



Center for Urban Resilience

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CURes 2021 Spring Newsletter

HERE'S TO A NEW YEAR AND A NEW SEMESTER

CATCH UP WITH CURES:

READ OUR YEAR IN REVIEW POST:

This year has certainly been eventful. Despite global and personal challenges, the CURes staff and students have displayed resilience and creativity in tackling issues. Read more about what we've accomplished in 2020 [here](#).



PROJECT UPDATES:

TREE CANOPY PROJECTS

We are continuing our work with community-based tree prioritizations in the Gateway Cities of southeast Los Angeles County. Maps and a report for the City of Lynwood will be complete by the end of February, and we begin working with the City of Paramount next! [Visit our website](#) to learn more.

LA RIVER STEW MAP

CURes Research Assistant Julia Pradel completed an [ArcGIS Story Map](#) as part of our LA River Stewardship Mapping and Assessment Project (STEW-MAP). This provides a real representation of the data collected from 96 organizations conducting environmental stewardship in the LA River watershed. Additional maps of stewardship turfs and network relationships will be forthcoming in the final LA River STEW-MAP report.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

The RJ Project Team has grown! We were excited to welcome Malene Kai Bell on as a new collaborator. Malene will contribute her expertise to the RJ Project as a consultant on curriculum, program development, and services in K-12 schools. She joins Gwynn Alexander, RJ Research Fellow, as the newest affiliates with the RJ Project. Their contributions to our program will allow us to grow in new areas. To learn more about Malene and Gwynn, please visit our [affiliates page](#).



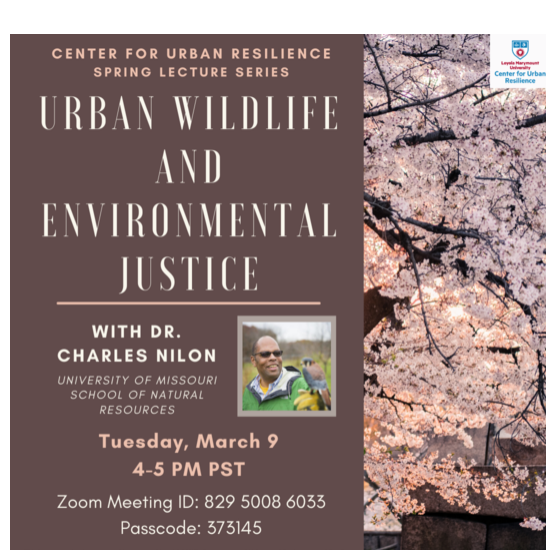
BALLONA UPDATES

The bond between the Ballona Wetlands and LMU dates back to the 1970's when the late Dr. Howard Towner visited the Saltmarsh with his LMU students. Now, 40 years later, LMU staff, professors, and students are following Dr. Towner's lead.

CURes is proud to be part of the [Wetlands Restoration Principles Coalition](#). Formed in 2015, this group of 19 organizations has rallied support for the restoration of the Ballona Wetlands and have commented on the state's recent certification of the plans. Click to read [CURes letter of support](#) and [our comments in local news sources](#).

Visit the [Friends of Ballona Wetlands support page](#) to read more about how you can support the restoration of our wetlands.

UPCOMING EVENTS:



SPRING LECTURE SERIES

The second installment of our 2021 Spring Lecture Series features guest lecturer Dr. Charles Nilon from the University of Missouri. Dr. Nilon will be speaking on the topic of Urban Wildlife and Environmental Justice on March 9th from 4-5 PM PST. Please join us for this event by clicking [here](#) for the Zoom link or using the following Zoom information!

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FUTURE LECTURES

Future installments in our series include a lecture by LMU's Dr. Peter Rej. His lecture "Community Organizing to Help Address Disparities in Alcohol and Tobacco Use and Create a Healthier South LA" will take place on March 18th, 4-5 PM PST.

Dr. Tisha Munoz-Erickson from the USDA Forest Service International Institute of Tropical Forestry will also be speaking on the topic of adaptive governance of urban social-ecological systems. Her lecture will take place on April 20th, from 4-5 PM PST.

Both lectures can be accessed using [this Zoom link](#) or by using the following Zoom information:

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