

# **SCERC Spring 2025 Research Symposium**

*Shaping the future of work and health  
through research and technology*

April 4, 2025  
8 AM to 4:30 PM  
UCLA



The SCERC acknowledges our presence on  
the traditional, ancestral and unceded  
territory of the Gabrielina/Tongva peoples.

# In case of an emergency during the event

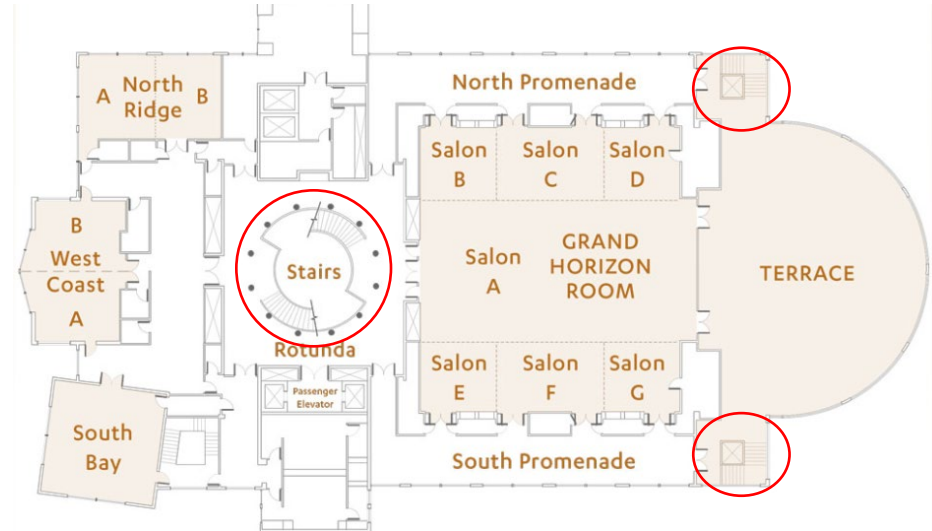
## EVACUATION PROCEDURES

In the event of an earthquake:

- Drop, cover, hold
- If there is a need to evacuate, locate the nearest staircase (circled in red on map)
- Gather in front of building for rollcall

Things to keep in mind:

- Nearest exit
- Fire extinguisher/alarm location
- ERC staff will be present in each room





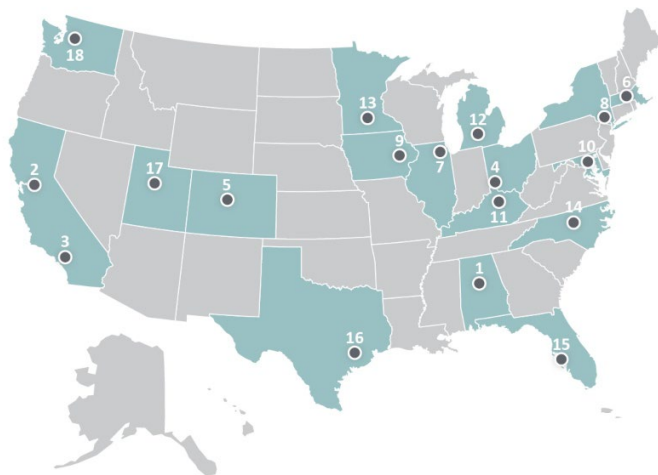
# NIOSH ERCs

The Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Act of 1970 required NIOSH provide an adequate supply of qualified personnel to carry out the purposes of the OSH Act.

The ERCs provide state-of-the-art interdisciplinary training to meet the demand for OSH professionals.

The ERCs prepare the OSH workforce to respond to new challenges posed by the changing nature of work.

NIOSH Education and Research Centers



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| 1. University of Alabama at Birmingham   | 10. Johns Hopkins University                                 |
| 2. University of California, Berkeley    | 11. University of Kentucky                                   |
| 3. University of California, Los Angeles | 12. University of Michigan                                   |
| 4. University of Cincinnati              | 13. University of Minnesota                                  |
| 5. University of Colorado Denver         | 14. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill              |
| 6. Harvard University                    | 15. University of South Florida                              |
| 7. University of Illinois at Chicago     | 16. University of Texas Health and Science Center at Houston |
| 8. Icahn Mount Sinai School of Medicine  | 17. University of Utah                                       |
| 9. University of Iowa                    | 18. University of Washington                                 |

# SCERC Objectives

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- Develop the **next generation of occupational safety and health professionals** via graduate degree programs, post-graduate training and research training opportunities
- Support occupational health and safety professionals, governmental and non-governmental organizations through **continuing education** and **outreach**.
- Conduct innovative, impactful **research** that advances ideas, technology and programs to improve workers' health and safety

# Programs in the SCERC

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## UCLA

- Industrial Hygiene
- Occupational Health Nursing
- Continuing Education
- Outreach

## UCI

- Occupational Medicine Residency

## BOTH CAMPUSES

- Occupational Epidemiology
- Pilot Project Research Training
- Targeted Research Training
- Interdisciplinary Activities

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1. Improve worker health and safety by increasing awareness of occupational health and safety (OSH) challenges and opportunities in Region IX
2. Facilitate Research to Practice (r2p) and dissemination of research activities and findings involving SCERC faculty, staff and trainees
3. Increase collaborations and engagement between researchers, OSH professionals, advocates, and community organizations to advance worker health and safety

# Planning Committee

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