in-Residence welcome reception

Professor Ananya Roy welcomes attendees to the reception honoring the five activists selected for the 2024 Activist-in-Residence program at UCLA. Photos by Les Dunseith.

The People's Library

In a partnership with five other campus units, CSW|Streisand Center's proposal for The People's Library was chosen as one of 31 programs to be housed at the historic Trust Building in downtown Los Angeles. The library will focus on post-custodial, co-custodial, and experiential programming including workshops, meetings, and classes that will bring together UCLA students, staff, and faculty with community members.