

COMMUNITY engagement SUMMIT

It's all ABOUT **PARTNERSHIP**

a time that is challenging OUR **SYSTEMS** and **FOUNDATIONS**



A PARADIGM SHIFT



Let's make **RESEARCH** more **ACCESSIBLE**



TOGETHER, We can create a **GREAT**ER IMPACT



FACULTY **NONPROFIT** **FUNDERS**
IMAGINE the POSSIBILITIES

ONE UCLA

SERVICE



shared GOALS



Hey!



Hello, there!



BREAK DOWN SILOS

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VOICE

from the **NONPROFIT SECTOR**
Center for Nonprofit Management
EFFRAIN ESCOBEDO

[The CHARITY Problem]

Your **VOICE** matters



- education
- care in the community
- safety

CHANGE REBEL

INVESTING in the **COMMUNITY'S POWER** to **CREATE** the infrastructures/solutions results in **EQUITY**

POWER not INPUT → Let's share **POWER**

COMPLEMENT not SUPPLEMENT →



INVEST not INFORM →

SOCIAL IMPACT



POWER → **MAKE VISIBLE**



INDUSTRY of CARE sustainable

Let's pay them a **LIVING wage**

COMMUNITY

created by **ORGANIZATION**



this →

CHARITIES are REACTIVE

NONPROFITS Are NOT **CHARITIES** They Are **SOCIAL Enterprises**

Politics ↓
Something is being done

Government should be safety net



300,000 work in social **IMPACT**

62% of **NONPROFITS** operate with less than **\$500,000**

70% led by **WOMEN**

61% led by **POC**

shaped by **LIVED EXPERIENCE**

Language MATTERS


Community Health Center → **Economic Anchor**
 Food Justice Organization → **Supply Chain Intervention**
 Cultural Center → **Identity Bank**

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FUNDERS

Corey Matthews
Liberty Hill Foundation
Dr. Raphael J. Sonensheln
The John Randolf Haynes
and Dora Haynes Foundation

the **STORIES**
of our **COMMUNITY**

this is what
the 
Says.

more
powerful
STORIES

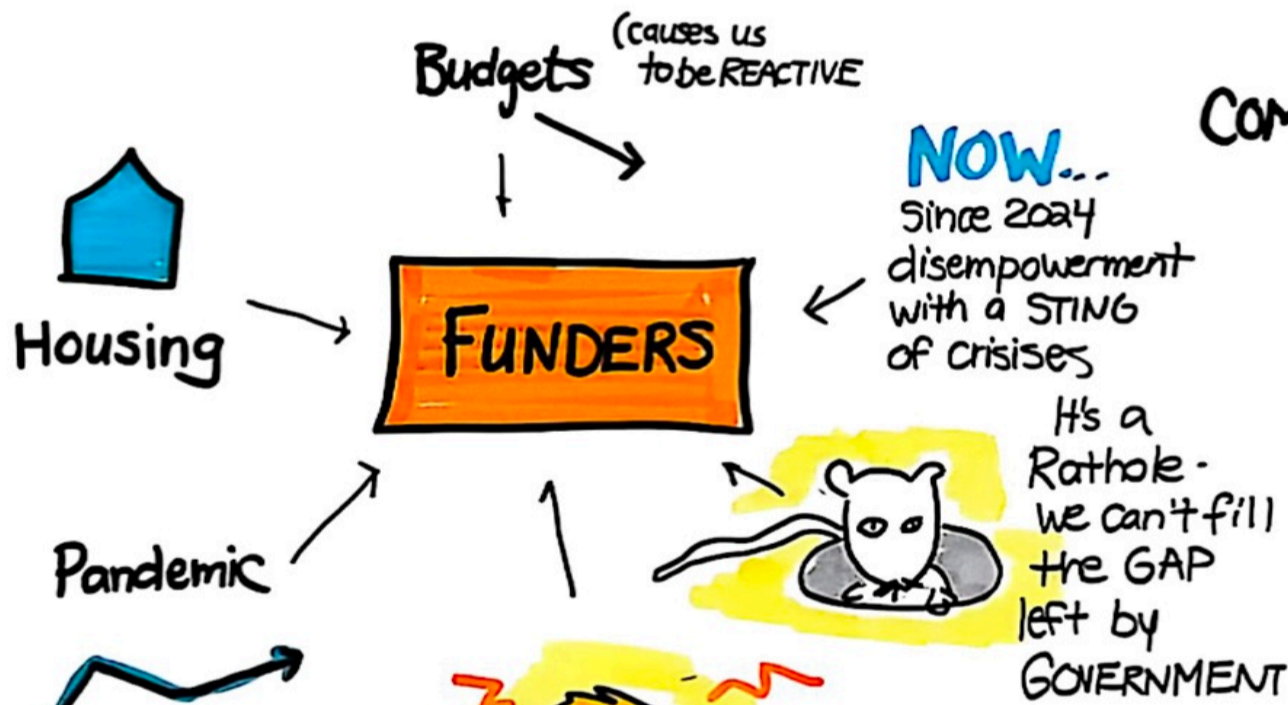
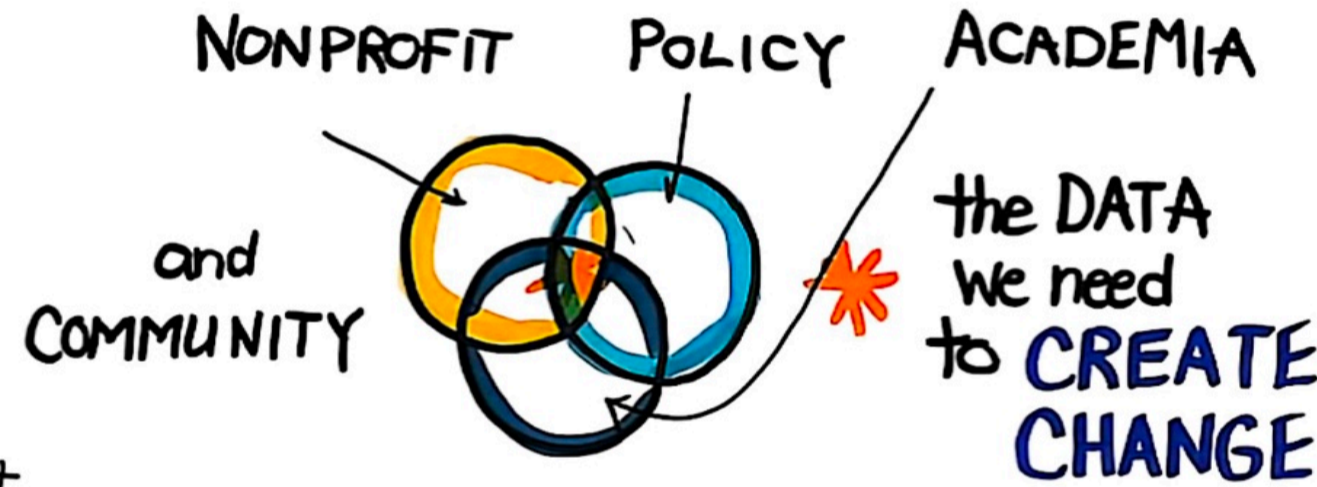
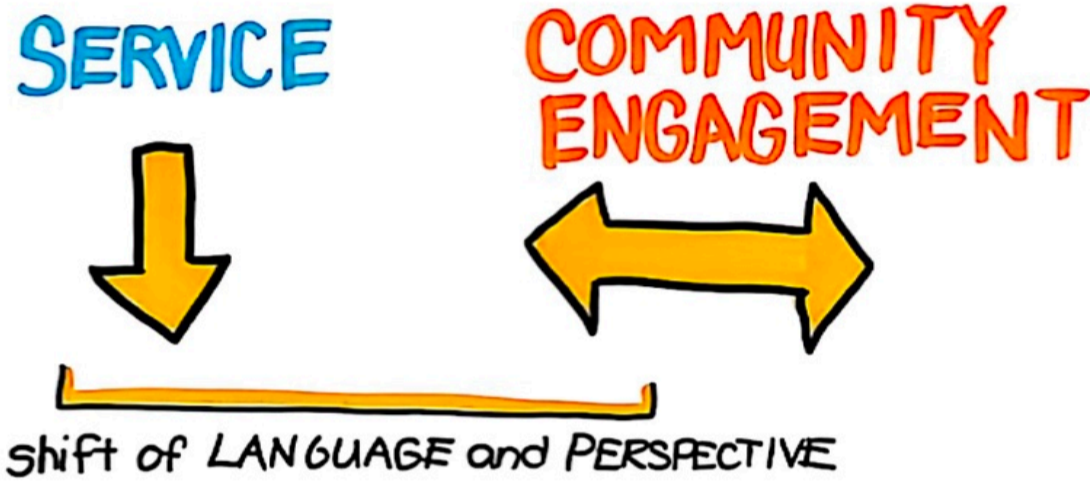
RESEARCH
HOPE and FAITH that
FACTS still MATTER

Research isn't
"ME-Search"

REFLECT



University
may **REFLECT**
the
COMMUNITY



the **FIRST STEP**
of COALITION is
to WALK in each
others **SHOES**

We Look for:



Who cares
Send your
PROPOSAL
to smartest
person to REVIEW
before
(not in your FIELD)



Have we recovered?

OVERWHELM
is possible

But our **POWER**
emerged

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PARTNERSHIP CONVERSATIONS

Faculty has the responsibility to make their research serve, using it as an **ADVOCACY** tool.

Plan out partnerships in advance, not as an **AFTERTHOUGHT**

Become immersed in the **DAILY** life of the **PEOPLE**.

Always be **TRANS-PARENT** and **GOALS** so no stakeholders are **SURPRISED**.

Approach research with cultural **HUMILITY** and immersion.

Strong **RELATIONSHIPS** take **TIME**, **BUILDING** trust takes **TIME**.

Foundations **WANT DATA**.

TOPICAL SESSIONS

EMOTION

is PART of
working
with
communities.

CARING for
people and making
them feel IMPORTANT
is core to ENGAGING
and building community

Social justice is linked
with LINGUISTIC
justice. Learn the language
of the people you want
ORGANIZE.

Communities
are always playing
DEFENSE.

Funding and funding
priorities need to
be baked in from the
START, if not, it won't
HAPPEN.

Featured **UCLA**
SOCIAL IMPACT
COLLABORATIVES
and
LONGSTANDING
RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS

CALIFORNIA FREEDOM

Summer Participatory Action Research Project + **POWER CALIFORNIA ALLIANCE**

Veronica Terrquez
Luis Sanchez

How do **EVERYDAY** people ORGANIZE and get INVOLVED



100 eligible
50 registered
10 voted

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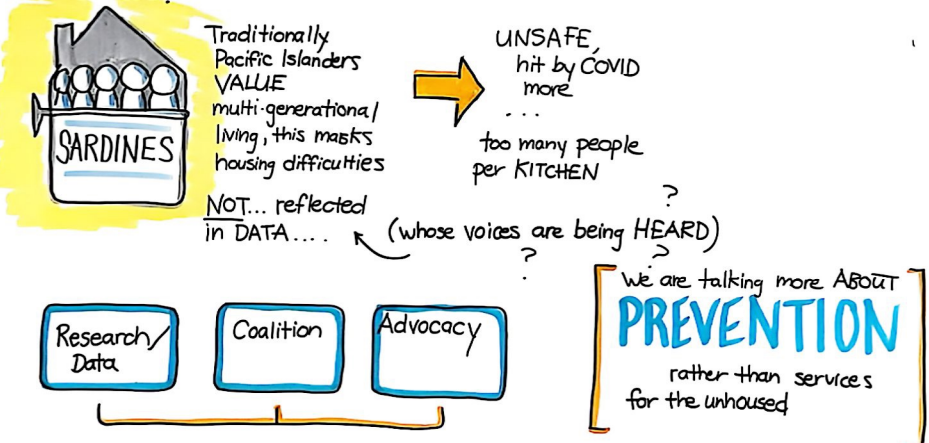
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COALITION BUILDING to Measure + Address

Precariously Housed Asian Americans + Pacific Islanders



What does **OVERCROWDING** look like?
(two or more people per room)



HOMELESSNESS isn't just a BLACK + BROWN issue

SPACES of CARE

Fostering Intergenerational
Publics in Westlake-MacArthur Park
Dana Cuff, Claire Neilscher, Yang Yang,
Loren Rubin

cityLAB UCLA + Heart of LA

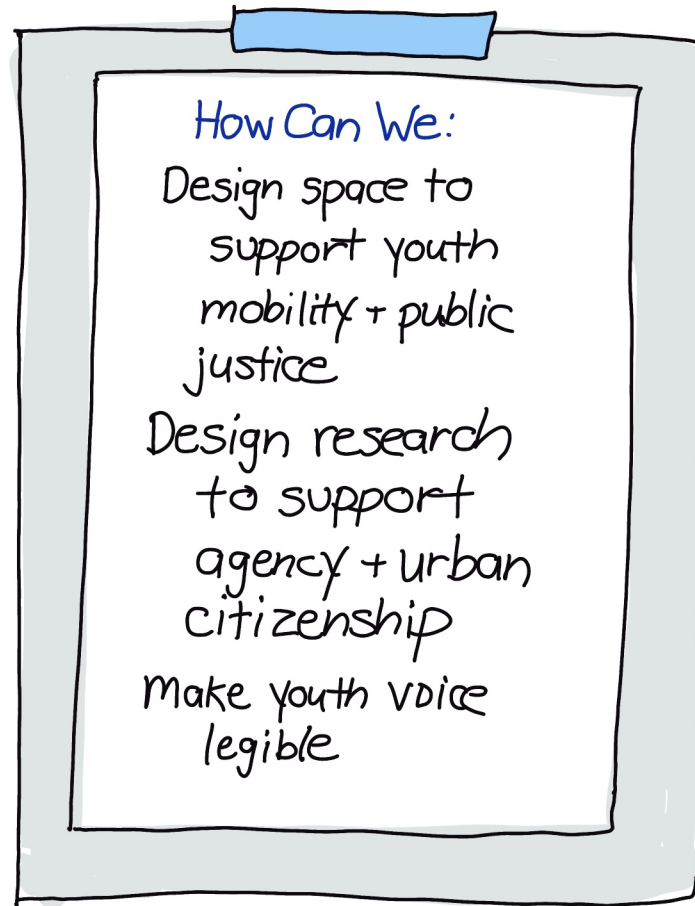


What do you
need from us
to FEEL SAFE?

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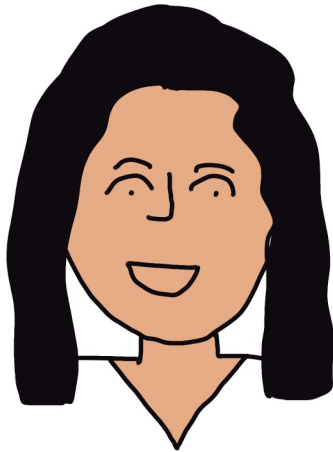
Discover **YouTH** journeys
from school to HOLA
11-15 year olds
EMPOWER YOUTH



How Can We:
Design space to
support youth
mobility + public
justice
Design research
to support
agency + urban
citizenship
Make youth voice
legible

A Community-Centered Approach to supporting **DUAL LANGUAGE LEARNING**

Soleil Delgadillo, Victoria Mateu, Megha Sundara



How can UCLA
and Children's
Institute and
support **SPANISH**
language learning.

↑ under
diagnosis of
language delays

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Research shows
benefits of bilingualism -
no **CULTURALLY** appropriate
materials



Initial outreach
relied on
research
presentations

FUTURE
Build **TRUST**



Now:
need immigration help
Food gift cards

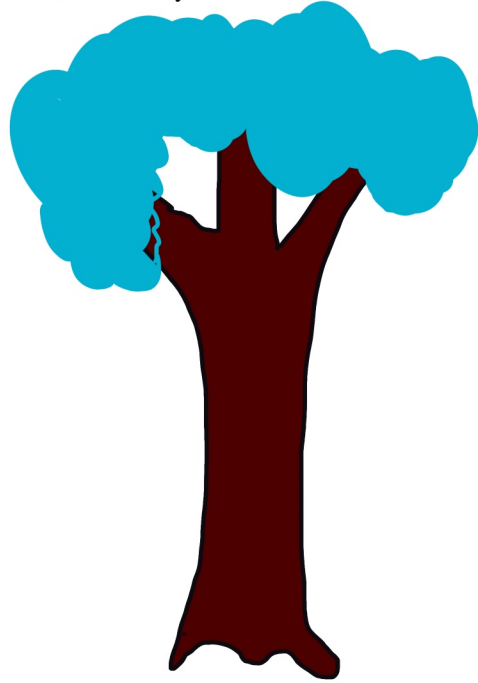
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BIOPHILIA TREEHOUSE

Art, Science, Education Coalesce in an Outdoor Laboratory

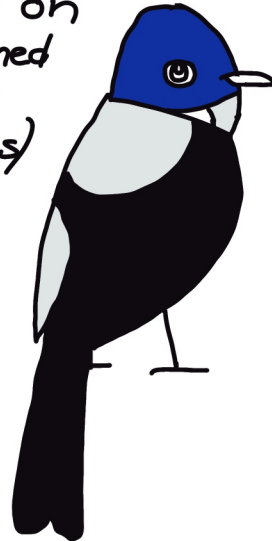
Robin Solmon, Rebeca Mendez

Grad students' interest not always align for research →

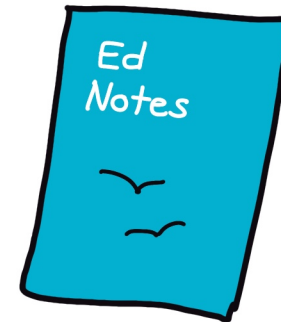


⇒ Raise **AWARENESS** in ecological justice

Focus on threatened birds (527 species)



← promote wildlife corridors



to help with teaching in treehouse

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DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

and Recovery Among Chinese Immigrants

Jack Cheng, Chunging Lin, Liwei Chen

Chinese Service Center
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CSLB

LA has largest
CHINESE population
in the US



delay in
preparedness
and recovery



Children
may be out
of state:
relying on
direct info



culturally
appropriate
mental health care

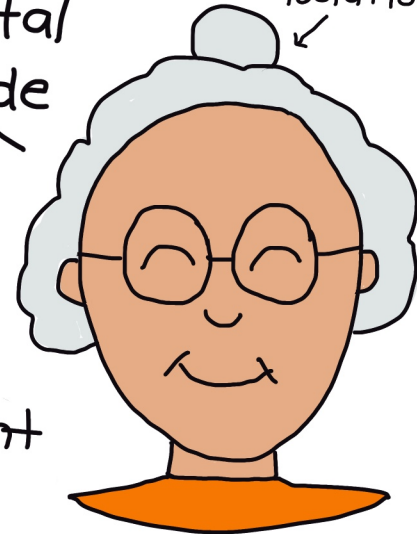


Create a
Chinese language
info platform

digital
divide

social
isolation

long-
term
adjustment



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VIRTUAL BELONGING

Enacting Care Ethics in Community Archives

Michelle Caswell, Gabe Solis

UCLA Community Archives
After Violence Archive



DOCUMENTING

records around state violence



other groups can use as resource to create **ETHICAL** community based documentation

Zoom or in-person



now speaking with **FUNDERS**



Being **SEEN** and **HEARD** is validating

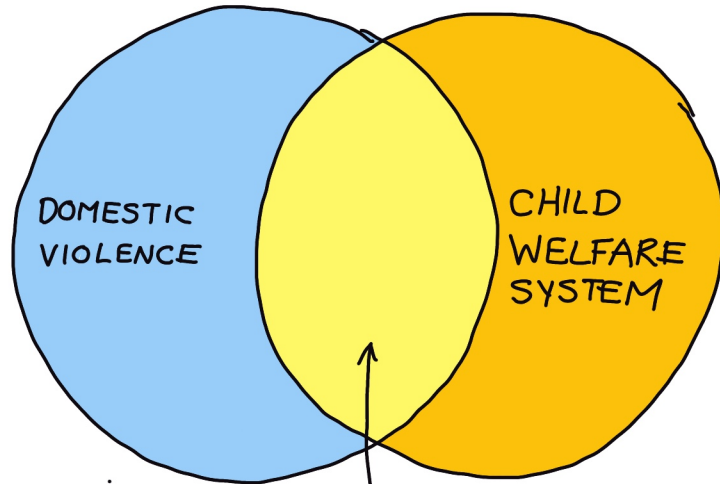
Staff becomes more like **FACILITATORS**

INTERSECTION of Domestic Violence and Child Welfare

Taylor Dudley, Alyon Messenger

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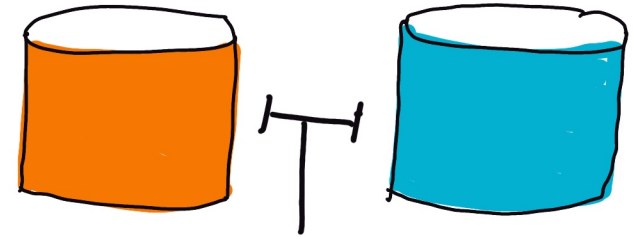
How can we IDENTIFY early signs and offer resources to parents?



Survivor parents of DV often lose custody



RELATIONSHIP with surviving parent → predictor of positive outcome for CHILDREN



System needs more NUANCE, sometimes families are separated when they don't need to be

COMMUNITY-BASED SCIENCE

in South Los Angeles

Robert Engle, Monic Uriarte, Gabriela Gonzalez

Center for Developing Leadership in Science
Esperanza Community Housing

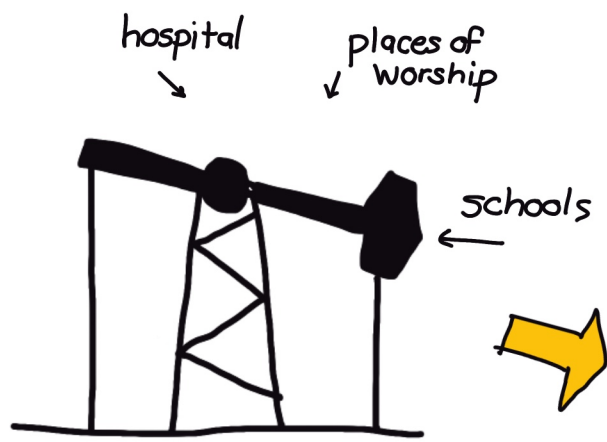


A COMMUNITY dream

↓ teach kids GIS mapping



We are tired of being GUINEA PIGS in research



After study, LA City Council BANNED oil wells in residential areas

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Esperanza Community Center

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WHERE IS OUR LAND

Dispossession and Repair in Black California

Kaily Heitz, Gerald Rawles, Nil-Quartelai Quartey

How can we
RECLAIM
land?

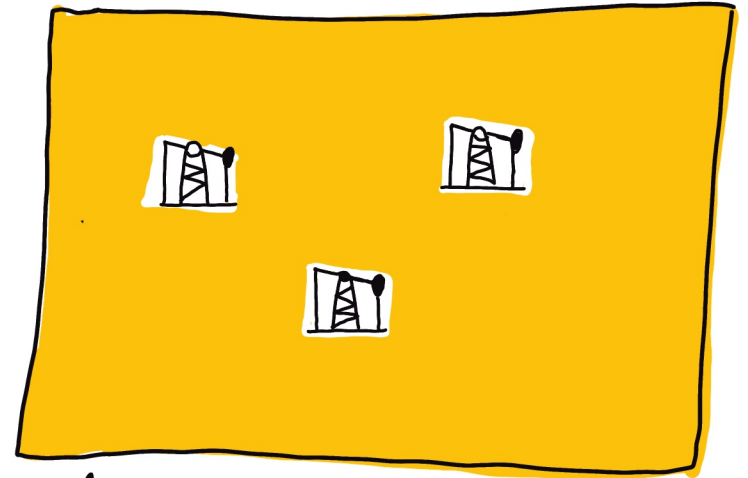
Through
ARTS+
CULTURE



Create a
prototype
of
DATABASE

Collect
STORIES.
Be a
JOURNALIST.

MAPPING DISPOSSESSION



↑ many black families live here

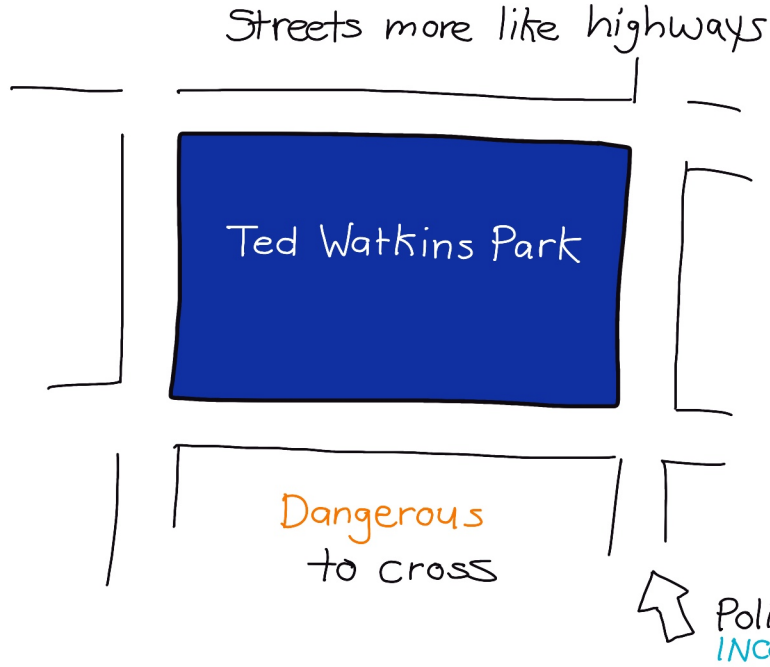
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Black Land Loss Narrative Archive Project

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BUILDING A NEW ROAD TO SAFETY

The Ted Watkins Park Project

Anna Immergluck



Bruce Phillips struck by a car and died.



Case assigned to a CHP officer on vacation.

LITTLE INVESTIGATION

HELEN PHILLIPS:

This won't happen to another FAMILY

2014-2025

771 victims

Women
children
seniors
pedestrians



GIS Mapping to improve DATA



Draw more attention to issue

5 years for infrastructure

UCLA Carceral Ecologies Lab
Dignity and Power Now

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INTEGRATING CARE for

Homelessness in Hollywood

Olivia Jung, Kyle Mueller

Los Angeles
County

← LARGEST
homeless
population
in U.S.

INTERVIEWS

self-
sufficient
informa
sources of
support



most use
4+ interviews

different orgs
for meals

encounter
systems level/
barriers

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mental
health

chronic
health
issues

INTEGRATED CARE
is difficult to
provide

← no health
insurance

THE URBAN SOIL SOCIAL IMPACT COLLABORATIVE

Co-produced Research + Solutions to Support Healthy Communities + Healthy Soil

Monica Shankar, Ava Post

UCLA
Mudtown Farms

HAZARDS

fires →
environmental →
industry →



HEAL

← education
← remediation
← policy development

Make soil data
TRANSPARENT

develop more green spaces

MORE
to
COME

soil bank

Eaton
fires

soil
testing

industrial

around metal
scrapping areas

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share
land history

soil
testing

HUMANIZING MIGRATION COLLABORATIVE

A Whole Family Approach to Healing and Thriving in Los Angeles

Immaculada Garcia-Sanchez, Andrea Murillo

Refugee Children's Center
UCLA



Relationship

TRUST

refugees
+
immigrants



Share **STORIES**
and
EXPERIENCES.



WHOLE-FAMILY
care



Research

CO-DEVELOP

THE RETIREMENT PARADOX

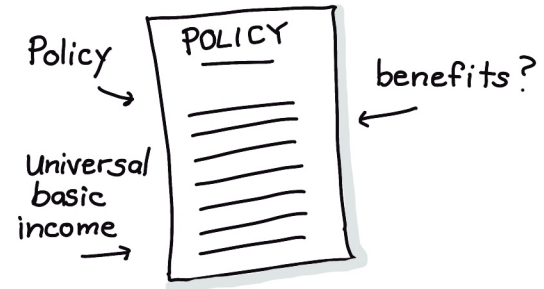
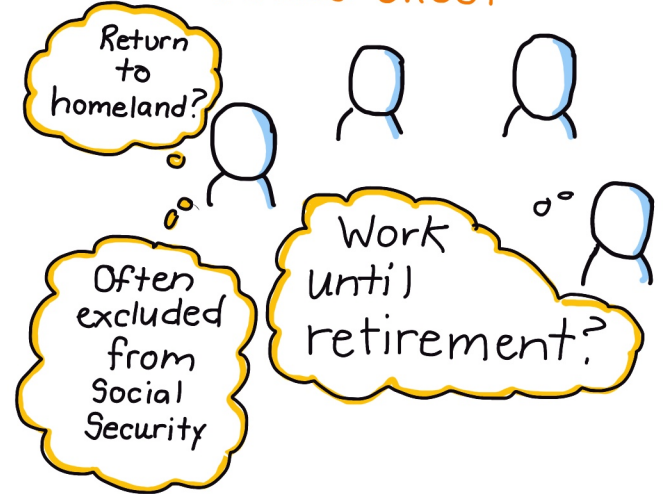
for California's Aging Workforce in the Homecare Industry

Jennifer Chun, Saba Waheed, Amanda Steele

low wages
no benefits
? RETIREMENT ?
? ?
WHAT will this look like



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UCLA Labor Center
SEIU 2015

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ENHANCING EQUITY in Public Library Services through Vietnamese Language + Cultural Resources

Thuy Vo Dang, Angela Minh-Tu Nguyen



Do we have enough resources?

Viet Storytime Club

public libraries



- librarians
- community members
- scholars

fundraise beyond original grant

- UCLA Community Archives Lab
- Viet Storytime Club