



*University Friends Circle*  
**2023-2024 Luncheon Programs**

**Tuesday, October 3, 2023**

*Kick-off Luncheon:*

*Undergraduate & Graduate Student Life Update*

Dr. Charles Nies

Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs

*Campus Art Presentation*

Collin Lewis

Art Director, Office of the Chancellor

UC Merced – Conference Center

Dr. Vikram and Priya Lakireddy Grand

Ballroom | 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, November 7, 2023**

*Pray for Rain: Drought and the Ancient Maya,*

*a screening of the documentary*

*film Underworlds: Belize*

Dr. Holley Moyes

Professor, Anthropology & Heritage Studies

Affiliate Professor, Cognitive & Information

Sciences

Mainzer Theater | 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Monday, December 11, 2023**

*Holiday Social*

Merced County Courthouse Museum

5:30-7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, January 9, 2024**

*Advancing Regional Knowledge: The Sierra Nevada-  
Central Valley Research Archive at UC Merced*

Emily Lin, Director

Strategic Initiative, Archives & Special Collections

*Seeing Is Believing: Using Fluorescent Labels and  
Proteins to Make the Invisible Visible*

Dr. David Gravano

Technical Director of Cytometry

Stem Cell Instrumentation Foundry

MCOE – Mondo | 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, February 6, 2024**

*Deciphering Shark Ecology through Chemistry*

Dr. Sora Kim

Department of Life & Environmental Sciences

School of Natural Sciences

MCOE – Mondo | 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, March 5, 2024**

*Making Ecotheater in a National Park:*

*Shakespeare in Yosemite*

Assoc. Prof. Katherine Steele Brokaw

Co-founder, Producer & Artistic Director of

Shakespeare in Yosemite

Mainzer Theater | 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 2, 2024**

*Medical Education in the San Joaquin Valley*

Dr. Margo Vener

Director of Undergraduate Medical Education

MCOE – Mondo | 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 30, 2024**

*Student Leadership & Community Service*

*Award Presentations & Annual Meeting*

UC Merced Campus Leadership

UCM Campus | 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.