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Understanding and Addressing Online Hate and Hate Perpetration

Wednesday, April 29, 2026, 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

James West Alumni Center, 325 Westwood Plaza, Los Angeles, CA, 90095

Symposium Agenda

1:00 – 1:15 PM | Welcome and Opening Remarks

- D'Artagnan Scorza, PhD – Executive Director, County of Los Angeles Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion (ARDI) Initiative
- David Myers, PhD – Director, UCLA Bedari Kindness Institute

1:15 – 1:45 PM | Foundational Overview on Online Hate and Hate Perpetration

- **Landscape of Online Hate:** Cesi Cruz, PhD – Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Michigan
- **Social Media and Youth:** Christine Ong, PhD – Research Scientist, UCLA
- **Understanding the Perpetration of Hate:** Howard Padwa, PhD – Research Scientist, UCLA Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior

1:45 – 2:35 PM | Panel 1: Online Hate and Social Media

- Jessica Brown – LGBTQ+ Program Manager, LA County Department of Children and Family Services
- Anne Tremblay – Constitutional Policing Advisor, LA County Sheriff's Department Office of Constitutional Policing
- Melisa Lima-Preciado – UCLA Student Leader
- Saadia Gabriel, PhD – Assistant Professor of Computer Science, UCLA
- **Moderator:** Mark Lee – Senior Analyst, ARDI

2:35 – 2:50 PM | Break

2:50 – 3:40 PM | Panel 2: Perpetration of Hate

- Robin Toma – Executive Director, LA County Human Relations Commission
- Norbert Tan – Deputy Director, AAPI Equity Alliance
- Aliza Luft, PhD – Assistant Professor of Sociology, UCLA
- **Moderator:** Mathew Jackson – Senior Analyst, ARDI

3:40 – 4:30 PM | Breakout Groups and Q&A Discussion

- Small-group discussions and cross-sector dialogue on interventions to address Identity-Based Hate and Violence
- Report back and final Q&A

4:30 – 5:00 PM | Networking Reception