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IH PROGRAM NEWS

AIHCe 2023 Phoenix May 22-24, Alumni/Student/Faculty Dinner

This was held on **Tuesday May 23** at Pomo Pizzeria, Downtown. Some 25 attended plus 3 UC Berkeley students. Those who attended were faculty (**Hamid Arabzadeh, Rachael Jones, Shane Que Hee, Candace Tsai**); current students [**Amy Chen** (AIHF Fellowship), **Natalie Ireland, Connor Krause, Thomas Mackey** (Tony Norton Fellowship), **Dorothy Nguyen** (Tony Norton Fellowship), **Hector Solis** (Tony Norton Fellowship)], Staff (**Lizbeth Diaz; Lindsey Lorenzana**); and Alumni (**Dr. Siavash Banaee, Dr. Jeff Birkner, Daniel Chan, Nadia Ho, Rob Kleinerman** (Tony Norton Review Committee), **Kinmon Leong, Alex Munoz, Michael Nguyen, Dr. Bob Phalen and his student, Gerald Pineda** (IH Advisory Committee), **Joe Raab** (honorary alumnus), and **Jimmy Shaw**. Apologies were rendered by **Patty Beach, Dr. Eric Brown** (Donor of one of the FAIHA Fellowships-Thanks Eric!), **Megan Canwright, Travis Cribbs** (AIHF Fellowship), **Joselito Ignacio, Andy Lau** (AIHF Fellowship), and **Linda Seif**. There was a consensus to have a fund drive for the Tony Norton Memorial Fellowship.

SCERC Booth in AIHCe Exhibition

The SCERC hosted a booth at the AIHCe because Arizona is in Region IX along with Nevada, California, Hawaii and the U.S. Pacific Islands. We had a continuous slide show of photos of all current IH faculty and students at the AIHCe as well as literature about our IH program and Continuing Education offerings. Lindsey Lorenzana performed yeoman duty and the current students/other attending staff assisted her twice during the three days. Thanks to her and all who volunteered booth time. The last time we had a booth was in Seattle in **2017**. UCLA preferentially organizes booths for Region IX and West Coast AIHA CONNECTs.

Director Change

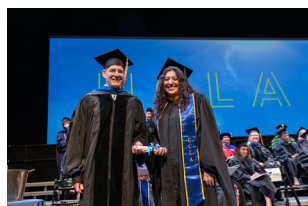
Shane Que Hee will retire from being UCLA Program IH Director in **2024** after being Director since **2009**, succeeding the founding Director since 1982, the late **Bill Hinds**. Our Deputy Director, Professor **Candace Tsai** will assume the mantle. She will also spearhead the writing of the IH portion of the SCERC renewal that needs to be submitted in **2027**. As a part of that process, the current Director's teaching load will be cut back in 2024-2025 to the minimum of 12 units from its 2023-2024 units of 16. That will entail recombining EHS259B Workplace Safety back with EHS259A Occupational Safety and Ergonomics (Brogmus) and eliminating other non-IH service courses like EHS101 Fundamentals of Chemistry in Environmental Health. EHSC257 Risk Assessment and Standard Setting will not be required by the EHS Department after 2025. Its status within the IH program has to be discussed.

IH Graduation/1st Year Student Survival Dinner

MS graduating students **Natalie Ireland**, **Thomas Mackey**, **Dorothy Nguyen** and **Hector Solis** were celebrated at the first such dinner at the UCLA Faculty Club since before the COVID-19 lockdown. First year students **Andy Lau**, **Sarah Swinnerton** and **Emma Landskroner** lauded their own survival of their 1st year, while professors **Arabzadeh**, **Jones** and **Que Hee** provided their perspectives.

Graduation 2023

Natalie Ireland, **Thomas Mackey**, **Dorothy Nguyen** and **Hector Solis** were almost unrecognizable in their academic finery on **June 16** at Royce Hall.



Natalie Ireland



Thomas Mackey



Dorothy Nguyen



Hector Solis

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Tony Norton Memorial Fellowship Fund Drive:

You can make your gift to the Tony Norton Memorial Fellowship through UCLA Foundation's secure online giving-site by clicking:

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If you prefer to send a check, please make it payable to The UCLA Foundation and note in a cover letter or on the memo line of the check "Fund #90138Q" or "Tony Norton Memorial Fellowship." This will ensure that your gift is added to the fellowship.

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Thank you.
