



President's Message:



Dear Town and Gown of USC Members,

We hope you are enjoying these summer days with family and friends.

It was certainly a celebration to behold on the 4th of August in honor of Ruberta Weaver's 104th birthday. A big Town and Gown of USC thank you to our organizers, donors, and supporters including the leadership of our Hospitality Co-Chairs, Edie Etmekjian and Ayuko Siegel, Paula Ciaramitaro, Yvonne Bogdanovich, Sara Pfirrmann, Carol Fox, Joanne Asman, Dr. Art Bartner, Deidre the photographer, Carol Mollett, Joyce Fadil, Denise Magro, and the 40 cars filled with parade participants. Please visit our Facebook and Instagram to view the pictures. *Fun fact: Ruberta's parade was featured on ABC news.*

Our Physical Facilities Co-Chairs, D'Arcy McLeod and Marilou Hamill, are creating an archival history of our group. With 116 years of philanthropic service to the University, we all have a lot to be proud of. A history section on our website is coming soon.

Ann Palmer and Carol Wright, our Second Vice Presidents, Scholarship, are highlighting two of our 159 merit-based scholars for the academic year.

Christine Gregg, the 2020 Town and Gown of USC Nominating Chair, lists the Board leadership positions up for nominations. Our entire membership will receive the call for nominations in late September. Our Nominations Committee leadership for 2020-2021 is Sally Edwards, Mary Hall, Marilyn Kezirian, and Bonnie Suffridge.

Our Fifth Vice Presidents, Programs, Patti Jamgotchian and Colleen Stroyke, unveil the list of 2020-2021 speakers. Please mark your calendars. In keeping with the timeframe of our general luncheon meetings, we will plan on 12:45 p.m. for meeting announcements followed by our monthly featured speaker(s). Thank you to the volunteers who will help ensure that all Zoom needs and questions for our members are answered; Ronna Berlin, Beth Saul, Bonnie Vogel, Valerie Weiss, and Debbie Wong.

Whether we are in person or, for the time being, safely connecting virtually; we are all still part of the same exceptional, extraordinary, and incomparable Trojan Family.

On behalf of our entire Board of Directors 2020-2021, thank you for caring about Town and Gown of USC.

Fight on!

SPECIAL MENTION

Visit Town and Gown of USC's social media pages to view photos from Past President (1990-1992) Ruberta Weaver's 104th Birthday Parade that took place on August 4th!



Photo Credit: Charlotte Ginsburg



DID YOU KNOW?



During the 1920's Town and Gown raised the money for the Town and Gown Residence Hall which opened in 1926 for 100 women students. Their second project was to raise the money to build and furnish the Town and Gown Foyer which was completed in 1935. Many successful benefits were required to fund this project. Members purchased dining room chairs which had their names on nameplates for \$5.00 each. In 1941, Town and Gown spent \$27,000 to enlarge the Residence Hall. That building, now called John R. Hubbard Hall, is used as the Student Administrative Services.

If any members have any pictures or other memorabilia, please contact Physical Facilities Chairs.

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ZOOM SOCIAL EVENTS

We are extremely excited to present the Town and Gown 2020-2021 Speaker List and are grateful to our Programs committee who suggested inspiring and diverse speakers. As you know, we will have virtual meetings this Fall, but are hopeful to resume in-person luncheons in our beautiful ballroom for the Spring semester.

It's not too late to register for our first Zoom Social featuring a virtual lunchtime Gourmet Cooking Class with Chef Dana Slatkin on September 1, 2020 at 12:45 p.m. Please RSVP through the email invitation link or click [here](#). We hope you will join us!

Thank you and we look forward to virtually seeing you on September 1st.

Patti Jamgotchian and Colleen Stroyke, Town & Gown Programs Co-Chairs
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If you need help with logging into Zoom, please contact one of our wonderful Programs committee volunteers listed below on the day of the Town and Gown virtual event:

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SAVE-~~THE-DATE!~~

2020-2021 Monthly Programs & Events



Tuesday,
Sept 1, 2020

CHEF DANA SLATKIN

Founder, Violet Bistro and Cooking School

Virtual Zoom Social: "Social and Cooking Demonstration"

Learn valuable cooking techniques from Chef Dana, a Culinary Institute of America-trained chef and founder of Violet Los Angeles Bistro, Cooking School & Shop.



Tuesday,
Oct 6, 2020

WINSTON B. CRISP

Vice President for Student Affairs of USC

Virtual Zoom Speaker Series: "How Student Life is Changing"

Hear how USC and student life are adapting and thriving in this ever-changing world.

Lords & Ladies Day



Tuesday,
Nov 3, 2020

Special Introduction by: PRESIDENT CAROL FOLT

President of the University of Southern California

Virtual Zoom Speaker Series: "USC Update"

"USC is where big dreams are nurtured and incubated and where dreams can become impactful, even world-changing, achievements."

AND



TRACY SCHANDLER WALDER

Former CIA Officer and FBI Special Agent

Virtual Zoom Speaker Series: "Life as a CIA Operative and Female Empowerment"

From USC student, to U.S. Intelligence Community agent, to mentor for young women, she will share her story of *The Unexpected Spy: My secret life chasing down some of the world's most notorious terrorists.*

Holiday Boutique: TBD



Tuesday,
Dec 1, 2020

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Save the Date! Watch for details on this wonderful event.



Tuesday,
Jan 12, 2021

DR. MARISSA PEI

Organizational Psychologist; Award-winning Author & Speaker

Speaker Series: "Don't Worry, Choose Happy!"

An upbeat, humorous, and inspiring presentation based on the book, *8 Ways to Happiness from Wherever You Are.*

Honoring Past ACC Chairpersons & Current ACC Presidents





Tuesday,
Feb 2, 2021

DEAN GEOFF GARRETT

Dean of USC Marshall School of Business

Speaker Series: "Future of Business Education" and "How Can Business be Part of the Solution"

A warm welcome back to one of the University of Southern California's newest leaders. Learn how he turns challenges into opportunities.

Honoring Town & Gown Scholars and Donors



Tuesday,
Mar 2, 2021

ERIC J. KEZIRIAN, MD, MPH

Professor, USC Caruso Dept. of Otolaryngology; Sleep Surgeon &

VALTER D. LONGO, PhD

Director, USC Longevity Institute; Professor of Biological Sciences

Speaker Series: "Keys to Health & Wellness"

Two renowned doctors, who are experts in their specialized fields will present their tips for health and wellness.

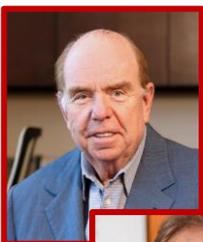
Honoring Town & Gown Past Presidents



Tuesday,
Apr 13, 2021

ANNUAL BENEFIT & LUNCHEON

Join us for the Spring Benefit & Luncheon, featuring special guests and entertainment! Location of the Benefit this year will be at The California Club, an elegant venue in downtown L.A.



Tuesday,
May 4, 2021

ROBERT SHRUM

Co-Director, USC Dornsife Center for the Political Future &

MICHAEL MURPHY

Co-Director, USC Dornsife Center for the Political Future

Speaker Series: "The Changing Political Landscape"

Longtime Democratic political strategist Robert Shrum and veteran GOP strategist Michael Murphy lead the Center devoted to bipartisan explorations of the biggest issues facing our country and community.

Installation of Officers & Honoring Life Members



2020 - 2021 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

All Town and Gown of USC Members have the opportunity each year to nominate outstanding, qualified leaders for our Board of Directors. This year's nominees will be for the following Director positions:

President Elect
CFO
2nd VP Scholarship
3rd VP Fund Development
4th VP Membership
5th VP Programs
Two Nominating Committee Members

Mark your calendars now that Nomination Forms will be emailed/mailed at the end of September and to be returned during the first week in November. Detailed summary information for each elected position can be found in the Town and Gown of USC Handbook.

SCHOLAR Q & A



Jasmine Persephone Jupiter – Masters - Interactive Media & Game Design – School of Cinematic Arts

What is exciting and interesting, or currently challenging you, in your major field of study?

My department is currently facing the challenge of remote work during COVID-19. Video games are something that can pretty easily be created entirely online, and we are hoping to develop practices that have longstanding impacts on the way the industry functions.

Describe clubs or other on campus activities in which you participate.

Two of the games I worked on last year were featured at the USC Games Expo that was broadcast on Twitch in May. One of them, Koshka's Kofe, was released on itch.io and has now been played by over 7,000 people!

Describe any work (paid or volunteer) or off campus associations in which you participate.

This summer, I was a 2020 Girls Make Games Fellow and taught a class of teens how to code and create their own games. It was an incredibly meaningful experience and two of the games made in my class were chosen as finalist contestants for Demo Day, happening later in August, where one game prototype will be chosen to be expanded into a full, professional-grade game!

Are you involved with any research at the moment? If so, please briefly describe that experience.

Yes! I am currently working with the Art History department to create an interactive educational experience in VR for the Vatican Museum. This project is hoping to secure funding from the NEH and has received a letter of support from the Vatican! I am also an Annenberg Fellow who is aiding two Games professors, Jane Pinckard and Richard Lemarchand, with research and teaching this coming year.



SCHOLAR Q & A

Amanda Flores – Junior – Dornsife College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences
Major: Political Science
Minor: Forensics & Criminality



What is exciting and interesting, or currently challenging you, in your major field of study?

I think the interesting part of my major is that it is constantly evolving according to today's political climate. I was fortunate enough to take two classes this semester with two very distinguished professors in the political science department. One course, under Professor Robert Shrum, who is one

of the most prominent Democratic political consultants in the country, examined the dynamics of politics and policymaking in a democratic society and how elections and political pressures shape policy and how the fallout of policy choices reshapes the political landscape. As we head into a presidential election this year, this class helped to offer various perspectives on our current political landscape. The second course was under Christian Phillips, which concentrated on developing students' understandings of the ways in which politics, policy, and law influence how gender and gendered roles are constructed in the United States.

Describe clubs or other on campus activities in which you participate.

I am currently involved with USC's pre-law fraternity as the co-chair for the organization. Additionally, this is my second year volunteering with the JEP house under the pre-law program. I volunteer for Teen Court which is a diversion program that allows first-time juvenile offenders to have their case heard by a jury of their peers. This method acts as an alternative to sending cases to juvenile delinquency court.

Describe any work (paid or volunteer) or off campus associations in which you participate.

This past semester, I had a part-time job on campus with Dornsife Technology Services working as a Customer Support Representative.

Describe any internships you've had this past year.

Last summer, I interned for the Riverside County District Attorney's office. I was fortunate to receive hands-on experience in various aspects of the criminal justice system, specifically working for the Domestic Violence Unit. I was offered an internship, once again, for this summer where I will be more hands-on in the Felony Prosecutions Unit.

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Do you have any news to share with Town and Gown? Please email Kari May, karidmay@gmail.com.

Town and Gown of the University of Southern California is a nonprofit philanthropic organization whose purpose is to support USC through scholarships for students, building and campus enhancements, and cultural programs.

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