Friday 3 November

Homecoming Drinks and Dinner
Time: 17:00-20.30 hrs
Location: Jazzman's cafe in Dining Hall

Remember dinner time in UCU's Dining Hall? Well, things look a bit different these days. Join us for Homecoming Drinks and Dinner in an informal setting in Jazzman's cafe!

Costs
€15 (to be paid upon registration)

Homecoming Party
Time: 20:30 -
Location: UCSA Bar

Continue the evening’s festivities in your favourite bar.

Open to all students, alumni, and staff! Please invite friends, UCU graduates of other years, family and loved ones to come along.

Costs
Drinks and refreshments are at your own expense. Nice to know: profits of the evening will go to the UCU Scholarship Fund.

Saturday 4 November

Breakfast table discussions
Time: 9:00-10:00 hrs
Location: Dining Hall

Discuss hot topics in your field of expertise while enjoying a croissant and a cup of coffee at the Breakfast table discussions, hosted by UCU's Heads of Department. Submit suggestions for discussion topics in the registration form.

Mini lectures
Time: 10:10- 10:55 hrs (round 1) and 11.00-11:45 (round 2)
Location: various rooms in Voltaire

Learn more about what UCU teachers and fellow alumni are working on during two rounds of inspiring mini lectures. You can indicate your preference in the registration form.

Closing address
Time: 12:00 -13:00
Location: Auditorium

UCU Dean Prof dr. James Kennedy and physician and former UCU lecturer Prof. dr Jeen Haalboom explore the past, present and future of LAS education in the Netherlands.

Lunch
Time: 13:00-14:00
Location: Dining Hall

All good things come to an end. Reminisce about your UCU days and do some last catching up with old friends while enjoying a good lunch in Dining Hall.

Costs
Participation in all parts of the Homecoming programme on Saturday 4 November is free of charge for alumni of UCU's classes of 2002, 2007, and 2012.
Mini lectures

Lonia Jakubowska

Where the Power Is

In this lecture, anthropology fellow Lonia Jakubowska will trace the shift of anthropological gaze from the exotic to the familiar and in doing so reflect on her own extensive research, comprising a period of over 3 decades!

Fred Wiegant

What does UCU do to a teacher?

You all know what UCU did to you as students, but perhaps it might be nice to also learn about the kind of developments a UCU teacher goes through.

Fred Wiegant has been working for UCU’s Department of Biology for many years, and he has been able to work on quite a number of educational projects & strategies. He will give an overview of past, present and future projects & developments in relation to personal interests, ambitions, priorities and decisions.

Robert Dunn

TBA

UCU lecturer and psychologist Robert Dunn will address the topic of wellbeing, or how to promote daily activities that enhance a positive sense of self and promote more meaningful interactions with others.

More details on this lecture will follow soon!

Marieke van Vugt

Understanding mind-wandering with neuroscience, computational modelling and psychology

Mind-wandering is a fascinating topic because it is not directly driven by a particular task and therefore difficult to manipulate. Yet, mind-wandering is pervasive, and various forms of psychopathology have been associated with aberrant forms of task-unrelated thought—for example depressive rumination. In this lecture Marieke van Vugt (assistant professor in Cognitive Modelling at the University of Groningen) will demonstrate how we can use computer simulations to make precise predictions about how mind-wandering affects task performance. She will also show what studying brain activity can tell us about mind-wandering.

Alexis Aronowitz

Human Trafficking: An International Interdisciplinary Study

While human trafficking occurs in more than 180 countries worldwide, patterns, victims, markets and forms of exploitation differ. In this lecture, Alexis Aronowitz will focus on three unusual patterns of human trafficking: child trafficking in Sub-Saharan Africa, the trafficking of men into labour exploitation in the Gulf States, and domestic child sexual exploitation of young boys in Afghanistan. We will examine the economic, historical, social and cultural practices that contribute to these very different forms of human trafficking in different parts of the world.

Various presenters

What’s new@ UCU?

Would you like to hear more about UCSA’s ambitions for this year, about campus renovation plans, or what the UCU wellbeing team is all about? Then join us at this session, where various presenters will provide brief updates on what’s new at UCU!