Faculty Focus - January 2019

Spotlight on....

Professor Raman Prinja
Professor Raman Prinja is a Professor of Astrophysics and the recently appointed Head of the Physics & Astronomy department. Having arrived as an undergraduate, Raman will mark 40 years at UCL in 2019. Read Professor Prinja’s full spotlight.

News, Announcements and Updates

Your chance to shape the UCL Research Data Strategy
The UCL Research Data Strategy is 19 recommendations aiming to improve how members of UCL can access, store, analyse, curate and share data used in research. This is your opportunity to share your thoughts on the strategy using an online form or during our Town hall meeting (23 January 2019).

Dive into data 2019
Do you like data? Would you like to make a valuable insight into important UCL Grand Challenge themes? Then take part in eResearch Domain’s Dive into Data
DIVE INTO DATA 2019

Join us to have a chance to win a £500 prize and take part in UCL conference on data in June by re-using data!

2019 challenge! You will have the opportunity to develop your data analysis skills, and win a £500 prize! Full details on the UCL website.

UCL-French Embassy Collaborative Science & Technology Workshops

7th Annual Call for Proposals 2018/19

Call for French Embassy-supported Collaborative Science and Technology Workshops

Funding of up to £7,000 is now available to arrange science and technology workshops at UCL with French academic colleagues. Find out more on the grand challenges website.

Faculty Highlights

Harmful myths about migration and health used to justify exclusion policies

UCL Institute for Risk & Disaster Reduction contributed to a commission that finds that harmful, unfounded myths about migration and health have become accepted and used to justify policies of exclusion. Read more on the faculty news page.

Events

Lunch Hour Lecture: Nanomaterials tackling the global health challenges

15th January, 1:10pm- 1:55pm

Attend this Lunch Hour Lecture from UCL Physics & Astronomy's Professor Thanh Nguyen to find out about interdisciplinary and innovative research on the design, and synthesis of magnetic and plasmonic nanomaterials for biomedical applications. Register on eventbrite.
Angela Saini - STS 1Book Talk - 13th March 2019
13th March, 4pm-5pm
Dr Saini’s talk will be on 'Bias and uncertainty: Why science isn’t always about the facts'. Covering material from her book 'Inferior', which looked at the issue of sex and gender discrimination in science, and also from her forthcoming book 'Superior', which takes a similar approach to race and science. The talk will be followed by a Q&A session.
Register on eventbrite

London Light Showcase
17th January 2019 4:30pm-8pm
More information

JBS Haldane Lecture 2019 - Massimiano Bucchi: Geniuses, Heroes and Saints
23rd January 2019
See more on the STS website

Enterprise

Opportunity for post-docs to join the MAPS Enterprise Committee
The MAPS Enterprise Committee has opened three vacancies for post-doc staff interested in supporting faculty enterprise activities. If interested contact Dr Marina Fuentes, indicating innovation activities, research areas with enterprise opportunities, and proposed actions.

Mapping of UCL expertise on mining-
related technologies
Dr Stephen Edwards (UCL Hazard Centre) and Dr Marina Fuentes (MAPS Innovation & Enterprise) will be co-hosting a networking event to map UCL expertise related to risk management of waste from metal mining. Register on eventbrite.

Training and Development

Digital Skills development
New dates are now available for Digital Skills Development courses and workshops the first half of term for both staff and students. Courses cover Excel, Word, STATA, R, Photoshop and more. Please see the blog post for further details.

Booking open for Digital Skills Development at IOE
The Digital Skills Development at IOE training programme offers demonstration sessions and hands-on workshops covering a wide range of applications and web based tools. Sessions are open to all UCL students and staff. See schedule and book online.

Submit your news: what would you like to hear about?
If you have any upcoming events that you like to be promoted to MAPS Faculty staff please let us know.

Feedback on the faculty newsletter
Thanks to those who completed the UCL MAPS Internal Communications Survey. We have tried to take your comments on board when putting this newsletter together. We are keen to make sure that this addresses your needs so please let us know how we can continue to improve.