Faculty Focus - November 2016

Spotlight on...

Professor Dave Waters - new Vice-Dean (Education)

"I am excited to start work as Vice Dean for (Education) in the MAPS faculty. We are lucky to have such outstanding teaching taking place in all of our departments. I will be working with colleagues to continue the development of our courses, and encourage further innovation in teaching as part of UCL's connected curriculum initiative."

Read more...

News, Announcements and Updates

UCL Synergies Podcast series
Bought to you by UCL Public Policy and UCL Grand Challenges Synergies is an essential guide to what happens when academics reach out beyond their discipline to answer complex real world problems.

Read more...

UCL Beacon Bursaries - deadline 7th Nov
Do you have an idea for a project or activity, or a need for materials/resources, that will help you to connect your research or teaching with people outside UCL?

Find out more and apply...
New to UCL survey
This new survey replaces the student barometer and aims to provide more targeted information about your students' reasons for choosing your department/programme. Please promote this survey to UG & PG students.
Find out more...

UCL Science & Technology Studies launches new volunteering programme
UCL STS is recruiting student volunteers for their new Evidence Based Medicine (EBM+) programme. Please promote within your departments.
Read more...

See how UCL students excel in London
The Graduate Campaign website is now live, this illustrates links between PG programmes and business industry in London. To add more case studies for your area please ask your students or alumni to complete this form.
See more...

Faculty Highlights

The average American melts 645 square feet of Arctic ice every year
Study by Professor Julienne Stroeve (UCL)
Earth Sciences) and Dr Dirk Notz (Max Planck Institute for Meteorology) on Arctic sea ice loss featured in The Atlantic magazine and UCL News.

Read more...

Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument (DESI) enters construction phase
A team of UCL staff including Professor Ofer Lahav and Professor Peter Doel (UCL Physics & Astronomy) have been working on the optical corrector as part of the DESI project.

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UCL team one step closer to achieving quantum ground state
A team of scientists at UCL, led by Professor Peter Barker and Professor Tania Monteiro (both UCL Physics & Astronomy) have taken another big step forward towards cooling a macroscopic object into the quantum regime.

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Academics elected Fellows of the American Physical Society
Professor Angelos Michaelides (UCL Physics & Astronomy, UCL London Centre for Nanotechnology) and Professor Hiranya Peiris (UCL Physics & Astronomy) have both been elected Fellows of the American Physical Society (APS).

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At War with Data
7 December 2016, from 1pm
The SES Consortium for At War with Data, a unique finale to The Data Dialogue series. Hear from some of the UK’s leading researchers speaking about data and security and get the opportunity to join a discussion amongst peers and mentors. For those that would like to know more about previous SES events, a post is available online, featuring downloadable presentations and full event video and panel.
Find out more and register

i-sense Diagnostics and the Developing World Conference
23-25 January 2017
More info...

UCL Graduate Open Day
23 November 2016, 2:00pm-5:00pm
More info...

"Adventures in materials science from window coatings to water repellant surfaces" by Professor Ivan Parkin
25 November 2016, 5:00pm-6:00pm
More info...

Training and Development

InEDITA – the Induction, Engagement and Development Initiative for Teaching Administrators
InEDITA is a comprehensive training and induction programme for teaching administrators new to UCL, and those continuing in post, to assist their professional development.
See more...

MAPS Faculty Unconscious Bias Training
The faculty is committed to ensuring that all staff have undergone a training session to enhance understanding of unconscious biases that may affect our treatment of colleagues.
9 November 2016, 10am–11am, Chemistry Lecture Theatre, CIB.
See more...

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.