A Message from Marshall College

STATEMENT FROM MARSHALL COLLEGE LEADERSHIP

Dear Film Studies Minor community,

The happenings of these past weeks have filled us with anguish, anger, and resolve. The murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery once again exposed the deeply entrenched, institutionalized racism of this nation, the over-policing of communities of color, the harmful rhetoric and actions of national leaders, and the disproportionate work placed on people of color, particularly Black people, to call for much needed change. All this is occurring at a time where these same communities are disproportionately affected by the current public health crisis due to institutionalized racism and unequal access to health services. At Marshall College, we understand these often-repeated dynamics and call on each of us to name what is happening, condemn all acts of discrimination and racism, reach out to one another, and work in coalition for the better America as envisioned by all of us, including our namesake Thurgood Marshall.

While we know what we must do, our beloved Marshall community is currently dispersed across the globe due to the ongoing public health crisis caused by COVID-19. Additionally, the end of our academic year is upon us; you are studying for finals and our seniors are preparing to graduate. Over the past week, so many of you have reached out to Marshall staff members and to each other to share your sadness, anger, fear, shock, anxiety, disbelief, overwhelm, helplessness, and uncertainty. We share these emotions with you and affirm all these emotions as valid.

As a community, we must look out for each other as never before. If you or someone you know needs additional support, please reach out to the Marshall leadership named below: we are here for you. University resources are also available to all students:

- Campus Community Centers and Programs
- Counseling & Psychological Services, 858-534-3755

We hear the call from our students and our nation to examine the current moment and move towards action. We endorse the statements of the University and TMC Student Council. As leaders of Thurgood Marshall College, in the spirit of Third and Lumumba Zapata College, we pledge our resolve to examine the ways anti-Blackness and racism are embedded in our society and at our university. We pledge our resolve to support university-wide efforts such as restorative justice, an inclusive curriculum, and increased resources for underrepresented students. Most importantly, we pledge our resolve to continue to support all students during this difficult time and to advocate on your behalf to the University’s decision makers.

In solidarity,
Marshall College Leadership
Faculty Achievements

**FILM STUDIES PROFESSOR, DAISUKE MIYAO, RELEASES NEW BOOK**
Professor Daisuke Miyao’s new book, *Cinema Is a Cat: A Cat Lover’s Introduction to Film Studies*, was published from the University of Hawai‘i Press in October 2019. In this book, he introduces key concepts of film studies by examining 9 films with cats one by one - such as Breakfast at Tiffany’s, *Cat People*, To Catch a Thief, etc. A great read for cat lovers and film lovers alike! [MORE INFO]

**FILM STUDIES PROFESSORS TO RELEASE NEW BOOK IN SEPTEMBER 2020**

Locating Twenty-First-Century Taiwan Cinema (New York: Cambria Press, 2020)
Edited by Paul G. Pickowicz and Yingjin Zhang
3 UC San Diego Film Studies faculty (Daisuke Miyao, Paul G. Pickowicz, and Yingjin Zhang) have contributed chapters to a new book that takes a multi-disciplinary approach on an evaluation of recent Taiwan film. The book features a team of cultural studies, social science, and history specialists who use differing film materials and methodologies to analyze the ways in which filmmakers deal with the evolution of Taiwan’s society, economy and culture in the new century.

Other News

**MNOUCHKINE FILM EVENT**
In March 2020, the Film Studies Minor, in partnership with Marshall College and the Department of Theatre and Dance, hosted a screening of 2019 Kyoto Prize Winner Ariane Mnouchkine’s films. The event showcased two of Mnouchkine’s rarely seen films: “Molière” & “1789” and included a discussion with UC San Diego Professor Alain Cohen. The screening was also the only Kyoto Laureates event held in San Diego prior to the COVID-19 shelter in place order.

**COLLEGE 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**
In celebration of Thurgood Marshall College’s 50th anniversary, the college will be hosting a series of programs and events that center around the college’s history, mission and philosophy of social justice. The Film Studies Minor is exploring programs and public film events that heighten racial justice issues to host as part of the college’s anniversary year. Stay tuned!

**FILM STUDIES GOES REMOTE**
In light of the current remote learning conditions, our Film Minor faculty associates are exploring ways to continue successfully offering film classes online in hopes of reaching many individuals despite their location.
We Want To Hear From You!

**FILM STUDIES MINOR STUDENT SURVEY**

Thurgood Marshall College's Film Studies Minor is conducting a survey to better understand the interests, experiences and needs of students who participate in film courses at UC San Diego.

**CLICK HERE TO TAKE SURVEY!**

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**ATTENTION UC SAN DIEGO STUDENTS!**

**HAVE AN INTEREST AND APPRECIATION FOR FILM?**

**CONSIDER DECLARING A MINOR IN FILM STUDIES!**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT**

HTTPS://MARSHALL.UCSD.EDU/ACADEMICS/MAJORS-AND-MINORS/FILM-STUDIES-MINOR/INDEX.HTML

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**CONGRATS, 2020 GRADS!**

**4** Students graduating with Film Studies Minor

**25** Students currently declared in the minor