

June 25, 2020

Dear Bunche Center Community,

I hope that you and your loved ones are navigating these difficult times as we face a global pandemic and push for Black Lives Matter and racial justice in light of police violence.

I am writing to inform you that Professor Lorrie Frasure (Political Science and African American Studies) will be serving as the Acting Director of the Bunche Center for the 2020-2021 academic year, effective July 1, 2020, while Professor Kelly Lytle Hernández is on a well-deserved leave. Professor Frasure has been a longstanding member of the Bunche Faculty Advisory Committee and is a committed scholar with demonstrated leadership as the Vice Chair of the Department of Political Science, Graduate Studies.

Professor Frasure's award-winning research has largely centered on racial/ethnic political behavior. Her highly sought-after expertise in the area of race, ethnicity, and politics complements the remarkable work of the Bunche Center under the leadership of Professor Lytle Hernández. The contributions and service of Professor Frasure as Acting Director will benefit not only the Bunche Center, but UCLA as a whole.

Thank you for your continued support, and especially in these times, we recognize and pay tribute to the work of the Bunche Center -- past, present, and future.

Sincerely,



David K. Yoo
Vice Provost & Professor