Under its New Initiative on Governance and Democracy in the Los Angeles Region, the Haynes Foundation Announces its 2024 Grants

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The John Randolph Haynes and Dora Haynes Foundation, the oldest private foundation in Los Angeles, announces its 2024 round of grants and fellowships. The Haynes Foundation funds timely academic research conducted by scholars at local colleges and universities that will make a positive impact on the lives of the people of Greater Los Angeles. Guidelines for submitting applications can be found on the foundation’s website.

In 2023, the Foundation launched a new initiative to focus major research grants on Governance and Democracy. Today the Foundation announces the first two grants under this program: a planning grant to the University of California, Irvine (UCI), and a research-to-action grant to the California Institute of Technology (Caltech):

- A planning grant of $100,000 to the School of Social Ecology at the University of California Irvine, Principal Investigator Dean Jon Gould, for an exploration of how to further embed UCI’s Orange County Poll in the region. The project is designed to investigate the public’s familiarity and experience with particular social problems, test different approaches and methods to address those challenges, and highlight responses for which there is significant opposition. The goal is to lay the basis for convening elected representatives, economic and community leaders to discuss the findings and begin to map out responses in this “purple” county of Southern California.

- A one-year research-to-action grant of $250,000 to Caltech, Principal Investigator Dr. R. Michael Alvarez, on election integrity. Through the production of scientific research, this initiative aims to better understand election misinformation, and to develop strategies to be used in the 2024 election cycle to help, in collaboration with public officials and community leaders, to counter election denial and prevent election misinformation in Southern California.

The Foundation has also awarded its 2024 Faculty Fellowships, Archival Grants, and Haynes Lindley Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships.
FACULTY FELLOWSHIP AWARDS ($16,000 each)

“On the Verge: Los Angeles Between Watts and Rodney King,” Eric Avila, University of California, Los Angeles

“Estimating the Impact of Government-Appointed Counsel in Immigration Court,” Maria (Maya) Buenaventura, Pardee RAND Graduate School

“Los Angeles Libraries as Catalysts for Change: Nurturing Community and Literacy Among the Unhoused,” Mary Christianakis, Occidental College

“Ahead of the Game: A Community-Led Math Preparation Program in Los Angeles, CA,” Ian Ermatinger-Salas, Pepperdine University

“Orange County’s Political Paradox: How Im/migrants of Color Are Changing US Conservatism & Race,” Jane Hong, Occidental College

“Improving Police-Community Relationship in the Los Angeles Region: The Role of Police Communication,” Danyao Li, University of Southern California

“Huelga! In the Land of Norma Rae: How Strikes Impact Political and Economic Resources in LA County,” Christian Phillips, University of Southern California

“Public Policies and Gentrification: Housing, Race, and Civic Activism in South Los Angeles,” Leland Saito, University of Southern California

“To Hire or Not? Inland Empire Employers’ Decisions to Hire Applicants with Criminal Records,” Maite Alday, University of California, Riverside

ARCHIVAL GRANTS


“THE EBELL ARCHIVES: Women’s Social History in LA from 1870 - Present,” Stacy Brightman, The Ebell of Los Angeles – $43,239


“Griffith Observatory Archiving Project: Phase One of Two,” Sarah VanderWood, Griffith Observatory Foundation – $65,025
HAYNES LINDLEY DOCTORAL DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP AWARDS ($26,000 each)

“Rent Relief Resurgence: Impacts of Emergency Rental Assistance on the Rental Housing Market,” Lizhong Liu, University of Southern California

“Street Medicine: Coaching, Sorting, and Healing the Unhoused,” Irene Del Mastro Naccarato, University of California, Los Angeles

“Shelter for Employment Growth: Responding to Housing Shortages,” Seongmoon Cho, University of Southern California

“From Application to Agreement: Unpacking Landlord Rental Decisions with Housing Subsidy Recipients,” Alex Sizemore, Pardee RAND Graduate School

“Building Equity: Exploring the Impact of Housing on Preterm Birth in a Warming Los Angeles,” Hasibe Caballero-Gomez, University of California, Los Angeles

“Building Through Uncertainty: An Organizational Analysis of Low-Income Housing Development in LA,” Katherine Smock, University of California, Los Angeles

“Equity in Policy Responses to Climate Change in Los Angeles County,” Alexandra Ntazinda, Pardee RAND Graduate School

“Sex Work and the Regulatory Liminality of Rights: Activism in Los Angeles and Beyond,” Alisson Rowland, University of California, Irvine

“Cannabis Legalization in California: A Critical View on Socio-Legal Change,” Ekaterina Moiseeva, University of California, Irvine