Faculty Focus - January 2018

Spotlight on...

Sally Price, Chemistry
Professor Sarah (Sally) Price was elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society in May 2017. She is a theoretical chemist, whose research has centred on developing analytical models for the forces between molecules and applying them to predict the properties of molecules in gas, biomolecular complexes and the crystalline state. Read Sally's full profile here.

News, Announcements and Updates

David Attenborough to re-open KLB
We are excited to announce that the Kathleen Lonsdale re-opening ceremony will take place on 17th April. The guest of honour will be David Attenborough. More details to follow.

UCL Research Strategy Consultation
The Office of the Vice-Provost for Research (OVPR) is developing the 2018 research strategy. They plan to consult widely over the coming months, but wish to invite the academic community to read the strategy and respond to the consultation before it closes on 5th
February. Find out more on the OVPR website.

New Department Heads
We are delighted to announce that Professor Helen Wilson will be the new head of UCL Mathematics and Professor Raman Prinja will be the new head of UCL Physics & Astronomy, both with effect from the 1st of September 2018.

Faculty Highlights

Six UCL papers in Altmetric Top 100
UCL research captured the public’s imagination last year with six papers featuring in the Altmetric Top 100 of 2.2 million research outputs tracked in 2017, with the highest performing UCL paper being from Earth Sciences. Read the full Altmetric article.

Leverhulme Trust recognises UCL research excellence
The Leverhulme Trust has recognised the excellence of UCL’s research, funding a doctoral training programme and fifteen awards for academics to further their work in a wide range of fields including chemistry, and physics & astronomy. Read UCL’s Leverhulme Trust article.
UCL researchers awarded two ERC Consolidator Grants
Giuseppe Battaglia, Professor of Molecular Bionics and John Morton, Professor in Nanoelectronics and Nanophotonics have both been awarded prestigious European Research Council Consolidator Grants. Read the full article.

EPSRC announce £3.8M i-sense funding
EPSRC have announced £3.8M in IRC Next Steps funding awarded to i-sense for the their development of agile early warning sensing systems for infectious disease and antimicrobial resistance. Read more in the LCN article.

Events

Colour and Emotion
12th January - 21 February
The Colour & Emotion exhibition at the Street Gallery, University College Hospital is the outcome of an interdisciplinary and collaborative research project looking at colour, sensation and emotion. It is funded by a UCL Grand Challenges Human Wellbeing Small Grant. Further details on the events page.

Athena Swan Special Seminar
19th January 1pm - 2pm
Anatomy G29 JZ Young Lecture Theatre
Hear from Professor Athene Donald on “Why isn't the playing field level?”
Please note that this is a first come first served basis seminar, all are welcome. All enquiries, please email: Sophie Oliver-Styller.
JBS Haldane Lecture, Dr Heather Douglas: "How the public can access expertise"
31st January 5pm - 8pm
Cruciform B404 LT2
Heather Douglas is the Waterloo Chair in Science and Society in the Department of Philosophy at the University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. Read about the Haldane Lecture on the STS website.

Press Open Access Megajournal platform
16th January 4pm-6pm
UCL Anatomy JZ Young Lecture Theatre

David Hart, Entrepreneurship Guest Lecture
18th January 5pm - 6.15pm
Event page

AMOPP: Harrie Massey lecture
Wed 17th January 2018, 4pm
Harrie Massey LT

Tim Han, Entrepreneurship Guest Lecture
25th January 5pm - 6.15pm
Event page

Enterprise

Entrepreneurship for researchers
20th Feb – 6th March (one day per week)
This free three-day course is for research students and staff at UCL. It will help develop entrepreneurial skills and recognise how already exist and be applied to research. Find out more on the course website.

Training and Development

New Digital Skills course dates for 2018
ISD Digital Skills Development has course dates available for the New Year. As usual, they are offering a wide range of courses covering Excel, Matlab, LaTeX, Photoshop, R and more. New dates are
once again available for Unix courses which were absent from last term's schedule. Digital Skills course dates.

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.