

About the Authors

1. Jessica Li

Jessica Li is a third-year computational and systems biology major and digital humanities minor at UCLA. At UCLA, she has been a Research Assistant, analyzing COVID-19 and public health data for the Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (NHPI) Data Policy Lab. She has also been a contributor to the Daily Bruin's data journalism blog, *The Stack*, and finance director for various volunteering organizations on campus. She is an incoming Big Data Summer Intern at ServiceNow and, for the upcoming school year, she has been granted the UCLA Internet Research Initiative Prize to conduct interdisciplinary research surrounding the internet. Her interests revolve around the intersections of healthcare, data, and storytelling. She plans to work in the health tech field and possibly pursue a PhD post-graduation.

2. Helya Salarvand

Helya Salarvand is a soon-to-be graduating gender studies major at UCLA. She transferred from Santa Monica College where she spent her time practicing theater and completing her general education credits. She was attracted to gender studies and performance for similar reasons: both provided avenues to (de/re)construct identity, memories, feeling, and experience. In all her work, she emphasizes marginalized narratives and utilizes storytelling as a mode of resistance. Upon graduation, she hopes to pursue creative endeavors that embody the radical queer and feminist thought she studied at UCLA. She was greatly inspired by the professorship of Dr. Justin Gutzwa, Dr. Sherene Razack, and Dr. Jacquelyn Ardam.

3. Leika Keys

Leika Keys majored in political science with a focus on American politics and minored in film, television, and digital media. She graduated *summa cum laude* with college honors in 2021. During her time at UCLA, she worked on *Aleph* as a Developmental Editor and as its Outreach Coordinator. She was also a council member on the Political Science Undergraduate Council (PSUC) and became the Co-Founder and Co-Editor-in-Chief of the Political Science Department's undergraduate research journal, *Demos*. Currently, she's living in the hustle and bustle of the Tokyo metropolis, getting her master's at International Christian University (ICU) and studying right-wing social media ecosystems. In these words, she'd also like to make permanent her utmost thanks to Alex Luong for his unconditional support and to Zizi Li and the *Aleph* team for their gracious help on this article, borne out of a sincere hope for good faith politics and too much time on YouTube.

4. Herman Chavez

Herman Luis Chavez (he/they/*él*) is a transfer student graduating *summa cum laude* with college honors and majors in ethnomusicology and comparative literature. Herman researches the paradigms of Latin American aesthetics with cultural and social policy with support from the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship. In his time at UCLA, he has performed in the UCLA Symphony, Old Time String Band, and Music of India ensemble. He worked at the Hammer Museum, Academic Advancement Program, and Transfer Student Center. Herman also taught a course through the Undergraduate Student Initiated Education program and served as the Transfer Student Representative in the Undergraduate Students Association Council. With a passion for researching and teaching music and ethnic studies, Chavez will pursue graduate degrees in musicology & ethnomusicology and global policy at King's College London as a 2022 Marshall Scholar.

5. Sophia Bautista

Sophia Bautista is a 2021 UCLA graduate. She majored in political science and minored in labor studies. The full report of her study, “Run Me My Money,” was featured in the 2021 Undergraduate Research Showcase. This summer, the report will be published at-large as a zine and carried in independent bookstores. Sophia authored “How Racial Segregation Impacted Public Schools in Fresno, CA, and Informs Youth Political Attitudes” for UCLA’s 2020 Quarter in Washington program and co-authored “Workers and Learners during a Global Pandemic and Social Uprising” with the UCLA Labor Center under their 2020 Labor Summer Research program. She was a 2019 UCLA Edward Scott Morrison Scholar, a 2018 Point Foundation Scholar, and has presented presentations and workshops for the UC Davis Center for Filipino American Studies, Latinos for a Healthy California, National Center for Lesbian Rights, and the Yosemite Peace Symposium. After graduating, Sophia spent some time as an English teacher in Morocco and is currently a Program Coordinator for Youth Leadership Institute in Long Beach.

6. Solia Valentine

Solia Valentine is a rising junior majoring in computer science. She is a member of various on-campus organizations including the Academic Advancement Program and Students Heightening Academic Performance through Education (SHAPE @ UCLA), a project run by the Afrikan Student Union. She is also a writer for the Association of Computer Machinery at UCLA and the project manager for the Anti-Resume project at UCLA. Upon completing her undergraduate degree, Solia plans to pursue a career in tech, with an emphasis on the intersection of technology and writing in product management. She was the recipient of the 2021 Arthur Ashe Legacy Scholarship Award. In her spare time, she plays on the UCLA Club tennis team.

7. Joleen Chiu

Joleen Chiu is a rising senior majoring in mathematics and economics. During her time at UCLA, she was an Economics Departmental Scholar, an Economics Research Fellow, and a member of the Academic Advancement Program's Research Rookies Program. Her research focuses on evaluating and promoting economic policies to support low-income communities. Specifically, she has conducted research on expanding low-income students' access to higher education and the effectiveness of financial aid policies. She hopes to continue advocating for low-income communities through policy research in the future and potentially pursue a PhD in Economics. Joleen would like to thank her faculty mentor, Professor Londoño-Vélez, for her continuous mentorship and support throughout her research journey.

8. Moryel Yashar

Moryel Yashar will be graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Human Biology and Society in the summer of 2022. Upon admittance to UCLA, she was selected as a recipient of the UCLA Alumni Scholar Scholarship. Throughout her undergraduate career, she has volunteered at UCLA's medical centers and serves as the UCLA Health Care Extender Admissions Coordinator whereby she oversees the program's quarterly admissions cycles to onboard prospective hospital volunteers. In addition to teaching Judaic studies to her 5th grade students at a local synagogue, Moryel has served as the President of OU's Jewish Learning Initiative on Campus (OU-JLIC) at UCLA, an organization that helps students thrive and observe key aspects of their Jewish faith on campus. Following graduation, she will be taking a gap year to explore her passions for child psychology and alternative medicine. Moryel wishes to acknowledge and thank her faculty mentor, Dr. Michael Scroggins, for his research guidance and continuous support.

9. Sabrina Wannon

Sabrina Wannon is a graduate of the class of 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in Human Biology and Society. During her first two years of her undergraduate degree, she was part of the UCLA Program for Excellence in Education and Research in the Sciences (PEERS) cohort, in which she developed skills and a passion for science and research. In addition, she shadowed and was mentored by Dr. Moses Fallas, Chief of General Surgery, for three years, a formative experience confirming her desire to be a physician and even a surgeon. Sabrina is also a certified emergency medical technician (EMT) and plans to continue working as an EMT during her gap year in Israel, along with studying for the MCAT and applying to medical school. Sabrina is proud of the development of this paper and would like to acknowledge Moryel Yashar, her co-author, and Dr. Michael Scroggins, for his research and moral support.

10. Haoze Zhou

Haoze Zhou is a senior who majored in history and minored in Latin. He currently stands as a finalist for the UCLA Classics Department's Helen Caldwell Award for Outstanding Minor. Despite his experience of studying Roman prose and poetry and his affiliation with ancient Rome, Haoze's interests lie in medieval European history and China's relationship with the western world during the early modern period. He plans to study these fields as a graduate student in the following years. Apart from his study in this edition of *Aleph*, Haoze has also conducted some independent research on Qing China's relationship with the Congo Free State during the late 19th century.

11. Christine Ow

Christine recently graduated in the Class of 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts in political science. Along with her major, Christine also pursued minors in global studies, Asian languages and cultures (Korean), and environmental systems and society. Her academic interests are in development studies, political institutions, and water policy, and she hopes to pursue a career that allows her to explore a combination of all three. During her time as a student, Christine was the Advocacy Director of UNICEF at UCLA and President of the United Nations Association at UCLA. She was also involved in various on-campus research and internship opportunities. After UCLA, Christine will be pursuing a Master of Public Administration in environmental science and policy at Columbia University.

