Dear Colleagues and Friends,

I hope you are all well and are keeping safe and healthy. As you know, this is an unprecedented time in our history and we are still grappling with the new realities of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our scientists have had to move to working from home and our students are attending classes virtually. Many of our research activities have come to a halt, but many other activities and types of scholarship continue from home.

Together, we are working to facilitate research and scholarship remotely, finding ways to limit the negative consequences of social distancing, leveraging technology to keep us all connected, and developing new means to support our communities.

We would like to offer this newsletter as a reminder of the incredible work being done by CNLM faculty and students. While physically we remain distanced, intellectually we have the opportunity to plan and prepare for the world beyond COVID-19. It is important to stay connected and reach out to those who are most impacted by these challenging times.

I invite you to explore the topics below, but also to find ways to reach out to your friends, family, colleagues, and students to stay connected. This is a time that has put our most vulnerable in a precarious position. If there was ever a time to be there for one another, it is now. Remember that we are all in this together and we will get through this together.

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Research Updates

**Professor Leslie M. Thompson Awarded Title of Donald Bren Professor**
CNLM fellow Leslie M. Thompson has been awarded the title of Donald Bren Professor for her exceptional academic merit.

**Putting the 'lazy eye' to work**
CNLM associate director Sunil Gandhi and neurobiologist Carey Y.L. Huh have just found that amblyopia (lazy eye) originates in an earlier stage of the visual pathway than was previously thought. Their research, which raises the possibility of new treatment approaches, appears in the Journal of Neuroscience.

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News and Highlights

**A message from Michael Yassa, Ph.D.** – In memory of Dr. James T. Goodrich

**2020 Brain Awareness Week: Exploring memory through different lenses**

**Working Memory Podcast Episode with Michael Yassa, PhD**

**CNLM Spotlight: Angela Prvulovic** – creating buzz on CNLM's social media

**2020 Irvine Brain Bee Inspires Teens to Pursue Brain Science Careers**

**NeuroScholars Program launches search for second cohort of undergraduate brain scholars**

**Neurophilosopher Dr. Patricia Churchland gives the 26th Distinguished Lecture on Brain, Learning and Memory**

**International Day of Women and Girls in Science – Feb. 11, 2020**
Check out an eight video series about women researchers at the CNLM

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Upcoming Events

**Thursday, April 16**
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
**UCI Brain - Dimensions Virtual Training Session**
The UCI Brain Initiative is offering virtual training sessions on the Dimensions Team Science Development Tool. Multiple sessions available.

**Wednesday, May 20**
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
**CNLM Young Scholar Virtual Award Ceremony**
Join us virtually to celebrate the young scholars who have received 2020 CNLM Awards.

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We’re Social!

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Featured Instagram Post

In honor of International Women and Girls in Science Day on February 11th, the CNLM is featuring a handful of our leading ladies in neuroscience!

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