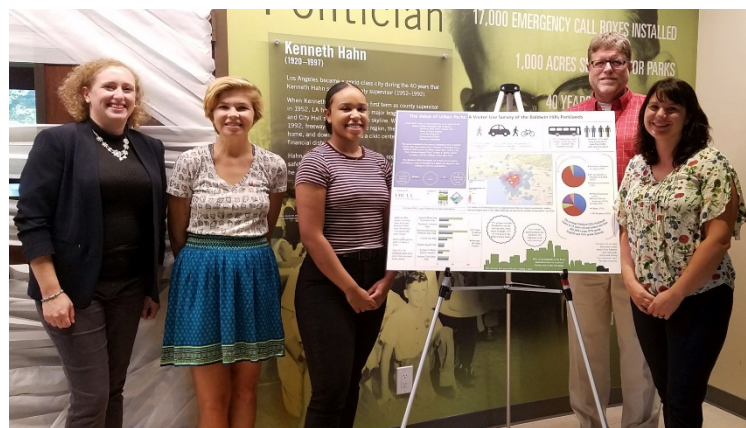


## Baldwin Hills Parklands Completed User Survey!

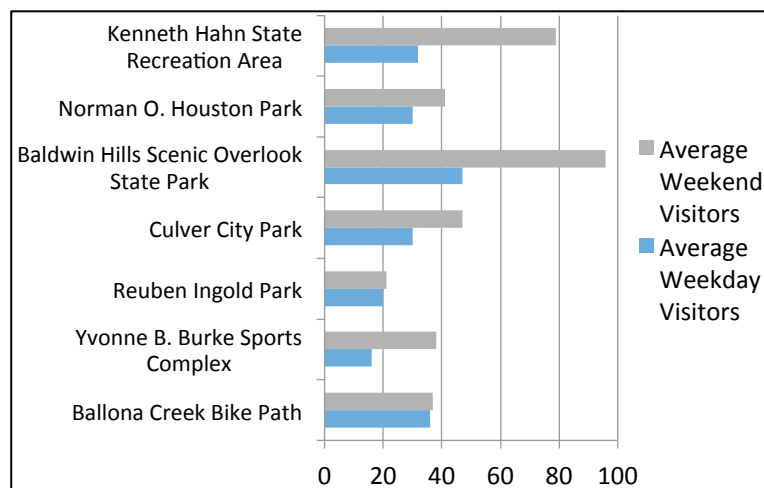
On October 27<sup>th</sup>, the CUREs team presented to the Board of the Baldwin Hills Land Conservancy on the final results from the Baldwin Hills Parklands user survey that was completed in August. The project was a social survey comprised of a pilot season and four subsequent data collection seasons over the course of two years. The user survey focused on respondents' frequency of use, demographics, park activities, park accessibility, and environmental awareness.

The survey was distributed at 9 locations throughout the Parklands. A total of 1,747 surveys were compiled and analyzed by 38 CUREs undergraduate research assistants (RAs) over the course of 1,934 hours. While distributing the survey, the RAs would also perform user counts by tallying the number of individuals they saw over a 15-minute period. Through this work, 12,709 visitors were counted.

Read the full story on our [blog](#)!

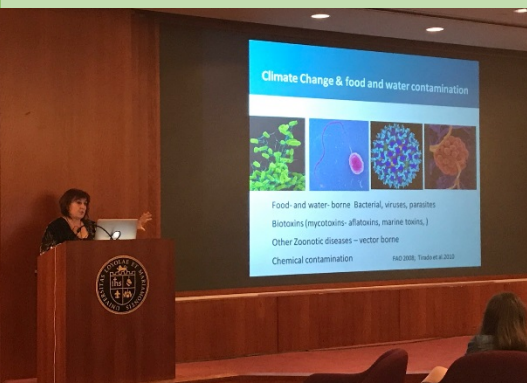


From left to right: Noa Rische (Baldwin Hills Conservancy); Emily Simso, Sarah Bruce-Eisen, Dr. Eric Strauss, Dr. Michele Romolini (CUREs)

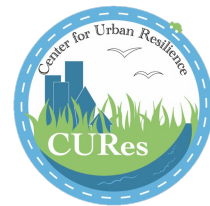


## Environmental Lecture Series

On October 16<sup>th</sup>, CUREs hosted the second talk in the Environmental lecture series. The talk was given by Dr. Cristina Tirado (LMU Environmental Science) on "Global Climate Change, Food, Health, and Sustainability." Dr. Tirado spoke from her years of experience with the United Nations and the Public Health Institute. Throughout her presentation, she connected issues of food stability and public health to global climate changes.



Don't miss the next lecture in the Series on November 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm in University Hall 1000! It will be given by Traci Voyles (LMU Women's and Gender Studies) on "Man Destroys Nature? Gender, History, and the Feminist Praxis of Re-framing Environmental Politics." See you there!



## City of Long Beach Coyote Study

On Thursday, October 12, CUREs Executive Director Dr. Eric Strauss, along with Long Beach Director of Animal Services, Ted Stevens and California Fish and Game Senior Officer Kent Smirl, presented at a community meeting of over 130 residents and concerned citizens in the City of Long Beach to discuss the ongoing CUREs coyote assessment project. The project emerged due to citizen concerns over the presumed interactions between the local coyote population and domesticated animals, as well as a desire to better understand urban wildlife. Additionally, the City of Long Beach wants to create a management strategy plan for coyotes that balances wildlife protection with public safety through residential education and the enforcement of laws and regulations regarding feeding wildlife in urban settings.

Coyotes tend to congregate near human food sources, leading to an increased presence in the green patches of urbanized areas. However, coyote attacks on humans or pets are rare - coyotes can actually be a benefit to urban spaces by controlling pest species.

In May, 2017, CUREs staff and student researchers placed 14 game cameras in Long Beach to capture images of the coyotes. Of these, three cameras continue to run. Over the four months of data collection, the cameras took 33,102 pictures and 29.8 hours of video footage, which LMU students tagged to identify interesting findings. From the total pictures taken, 2,573 contain coyotes. Only 8 of the images contain cats.

Based upon the time stamps from the captured images, initial findings indicate that coyotes are primarily active nocturnally. It also appears that the coyotes are most likely eating food that is readily available, such as rodents, carrion, and fruit, not domestic animals.

More information on CUREs' ongoing coyote research can be found on our [blog](#).



Dr. Eric Strauss teaches meeting participants about urban coyotes

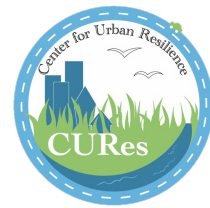


Community meeting



Image of coyote pups captured on game cameras





## G2 Green Earth Film Festival

Over the October 20-22 weekend, Loyola Marymount University's Center for Urban Resilience (CUREs) and School of Film and Television hosted the G2 Green Earth Film Festival, an annual event that features award-winning, environmentally focused films from around the world. The festival was founded in 2012 by G2 Gallery owners Dan and Susan Gottlieb, who continue to grant funding to make this event possible, to demonstrate the power of film in starting a conversation and affecting positive environmental change.

From 1,677 submissions, 18 films were chosen as Official Selections, with two additional film premiers not being judged. More than 200 filmgoers attended over the course of the weekend and helped raise over \$400 for the festival's nonprofit partners.

The weekend also featured panel discussions and reception events so participants could learn more about the featured nonprofits and environmental experts. Learn more about the event through the CUREs [blog](#)!



From left to right: Tim O'Neill and Rachael Sassara (LMU SFTV), Jared Nigro (G2 Gallery)



LMU students from Dr. Eric's Strauss' Honors "Cities and the Environment" course



From left to right: Greg Ruzzin (LMU SFTV), Jim Thebaut (filmmaker), and Dr. Eric Strauss

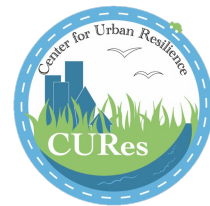
## Teacher Workshops

CUREs staff led two teacher training and development workshops in October to create new modules for the Urban EcoLab curriculum. There are eight modules already available as free downloads through CUREs' website, featuring interactive activities to engage students with ecology. By working with a group of teacher leaders, two new modules will be developed; Module 9 focused on the human-animal bond, and Module 10, which revolves around native and urban gardens and their pollinators.

These two Modules are supported by the Annenberg and Gottlieb Foundations. For their great community work, collaboration, and sponsorship, CUREs is very thankful.

## Restorative Justice

CUREs Restorative Justice Project and Riverside Unified School District (RUSD) believe that fostering a culture of inclusivity and belonging helps young people thrive and adopt a high level of academic performance. RUSD is implementing Restorative Justice practices to develop empathy, caring, and essential communication skills that build healthy classroom environments and healthier stakeholders. Watch the latest video from RUSD: <http://bit.ly/2v633iH>



### Meet the CUREs Staff!

Lisa Fimiani received the inaugural Dan and Susan Gottlieb Environmental Leaders Fellowship with CUREs in July of this year. Having served the Center as a Fellow since 2011, Lisa will expand her efforts to reach more students and teachers through the Urban EcoLab curriculum, focusing on birds and native plants as natural teaching tools of the environment. As part of her responsibilities Lisa will also serve as an ambassador to support other CUREs staff members in the community with education initiatives, as well as represent CUREs at events and functions. Over the past 30 years Lisa acquired extensive knowledge of birds, insects and other wildlife in Southern California as the Friends of Ballona Wetlands Executive Director for 7 years, Docent at the Ballona Freshwater Marsh for 14 years, and Board member for 20 years. Lisa has also served 16 years on the Audubon California and Los Angeles Audubon Society non-profit Boards. Her understanding of urban interfaces and nature in the second largest city in America has given her practical experience dealing with associated challenges and qualifies her as an ideal urban "naturalist." Lisa has installed many native plant gardens and restoration sites and will be supervising the department's efforts to put edible and native gardens throughout Southern California as part of CUREs' garden ecology initiatives. Lisa comes to CUREs from The G2 Gallery where, in October of 2017, she helped transform the focus of the environmental photography gallery and Gottlieb Native Garden into exciting new realms. Lisa got her B.A. in Mass Communications from the State University of New York at Buffalo, and is a locally certified Master Gardener and Restoration Specialist.



### Upcoming Events

- Ballona Wetlands public hearing for EIR
  - November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at Burton Chace Park, Marina del Rey
- G2 Gallery Artist Lecture
  - November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at G2 Gallery, 1503 Abbott Kinney, Venice
- Environmental Lecture Series
  - November 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm at LMU, University Hall 1000

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