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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

As I reflect on the past few months, the word that comes to mind is *transformation*. As a society, we are learning to transform and adapt to a new 'normal' in a global pandemic. The Black Lives Matter movement has catalyzed a reckoning that is transforming our understanding of how systemic racism and oppression has affected and continues to affect the lives and wellbeing of Black people.

During these unprecedented times, I find myself humbled and inspired by stories of courage, solidarity and leadership. Perhaps there is no better example than [#BlackinNeuro](#), a powerful grassroots movement spearheaded by an international team of scholars including our very own CNLM graduate students, [Angeline Dukes and Elena Dominguez](#). Within a very short time, they have harnessed the power of social media to connect Black neuroscientists from around the globe to participate in a weeklong celebration of Black excellence in neuroscience and related disciplines. Beyond [#BlackinNeuroWeek](#), the group is leading the way to build a community and resources for supporting, mentoring and networking among Black scholars in neuroscience.

As I have said before, we are committed to dismantling systemic racism on our campus and beyond. Over the last few months, we have hosted a number of programs and town halls to listen intently and discuss racism, bias, and inequality and the impact of these issues on the mental health and professional success of our Black community. Visit our [Dismantling Systemic Racism webpage](#) to read reports and to explore resources. Join our [#BLM mailing list](#) on the same page to stay up-to-date on related activities and join our upcoming events.

While progress has been made, there is still so much more that must be done. For those who would like to get involved, we are still accepting applications to [participate in workgroups](#).

I am always hopeful when I see examples of our community coming together to support one another, to build grassroots movements, and to make life-changing discoveries.

I invite you to explore the topics below and connect with us on social media.

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- [Upcoming Events](#)
- [We're Social!](#)

Stay healthy, safe, and engaged.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Yassa Ph.D.

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Research Updates



[CNLM Fellow Kei Igarashi Discovers Brain Network Mechanism that Contributes to Spatial Memory Impairment in Alzheimer's Disease](#)

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[Chasing the Memory, Not the High](#)
CNLM Fellow Dr. Aaron Bornstein says episodic memory, more than compulsive behavior, could be to blame for relapses among those addicted to drugs and/or alcohol.

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News and Highlights



[CNLM's T32 in Learning and Memory Welcomes Four New Scholars](#)



[CNLM Graduate Students Launch International #BlackInNeuroWeek – Begins July 28](#)



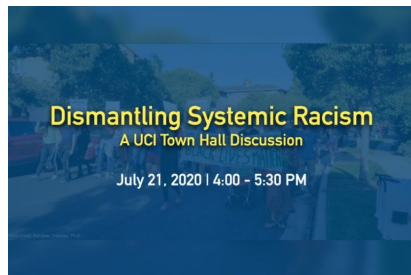
[CNLM Fellow Oswald Steward Appointed President of the Society for Neuroscience](#)



[Children's Hospital Orange County \(CHOC\) Medical Intelligence and Innovation Institute \(MI3\)](#)



[UCI Brain Camp Student Selected to Present Research at International Conference](#)



[Dismantling Systemic Racism – A UCI Town Hall Discussion](#)





[CNLM Fellow Rob Spitale Appointed Associate Director for the Planned School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences](#)



[UCI Giving Day 2020: CNLM Junior Neuroscientists Give Back to High School Students](#)



[Next Steps – Town Hall Discussions on Systemic Racism](#)



[CNLM Community Supports One Another During the Global Day of Unity](#)



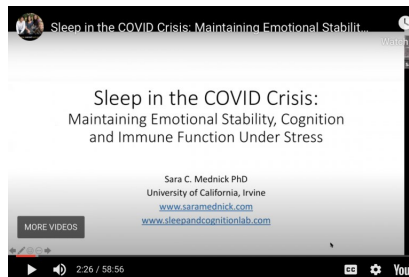
[Wed June 10th – Dismantling Systemic Racism in STEM: A #ShutDownSTEM Town Hall](#)



[Black Lives Matter](#)



[5 Natural Ways to Improve Your Memory, According to Experts](#)



[Sleep in the COVID Crisis: Maintaining Emotional Stability, Cognition and Immune Function Under Stress](#)



[2020 CNLM Award Recipients](#)

Upcoming Events

October 6, 2020
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Colloquium with Judith F. Kroll, Ph.D.

Join the CNLM in this virtual colloquium with professor Judith Kroll, from the department of Language Science here at UCI, where she will present her research on the consequences that bilingualism has on the mind and the brain.

[Find Out More](#) and [RSVP](#)

October 27, 2020
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Colloquium with Kate M. Wassum, Ph.D.
The CNLM will host Dr. Kate Wassum from UCLA's department of Psychology for a virtual colloquium where she will present her latest research on reward circuitry. [Find Out More](#) and [RSVP](#)

We're Social!



Featured Instagram Post



[Meet Angeline Dukes, the founder of international #BlackInNeuroWeek_ \(@blackinneuro\)](#) For more information visit the link below ucicnrm.uci.edu/news-hub To learn more about #BlackInNeuro, to participate or contribute to the movement, visit blackinneuro.com #blacklivesmatter #ucicnrm #blm #BLACKandSTEM @ucirvine @ucibiosci

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