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Featured in this Newsletter: Research, Restorative Justice, and Education updates

Happy New Year from CUREs!

Happy 2019 from the CUREs Team! We hope that everyone had a lovely holiday season and is enjoying the start of a New Year. Check out a summary of CUREs' 2018 progress on our [blog](#) and stay tuned for more urban ecology projects!

CUREs Leadership Corner

Dr. Michele Romolini was recently promoted from CUREs' Director of Research to Managing Director! Dr. Romolini joined CUREs in July 2013 as a postdoctoral fellow, and since then has helped lead the Center in innovative research and collaborations. Dr. Eric Straus will continue in his role as CUREs Executive Director and is excited by the joint-leadership opportunities 2019 holds.



Congratulations Dr. Romolini!

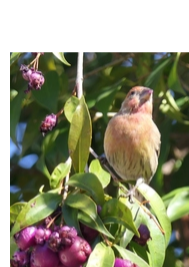


Silver Lake Reservoir Project Completed

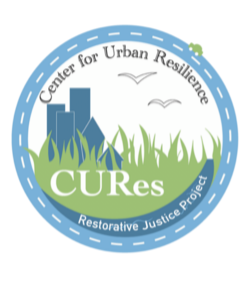
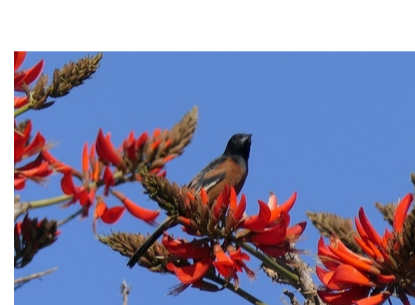
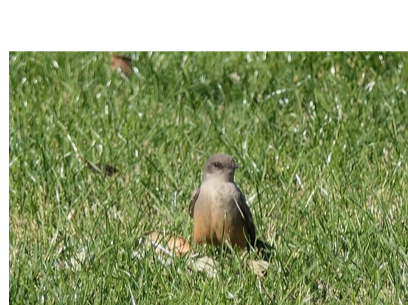
CUREs recently completed a social survey for the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council to get a better understanding of resident perceptions of the local reservoir. Aided by six undergraduates, the team collected 249 in-person surveys and 1014 online surveys. The data will be analyzed and shared with the Council to help inform city planning decisions.

Christmas Bird Count at LMU

On January 2nd, the annual Christmas Bird Count (CBC) took place at LMU. The Audubon Society started the CBC in 1900, making it the longest running annual count. The data collected informs conservation and environmental efforts, not only for bird populations but entire ecosystems.



Lisa Fimiani (CUREs Gottlieb Environmental Leadership Fellow) participated in LMU's count. Fimiani does the CBC every year and is an avid birder in the community.



Restorative Justice Updates

The CUREs RJ team is now sending out a monthly Restorative Practices newsletter to interested individuals. If you would like to be added to the list, please email CUREs@lmu.edu.

You can view the January RP newsletter [here](#).

Venice Beach Crow Banding

The next bandings of the 2018-19 season will take place on **January 20** and **February 3**. This research project is being conducted to help inform conservation efforts at a Least Tern nesting site on Venice Beach that is being predated by crows.



If you are interested in participating, email Dr. Peter Auger at Peter.Auger@lmu.edu.

Education Updates

CUREs staff continues to work on education modules for Urban EcoLab, a suite of free, on-line-access high school curricula modules centered around Urban Ecology and associated topics and aligned with the California Next Generation Science Standards. Check out current updates to all five recent Modules, via the links below:

- [Module 9: Human-Animal Interactions](#); funded by Annenberg PetSpac
- [Module 10: Garden Ecology](#); funded by the Gottlieb Native Garden (GNG)
- [Module 11: Bird Migration](#); funded by a National Science Foundation Grant in collaboration with Dr. Heather Watts (Washington University)
- [Module 12: Urban Wildlife](#); funded by a grant from the City of Long Beach
- [Module 13: Birds in the Urban Landscape](#); funded by the GNG

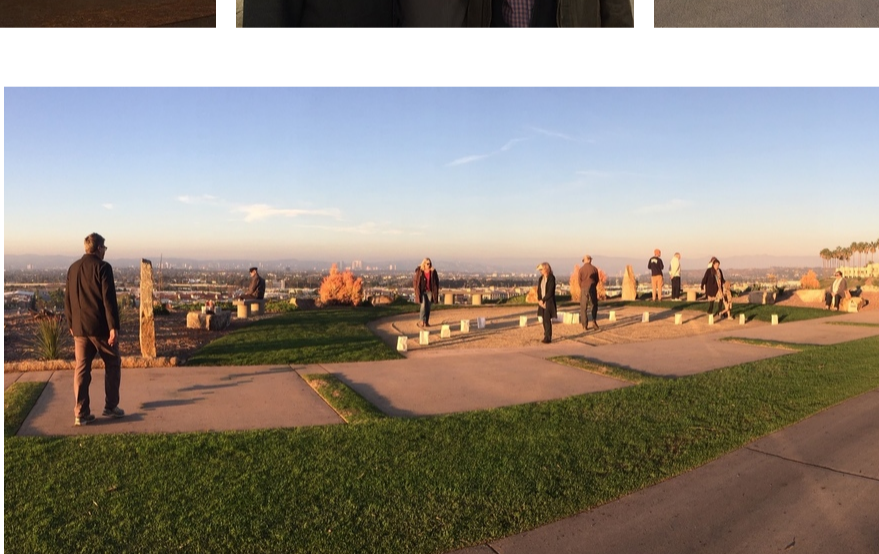
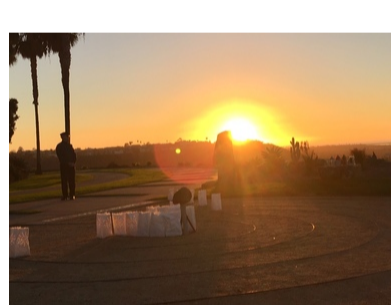
In addition to formal education curricula, CUREs is proud to continue its partnerships with the following organizations, in the development of informal education materials for school field trips, on-site school activities and special events:

- [Wallis Annenberg PetSpace](#)
- [Leaders Through Education, Action, and Hope \(LEAH\) Project](#)
- [Friends of Ballona Wetlands](#)
- [LMU Center for Equity for English Learners \(CEEL\)](#)



Winter Solstice Ceremony at LMU

On December 21, LMU held a Winter Solstice ceremony at the Garden of Slow Time, led by Father Roche. CUREs staff attended (left) to celebrate the shortest day of the year and the end of 2018. It was a beautiful event and a lovely way to conclude the fall semester!



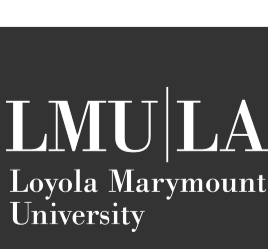
2018-19 Environmental Lecture Series






The next installment of the Lecture Series will be on January 31st by Dr. Cristina Vasquez (LMU Biology) titled "The Effect of Multiple Stressors on Marine Invertebrate Physiology." The second will be on April 11th, presented by Dr. John Dorsey and Dr. Jeremy Pal (LMU Environmental Science and Civil Engineering) on "Climate Change in Southern California: Are Our 20th Century Urban Environments Equipped for 21st Century Climate?"

[View the entire schedule.](#)

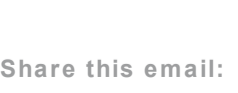
Upcoming Events

- **January 9: Audubon Lecture**, David Mazurkiewicz (Wildlife Biologist); 7:30-9pm
- **January 31: LMU Environmental Lecture Series**, Dr. Cristina Vasquez; 4:30-5:30pm
- **February 1: Cabrillo Marine Aquarium Discovery Lecture Series**, Dr. John Dorsey (LMU Civil Engineering & Environmental Science); 7-9pm
- February 28: Gottlieb Certificate of Appreciation from LA Mayor's Office; 12-1pm at LMU
- **April 8: "Salt in My Soul: An Unfinished Life" Talk & Reception**, 4-6pm
- **April 11: LMU Environmental Lecture Series**, Drs. John Dorsey & Jeremy Pal; 4:30-5:30pm


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