

Dear Friends and Members of the UCR Community,

We want to let you know about a multi-year research initiative, entitled “**Health Humanities and Disability Justice**” (HHDJ), the UCR branch a Multi-Campus Research Initiative, itself entitled “Abolition Medicine & Disability Justice,” involving collaborators at UCSC, UCLA, UCI & USCF. With this initial page, we hope to notify you of opportunities and upcoming events, and gauge your interest in learning about events and/or becoming involved. Perhaps you might like to present your work in progress, host a reading group or workshop, test or learn about new pedagogical methods, partner with us to build bridges across campus initiatives and communities, or talk with us about how your research, teaching or program building may intersect with the health humanities and/or disability studies, areas that are themselves fundamentally intersectional.

Project Goals

- Be a platform for partners working in disability justice, competency, and awareness
- Centralize work (scholarly, pedagogical, activist) around health humanities & disability studies
- Offer resources for faculty, staff, and students to create accessible spaces and classrooms
- Foster emergent graduate student work in the health humanities and disability studies
- Host regular meetings for scholars and community partners to present work or lead discussions
- Host a major UCR conference to disseminate the results of our 3-year grant
- Build long term research and teaching networks in health humanities and disability studies at UCR and across the UC system, such as the Health Humanities and Disability Justice Lab

We are eager to hear from:

- Faculty, staff and graduate students pursuing, or intending to pursue, relevant research and/or teaching and/or community building
- UCR graduate students interested in applying for a fellowship or summer research position (especially early career graduate students possibly at UCR for 2.5-3 more years)
- Community partners already engaged in this work, for whom we might provide a platform, and with whom we might develop resources for transformational teaching, research, and institutional building at UCR, across the UC, and in our Inland Empire community.

How to Respond: This [short form \(click here\)](#) is the best way to register both the kind and degree of your interest but you can also email us. **Being on an email list only is fine!**

Graduate Opportunities (Fellowships & Conference CFP)

Conferences

[“Care and Repair: 2024 UC Virtual Graduate Student Conference \(short abstracts due January 14, 2024 for February 14 2024 virtual conference\).](#)

[“Body Matters: Disability in English Literature to 1800”: UCSB Conference \(short abstracts due November 17, 2023 for early March 2024 conference\), click here for CFP.](#)

Fellowships

For UCR graduate students and medical students interested in applying for an HHDJ fellowship, after completing the short form above, [click here for information/ application for fellows.](#)

Upcoming HHDJ Events and Co-Sponsored Events

Past HHDJ Events and HHDJ co-sponsorships:

- 10/11/23 [Liat Ben-Moshe & Dylan Rodriguez: *Decarcerating Disability* \(virtual, click here for info\)](#)
- 10/16 [Rosalia Lerner, “Dehumanization, Entropy and Death in Panteha Abareshi’s Video Performances” \(hybrid format, click here for info, Trans-Corporeal Enganglements Project\)](#)
- 11/1 [Farah Godjrej & Dana Simmons, *Hunger, Meditation, Incarceration* \(virtual, click here for info\)](#)
- 11/29 [Dean Spade, *Mutual Aid* \(virtual, click here for info\)](#)

Good News: We have an absolutely barebones version of our [HHDJ LAB up and running \(click here, again, for just the bare bones version\)](#). Please still refer to this page here for information and events and as soon as we’re able to move and develop content at our lab, we’ll let you know here! But if you are interested in following as we work to develop, feel free to bookmark it now.

More about the Project “start up” team!

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