

November 2025

Monthly Newsletter



Happy October!

Thank you so much for Dr. Jia Chen for speaking about their journey at the Meet & Greet on September 17th! And thank you so much for all who attended.

Ahead of our Meet & Greet on October 29th, learn about our speaker on page 2!



Upcoming ISS Events

Scholar Coffee Hours

What: Meet to chat with other scholars – bring your own beverage and make some friends!

When: Fridays 11AM - Noon

Where: Outside of The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf

November Meet & Greet

Where: HUB 265

When: November 19th, Noon – 1pm

Please come meet our new scholars! As always, we will provide lunch!



Check this out!

Please fill out the feedback form on the ISS activities:
<https://forms.gle/H2ciS3T4sqbHqrTK6>



This Month's Spotlight

Professor Dylan Shaul

Assistant Professor, Department of
Philosophy



We asked some questions to Professor Dylan Shaul who will be speaking at the International Scholars Meet & Greet on October 29th! Follow Professor Shaul's story below.

1. Please tell us a little bit about your background (before coming to UCR).

I completed my PhD at the University of Toronto in 2023. From 2023-2024, I was a Postdoctoral Fellow at Yale University. I arrived at UCR in 2024.

2. Please briefly describe your role at UCR.

I am an Assistant Professor in the Department of Philosophy. I am also Affiliated Faculty in the Department for the Study of Religion and Cooperating Faculty in the Department of Comparative Literature and Languages. I teach undergraduate and graduate courses, and serve on students' research committees, in addition to other university and professional service work.

3. How did you get into your field?

Plato and Aristotle say that philosophy begins with wonder. I suppose that my own philosophizing began in a similar way. I came to philosophy after time studying physics and anthropology, in search of answers to the great questions of human life.

4. What are some of your favorite memories at UCR?

Conversations with students and fellow faculty about all manner of philosophical topics, inside and outside the classroom

5. Do you have any advice for incoming international scholars?

Enjoy your time in sunny California, don't be afraid to try new things!



Cultural Conversation Class!

If you or your spouse is interested in participating in the Cultural Conversation Class to help improve your English and to meet new friends. Thank you to those who came to our last class and helped us make it successful!

Where: Student Services Building 2nd Floor, Conference Room

When: Every Tuesday, 9-10am

Our instructor is Candace Jorgensen, who has experience living in other cultures, which adds depth to her teaching the Cultural Conversation Class for international scholars and their families. She also holds a master's degree in education with emphasis on teaching English to speakers of other languages.



What to do This Month in Riverside

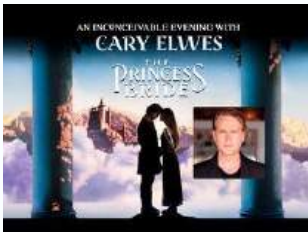


ISS Annual International Scholar Picnic

When: Friday November 14, 2025: 11:30AM - 1:30 PM

Where: Hinderaker Lawn (Outside of the SSB, where the ISS office is located)

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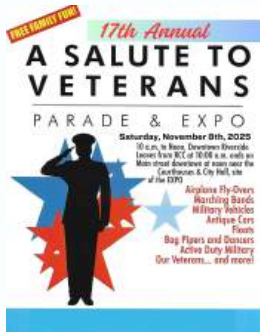
The Princess Bride: An Inconceivable Evening with Cary Elwes

The iconic family movie that made stars out of Robin Wright, Andre The Giant and of course, the gorgeous Cary Elwes gets a special screening during with the man himself appearing on stage to talk! Elwes will speak about the movie that catapulted him to stardom, sharing little-known stories from the set.

When: Friday, November 7, 2025: 5PM-

Where: Fox Performing Arts Center

<https://www.los-angeles-theatre.com/shows/fox-performing-arts-center/the-princess-bride-film-screening-with-cary-elwes>



A Salute To Veterans Parade and Expo

Join us to celebrate our service men and women of all ages and eras! This FREE, fun, family parade will highlight marching bands, equestrian units, color guards, military vehicles, classic cars, floats, and our honorable local Veterans.

When: Saturday, November 8, 2025: 10AM-

Where: Downtown Riverside, Market St and Tenth St, Riverside, CA 92501

<https://www.asalutetoveteran.org/>

Frequently Asked Questions

I need to leave the U.S. and ISS has not signed my DS-2019 document! Is that OK?

Please know that you do not need a travel signature on your DS-2019 document to either remain in or to depart the U.S. You do need a valid travel signature to return to the U.S. in J-1 status. A valid travel signature must be no more than twelve months old on the date that you return to the U.S.

If you are departing the U.S. soon and know that your travel signature will expire by the time you expect to return to the U.S., please contact our international scholar's office at internationalscholars@ucr.edu. If your DS-2019 is going to expire soon, please consult with your department to extend your stay and then contact our scholar advisor.

What will happen if I end my UCR appointment early and/or depart the United States and do not intend to return to the U.S. for my J program?

If you are a scholar and you depart the U.S. early (more than 15 days before your DS-2019 end date) and you do not intend to return to the U.S. for the remainder of your J program, please discuss this with your faculty sponsor. Please also email our advisors so that they can advise you on the steps and the visa implications of ending your program early.