Faculty Focus - July 2018

Spotlight on...

Spotlight on Dr Emma Baxter, Public Policy Engagement Facilitator for BEAMS

Emma will be offering one to one support for MAPS academics looking to strengthen their policy links as well as planning a series of events to showcase MAPS policy engagement. She will be writing a monthly Policy Segment for our newsletter, reporting on: MAPS policy work, upcoming events, and training resources. If you are interested in strengthening your policy engagement or would like to know more, then please contact Emma for a discussion.

Read Emma Baxter's full profile

News, Announcements and Updates

Postgraduate Open Day Date Announcement
This years Postgraduate open day will take place on 5th December 2018. Times have yet to be confirmed. PG admissions tutors will be contacted shortly.

Green Impact Awards
Congratulations to the Department of Mathematics for achieving Platinum in the Green Impact awards this year! Well done
to Earth Sciences and the Mullard Space Science Laboratory for their Bronze awards.

**Together Science Can**
Together Science Can is a campaign to celebrate and protect scientific collaboration. As part of its season focusing on the importance of international movement, it has just launched a short survey to collect the views and experiences of researchers from across the world.

**UCL's Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Office is looking for volunteers to become Dignity at Work Advisors**
The role involves providing informal advice and support to staff experiencing bullying, harassment or sexual misconduct. Closing date for applications is Thursday 19th July which should be emailed to equalities@ucl.ac.uk.

**New HR Business Partner for MAPS**
Welcome to Lauren Stevens who has joined UCL as the HR Business Partner for MAPS, taking over from Leonie Malvo. Lauren joins us from Imperial College where she worked as an HR Adviser for the Engineering Faculty. All new HR queries should now be addressed to Lauren.
Undergraduate Open Days
Thank you to everyone who took part in the undergraduate open days last weekend! We look forward to seeing you again at the next open day on September 8th.

Faculty Highlights

Preparing the NHS for a digital future
As the NHS celebrates its 70th anniversary, UCL researchers are helping to assess how new technologies including genomics, artificial intelligence and bionanotechnology, will shape the future of healthcare in the UK for decades to come. Read more on the UCL news page.

Associate Administrator for NASA Space Mission Directorate, Dr Thomas Zurbuchen, visits UCL
UCL welcomed Dr Thomas Zurbuchen, the Associate Administrator of NASA’s Science Mission Directorate, who visited UCL to give a talk titled ‘On the Shores of the Cosmic Ocean’. Read more on the faculty news site.

Planck Team Awarded 2018 Gruber Cosmology Prize
The Planck team, which includes researchers from UCL Physics & Astronomy and the Mullard Space Science Laboratory (MSSL), has been awarded the 2018 Gruber Cosmology Prize. Read more on the faculty news page.
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David Scanlon wins Student Choice Award for Outstanding Research Supervision
UCL recognised the achievements of staff and students through the Academic Rep of the year, the ChangeMakers Poster Competition, the UCL Arena/Higher Education Academy Fellowships Student Choice Awards, and the UCL Education Awards. Read more on the faculty news page.

Events

National Association of Disabled Staff Networks Conference
13th July 2018
The National Association of Disabled Staff Networks and University College London's Equality@UCL and Enable@UCL have collaborated to proudly present a one-day national conference. Registration closes on 6th July.

Save the date: it's all academic festival
15th September 2018
Quiz leading academics and get hands-on with some of UCL's most exciting research at It's All Academic - a free festival for all ages and interests. The current programme, which is expanding all the time, is online here: www.ucl.ac.uk/campaign/festival
Enterprise

Introduction to data science for PhD and post-doctoral students
This free workshop is for UCL PhD and post-doctoral students from disciplines other than data science. Learn what data science is and about careers open to you in this sector. Find out more information and register on the enterprise website.

Public Policy

The relationship between universities and Government is changing. Many Government departments and public bodies have reduced their internal research budgets while their demand for evidence increases. UCL’s broad span of world-leading research and central location puts it in a strong position to make timely and well-informed contributions to policy development. This is reflected in both UCL 2034 and the draft 2018 UCL Research Strategy.

Introducing UCL Public Policy
The UCL Public Policy initiative can help researchers at London’s Global University to engage with policymakers. The initiative provides an interface for researchers and policymakers, facilitates routes for engagement between research and public policy, supports the translation of research into policy-focused outputs, and promotes
dialogue and debate on key public policy questions. Advice and further information can be found on the UCL Public Policy website.

Training and Development

New Digital Skills course dates available
ISD Digital Skills Development have released course dates for Term 3 for both staff and students. As usual, they are offering a wide range of courses covering Excel, Photoshop, R, Stata, SPSS and more. See more details on the digital education blog.

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.

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