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life book

welcome

Welcome to UC San Diego. Our world-renowned, student-centered campus values academic success, the student experience and diversity. At UC San Diego, we work together to ensure a welcoming environment for everyone on our campus. Our diversity of thought and background

enriches the lives of all of our students, faculty and staff. We are fortunate to be home to many diverse communities, and we have numerous resources and programs available that build community on campus – from student organizations to student resource centers. I encourage you to get involved and be an active participant on campus, so you can have the best possible college experience. I look forward to seeing you on campus soon.

-PRADEEP K. KHOSLA Chancellor



Welcome student and family to the University of California at San Diego! It is my privilege to welcome you to a world renowned university where scholarly work, social justice, and community engagement are core values of campus life. Through student-led efforts, the Asian, Pacific Islander, Middle Eastern, and Desi American (APIMEDA) Initiatives on campus paved the way for various access, yield, and retention programs, academic and research opportunities, and scholar-activism for our students, staff, and faculty. UCSD has a growing APIMEDA community of first generation, low income, and undocumented students and it is our goal to make sure that no matter how you identify as, you will feel community here on campus. With the Cross-Cultural Center, the LGBT Resource Center, the Women's Center, and other campus support services, I

hope you take the initiative to find yourself, be in community, contribute to the knowledge production of our diverse and intersectional communities, and to be a leader both in student organizations and in your scholarly work. Welcome, perspective and current Triton(s). Be in community with us!

- JOSEPH RAMIREZ Ifugao, Ilokano, Iranun, Sambal UCSD Cross-Cultural Center APIMEDA Initiatives



cross cultural center

The Cross-Cultural Center is committed to supporting the needs of UCSD's campus communities by creating a welcoming and holistic learning environment for everyone. Our vision at the Cross-Cultural Center is to empower UCSD to recognize, challenge, and take proactive approaches to diversity for campus as a whole. As part of the UC San Diego Campus Community Centers, we value differences and building relationships at all levels of the university and experience community and diversity through a broad lens.







women's center

The UCSD Women's Center is a space in which people work collaboratively to foster the educational, professional, and personal development of diverse groups of women. The Center provides education and support to all members of UCSD regarding gender issues, with the goal of promoting an inclusive and equitable campus community.





lgbt resource center

The LGBT Resource Center at UCSD is a diverse, open and public space for all members of the university community to explore issues relating to sexual and gender identities, practices and politics. It develops student leadership, builds workplace equity, promotes academic research, and provides resources. The Center challenges existing definitions of variant genders and sexualities by engaging in community building on-and off-campus. This Center sustains and develops visibility, sense of community, and knowledge of diverse queer people.





black resource center

Committed to cultural diversity and the development of the whole person, The Black Resource Center provides a supportive Campus Community space which emphasizes the African and African American experience at UC San Diego. The BRC seeks to promote scholarship, foster leadership and cultivate communicaty among students, staff, faculty and alumni.

raza resource centro

As a Campus Community Center with administrative staff and student interns we offer activities, events and resources to connect, students, staff, faculty, and alumni. The RRC is open to everyone but we strive to emphasize and foster the access, retention, and graduation of Chicano/a-Latino/a students as well as create strong connections with our surrounding community.

intertribal resource center

We established the Inter-Tribal Resource Center (ITRC), a new center on campus created by Native students for Native students and Native Communities. The ITRC was opened Spring 2011 in alignment with the Native American Student Alliance's (NASA) purpose of fostering and creating community at UCSD for Native communities. NASA has worked to created and institutionalize a variety of resources and support to ensure our purpose as a student organization is not only accomplished but also sustained.

SPACES

The mission of the Student Promoted Access Center for Education and Service (SPACES) is to act as an empowering dynamic on campus where UCSD students collaborate to achieve greater educational equity. This encompasses equal access to higher education, undergraduate retention and graduation, and matriculation to graduate and professional schools.



SIAPS

STUDENT INITATED ACCESS PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

SIAPS serves to encourage and support creative student-initiated programs and services that increase access to higher education for historically underrepresented and underserved students. Through affirming identities, developing academic success, and providing resources, SIAPS shall empower students to create profound changes in their communities and in the world. SIAPS is committed to supporting all student efforts that match this purpose at the University of California, San Diego.

ASP

ACADEMIC SUCCESS PROGRAM

ASP is a student-initiated and student-run service that functions to increase the retention rates of University of California, San Diego undergraduates. In particular, we strive to serve educationally disadvantaged student populations. ASP is committed to providing free retention program and services that help undergraduates financially, socially, and academically.

OASIS

The mission of OASIS (the Office of Academic Support & Instructional Services) is to facilitate the intellectual and personal development of UC San Diego students, particularly underrepresented and underserved students. Through a challenging and supportive environment that emphasizes collaboration, validation, equity, and social justice, OASIS contributes significantly to students' retention, achievement, learning, and empowerment.



SUMMER BRIDGE

The cultural diversity of our Summer Bridge students provides a tremendous benefit to the UC San Diego community by contributing to a campus environment of intellectual diversity and excellence. Such an educational environment is critical to prepare all aspects of the campus community for an increasingly pluralistic society. Therefore, one of our major goals is to further develop the talents and proficiencies that Summer Bridge students bring to UC San Diego, which in turn maximizes their contribution to a diverse campus.

MSTP

MATH AND SCIENCE TUTORIAL PROGRAM

OASIS math and science workshops are structured group-learning study-sessions led by a tutor who explains course concepts and encourages a collaborative learning environment.

undocumented resource center

The Undocumented Student Services Coordinator provides private consultations for UC San Diego students who are undocumented or from mixed-status families to discuss any topic related to their status. A range of services are available to undocumented students at UC San Diego. Our services are designed to provide caring, holistic, and individualized support.

career services center

The UC San Diego Career Services Center helps our students determine and fulfill their career goals. The Center delivers a wide range of services across two programmatic units: The Professional Advising Services team (PAS) empowers students to develop and utilize their self-awareness, professional development skills, and proven resources to identify and pursue career employment and professional school admission.

The Experiential and Employment Services team (EES) connects students with bona fide career opportunities, as well as experiential positions, including internships, part-time on- and off-campus jobs, work-study positions, and Peace Corps service.



IDEA student center

The Center for Inclusion, Diversity, Excellence, and Advancement (IDEA Student Center) at the Jacobs School of Engineering is committed to fostering a supportive environment for diverse engineering students at UC San Diego. The IDEA Center values and honors diverse experiences and we believe diversity is integral to excellence. We are a student-centered office that serves pre-college, undergraduate, and graduate engineering students. The Center is a hub for student engagement, academic enrichment, personal/professional development, leadership and community involvement, and a respectful learning environment for all. Our efforts are grounded in a commitment to ensure that UCSD engineering students reflect the richly diverse global community and that we foster an environment that prepares all engineering students to be fully engaged, technological leaders and well-rounded citizens.



APSA

ASIAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER STUDENT ALLIANCE

MISSION

We the students of University of California at San Diego, come together to provide a forum to deal with the problems and concerns of all UCSD Asian & Pacific-Islander (API) students especially those deemed "underrepresented" by the Student Affirmative Action Committee (SAAC); to create an environment where political, educational, cultural, and social issues can be address; to increase awareness about our API history and heritage within the University and the community; to unite as a community to represent a common voice thereby empowering ourselves; and to serve as a basis for building bonds and addressing differences between students.

LIST OF EVENTS

Bon(d)fire
High School Conference
Benefit Talent Show
Listen to the Silence
Conference @ Stanford
APAAC Conference @
UCI
Grad Banquet





Welcome to UCSD! Through my experiences here, I have had the pleasure of being involved in APSA, where I was able to explore my identity as an Asian American woman and meet a lot of amazing cute and critical folks who are also interested in learning more about our multiple, intersectional identities. I hope you find something that interests you within this resource book to help guide you through this large campus. There are a

to help guide you through this large campus. There are a lot of great student organizations and resources out on this campus that have shaped my college career, and I am eternally grateful for all the amazing opportunities given to me here at UCSD. I definitely encourage you all to seek out and learn more about these different entities on campus within this book and surely you will find something great!

-KATIE HUANG
PSA PRESIDENT 2014-2015



KP

KAIBIGANG PILIPIN@

MISSION

Kaibigang Pilipin@ exists to educate the UCSD and San Diego communities about the many aspects of Pilipin@ culture, as well as to preserve and promote positive images of Pilipin@s. KP also exists to support Pilipin@ students, to strive for equality for all Pilipin @ people, for underrepresented and underserved communities, and to serve as a social gathering for students.

LIST OF EVENTS

Kamustahan Orientasyon Bon(d)fire Friendship Games KP CORE Shadow Day Magkasama **KP STAR Retreat IFAV** Kris Kringle

High School Conference Pilipin@ Awareness Week Pilipin@ Cultural Celebration **KP Formals KAAmping** Pilipin@ Graduation





Mabuhay and Welcome to the University of California at San Diego. It is my honor to welcome you to UCSD and to the thriving APIMEDA community that is present on campus. Although big in size, UCSD provides avenues for individuals to connect with each other in order to form bonds that are integral to the closeness between students, staff, and faculty that make UCSD a unique place. Through the community centers and the many student organizations on campus. I was able to find my niche in

this large university which made it my home away from home. The Pilipin@ and APIMEDA communities here at UCSD comprise 50% of the entire student body and I am sure that you will be able to find your place in this great university. As students, I encourage y'all to step out of your comfort zones and not be afraid of trying something new, meeting new people, and exploring the many things that UCSD and San Diego has to offer. Congratulations on your admittance into a world renowned university filled with great individuals with even greater weather year round. Isang Mahal,

-EDWARD NADURATA



MSA

MUSLIM STUDENT ASSOCIATION

MISSION

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful, The Muslim Student Association at UCSD strives to develop individuals by the means of spiritual, social, and educational avenues through which a foundation based on Islamic principles and values is instilled. The MSA stands to unite and retain these individuals and nurture a diverse community of cognizant and pragmatic members of society.

LIST OF EVENTS

College Day Conference Islam Awareness Week Justice in Palestine Week Islamic Studies GBMs Jummah Prayer









QTPOC

QUEER & TRANS* PEOPLE OF COLOR

MISSION

Queer and Trans* People of Color (QT*POC) at UCSD was established in 2000 by a group of Queer students of Color FED UP with racism in the queer community, and with homophobia and transphobia within cultural organizations. With this, at the core of QT*POC are our commitments to struggle and our commitments to activism. We recognize the intersections of our multiple, beautiful, and sometimes confusing identities, as well as the related intersections of social justice movements. We create a SPACE--a social, political, academic, and cultural environment--to enhance our members' entire self-being and holistic wellness.



CSAP

COALITION OF SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLES

MISSION

The Coalition of South Asian Peoples (CSAP) is a collective organization that is based on building South Asian community, empowering South Asian peoples, doing work that helps us understand the intersections and intricacies of our identities, and social justice.



SEAC

SOUTHEAST ASIAN COLLECTIVE

MISSION

The Southeast Asian Collective asserts the exchange of knowledge by building a political community to share experiences of community diaspora, SEA identity, and retainment in higher education.



SJP

STUDENTS FOR JUSTICE IN PALESTINE

MISSION

Part and parcel of the larger student movement sweeping university campuses across the United States, Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) is a diverse group of students, faculty, staff, and community members centered at the University of California, San Diego and organized in accordance with democratic principles to promote justice, human rights, and the right of self-determination for the Palestinian people.



HmSA

HMONG STUDENT ASSOCIATION

MISSION

Hmong Student Association of San Diego (HmSASD) is a dynamic group of Hmong students who mediate the multiple intersections of identities within the Hmong community. We are a space rooted in community, support and love. We are committed to creating an environment of social, political, academic and cultural awareness so that we as Hmong students can begin to enhance our entire self-being and holistic well-being. We advocate for the increase access and retention rates of Hmong students into higher education.



PASA

PAN-ARAB STUDENT ASSOCIATION

MISSION

The purpose of this Organization shall be to: Serve students of Arab descent and those interested in Arab culture, regardless of heritage, at UCSD by providing a forum for identity exploration, community building, and cultural expression. Offer a space for support and empowerment culturally, socially, politically, and academically. Promote and preserve the positive image of Arabs. Create a platform for Arab representation and advocacy at UCSD. Provide a means to educate the UCSD community about Arab culture and the struggles and experiences of Arab-Americans. Collaborate with other groups deemed as underrepresented and underserved by the Student Affirmative Action Committee (SAAC).

KAMALAYAN KOLLECTIVE

MISSION

Kamalayan Kollective is a political, people-centered, feminist organization that seeks to raise critical consciousness and effect change through dialogue, art, education, and direct action. We are committed to social justice and radical personal transformation. Our areas of interest/advocacy/activism include: gender/sexuality, transnational activism, im/migration, and access to education for marginalized and underserved communities.



CCAAS

COALITION FOR CRITICAL ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES

MISSION

We, the Coalition for Critical Asian American Studies (CAAS), are a non-profit, student-run committee whose main purpose shall be advocating and strengthening critical Asian American studies at the University of California at San Diego. We seek to create this space in order to raise awareness of Asian-American history, culture, and identity from an intersectional and cross-cultural perspective; to interrogate and deconstruct social constructions of race and Asian American political identity; and to empower all students through community learning projects.



PUSH

PILIPINO UNDERGRADUATE SOCIETY FOR HEALTH

MISSION

As members of the Pilipino
Undergraduate Society for Health (PUSH),
we believe in the academic empowerment
of Pilipino(a) American students. We are
leaders of the Pilipino community who
strive to be an active presence through
service, who establish networking
opportunities and collaborations, and
who promote education and awareness
of health issues in order to productively
direct ourselves towards future goals in
health professions.



SAAC

STUDENT AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE

MISSION

The Student Affirmative Action Committee (SAAC), formed in 1975, is a UC San Diego student coalition committed to upholding the principles of educational equity and opposing institutional oppression. SAAC is dedicated to fighting ignorance, addressing the issues confronting historically underrepresented and/or underserved students and promoting cross-cultural awareness and communication by strengthening the bonds between students and organizations. Core members of SAAC include the Asian and Pacific-Islander Student Alliance (APSA), Black Student Union (BSU), Kaibigang Pilipin@ (KP), Movimiento Estudiantil Chican@ de Aztlan (MEChA), Muslim Student Association (MSA), Native American Student Alliance (NASA), and Queer/Trans People of Color (QTPOC).



jewish life

MISSION

Hillel at UC San Diego creates meaningful opportunities for students to connect to Jewish campus life through various events and student groups. Hillel is dedicated to empowering students to take ownership of their Jewish identity, and gives them resources to establish their own Jewish community on campus. Hillel at UCSD is a place for every Jewish student to celebrate their Judaism in their own way.





LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS

Union of Jewish Students United Jewish Observance Tritons for Israel J street U UCSD Jewish Pre-Health Society Jewish Social Action Tritons Keshet: LGBT Jews and Allies Jewish Organization for Persians and Americans Jewish Women's Circle Meshuggenah and the Musical Chairs Birthright-Israel Alpha Epsilon Phi Alpha Epsilon Pi

intervarsity

InterVarsity is an active student movement committed to knowing and experiencing God, reaching the entire campus with the love of Jesus Christ, and raising up world class leaders who will change the world. Our longing is to see thriving communities of faith planted in every campus sub-culture, believing that to be Christian isn't to give up who we are but rather to step into the fullness of who God has made us to be. With that said, we hope to see every ethnicity, major, fraternity, sorority, interest group, denomination, etc. on campus become transformed by the unrelenting love of Jesus.





catholic life

The Catholic Community at UC San Diego experiences Christ's presence in Word, Eucharist, and one another. We seek to build the reign of God by sharing our faith in Jesus Christ as well as by extending hospitality, embracing diversity, and responding to others with compassion.



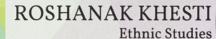


faculty highlight



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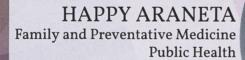
Professor Emeritus of Math Affiliate Professor of Ethnic Studies





ALBERT YU-MIN LIN

Research Scientist at the California Institute of Telecommunications and Information Technology (Calit2)





ATILIO ALICIO

Linguistics Heritage Language Program





staff highlight



WINDI SASAKI

Residence Life Liaison



KEVIN ROMATAR

Counseling and Psychological Services



SAM PARK

Counseling and Psychological Services

graduate student highlight



JASON PEREZ
Ethnic Studies/Communication

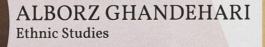




ANTHONY KIM
Literature/Cultural Studies



JENNIFER MOGANNAM Ethnic Studies







undergraduate student highlight



MARIA ROSA

Filipino
Computer Science
Favorite UCSD moment: Performing
a cultural dance for KP's Magkasama

KEVIN LE

Vietnamese Biology and Ethnic Studies Performing on stage in front of my community and friends for APSA's annual Talent Show



JAYLIN CHANTEL HANAKEAWE STEVENSON

Black Hawaiian Samoan Okinawan English Creole Italian and Irish Ethnic Studies and History Favorite UCSD moment: Playing for the UCSD Women's Rugby Team.

FATIMA KAMIL

Pakistani
Urban Studies & Planning (Ethnic
Studies minor)
Favorite UCSD moment: the everyday
experiences hanging out in the CCC
with all the homies

alumni highlight



EMELYN DELA PENA

Assistant Dean of Student Life for Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion at Harvard College / UCSD c/o 1995 Ethnic Studies



Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs & Enrollment Management at Indiana University - Northwest / UCSD c/o 2001General Biology with Minors in Psychology and Literatures in English





ORANEET OREVI

Staff Attorney at Bay Area Legal Aid / UCSD c/o 2007 Ethnic Studies

IRVING LING
UCSF Med Student, UCSD c/

UCSF Med Student, UCSD c/o 2014 Ethnic Studies



ethnic studies

MISSION

Situated in a region where the US-Mexico border zone, indigenous national and tribal governments, and the Asia-Pacific interact to produce a dynamic geopolitical location, UCSD's Ethnic Studies Department is a vibrant community of scholars committed to the interdisciplinary study of race, ethnicity, indigeneity, gender, sexuality, class, and dis/ability.



K. WAYNE YANG
Associate Professor



YEN LE ESPIRITU
Director of Undergraduate Studies
Professor



KALINDI VORA
Assistant Professor

GRADUATION DESCRIPTION

The department's innovative approach represents a commitment to transnational, relational, and intersectional methods for producing critical knowledge about power and inequality, including systems of knowledge that have emerged from racialized and indigenous communities in global contexts.

critical gender studies

MISSION

Critical Gender Studies is an undergraduate program specializing in the study of gender and sexuality. We came to life as a program in Women's Studies, but at the urging of faculty and students, reconstituted ourselves in 1998 by pairing gender studies and sexuality studies in one course of study. Since these are interdisciplinary fields, students are free to pursue their interests, to follow the road of inquiry where it takes them. As a result, our students learn to think in creative and productive ways, gaining analytic strengths and conceptual agility by frequently crossing the boundaries of established disciplines.



FATIMA EL-TAYEB
Director of Critical Gender
Studies

literature

MISSION

The Department of Literature at UC San Diego is unique both conceptually and structurally in that it combines all literary study in a single department, enabling students to concentrate on single-language or national literatures, while at the same time facilitating student engagement in dialogue across literatures and languages. The department also houses undergraduate and graduate study in the craft and theory of creative writing. The department brings together writers, teachers, scholars, and students of several different languages and literatures, uniting them by the nature of the studies they pursue. This lends a comparative aspect to both undergraduate and graduate programs, which lead to the bachelor of arts, master of fine arts, the candidate in philosophy, and doctor of philosophy degrees.



JODY D. BLANCO
Associate Professor of
Comparative Literature, Spanish

student services

The CENTER FOR
COMMUNICATION AND
LEADERSHIP helps build
confidence and develops skills in
public speaking, interpersonal
communication, and leadership. ets.
ucsd.edu

The CENTER FOR STUDENT INVOLVEMENT offers professional advising, student organization resources, leadership and community service programs, and campus events. getinvolved.ucsd.edu

COUNSELING AND
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES offers
a wide range of groups in various
formats to serve the diverse needs
of the UCSD community. caps.ucsd.
edu

The OFFICE FOR STUDENTS
WITH DISABILITIES promotes and
facilitates educational access for
students with disabilities, including
translators. osd.ucsd.edu

RECREATION offers a student wellness program, rec classes, intramurals, trips to Joshua Tree for rock climbing, surfing safaris, sports clubs, rec clubs and more. recreation. ucsd.edu

The SEXUAL ASSAULT & VIOLENCE PREVENTION
RESOURCE CENTER provides free and confidential services for students impacted by violence, with a focus on sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. sarc.ucsd.edu

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICE provides quality primary medical care, including urgent care and support services such as laboratory, pharmacy, and x-ray. studenthealth. ucsd.edu

provides free, confidential counseling on legal topics, referrals to a private attorney, as well as internships, career advice and information for students interested in legal careers. sls.ucsd.edu

The WELLNESS CENTER promotes develop healthy living, developing the mind, body, and spirit. wellness. ucsd.edu

PASA

PAN-ASIAN STAFF ASSOCIATION

MISSION

PASA strongly believes in providing educational and social activities as a means of promoting professional and personal relationships within the university and in fostering a conducive environment for learning and dialogue.

Although PASA is an organization that was formed for the benefit of UCSD staff employees, we work (and play) with UC faculty, students, and members of surrounding communities.

We invite those who share our vision to join us in our continuing efforts to attain the highest level of professional and personal achievement possible for our communities.



API Alumni Council

MISSION

UC San Diego has grown into a university with one of the largest Asian Pacific-Islander (API) student populations in the country. As one of the fastest growing ethnic groups in the United States, it is imperative to organize our collective voice within our university community and engage with every level of the alumni organization. The API Alumni Council hopes to support outstanding API students and recognize the achievements of exemplary API alumni. Our organization connects API Tritons together. We ask all API Tritons to join our organization and collaborate with us to build the future.



other organizations

alpha Kappa Delta Phi Kappa Zeta Phi Lambda Phi Epsilon Pi Alpha Phi Psi Chi Omega Sigma Omicron Pi

Korean American Scientists and Engineers

Association - Young Generation Afghan Student Association Armenian Student Association

Asayake Taiko

Cambodian Student Association

Chinese American Student Association

Chinese Students and Scholars Association

Chinese Union

Coalition of South Asian Peoples

Cultural Iranian Student Association

Hawaii Club

Hmong Student Association of San Diego

Indian Student Association

Japanese Student Association

Jewish Organization for Persians & Americans

Kabayanihan

Kamalayan Kollective

Kendo Club at UCSD

Keshet: Jewish LGBT Awesomeness

Korean American Student Association

Korean Student Cultural Association

Lion Dance at UCSD

Multi-Asian Student Association

Nikkei Student Association

Pakistani Student Association

Persian Association for Rendering Science & Art

PErsian Club

San Diego Indonesian Students

Sangam SD

Singapore Students Association

Sitaare

Southeast Asian Collective

Taiwanese American Student Association'

Turkish Student Association

Union of Jewish Students

United Taiwanese Association

Coalition for Critical Asian American Studies

Japanese Learning Association at UCSD

Student Against Mass Incarceration

Students for Justice in Palestine

Pilipino Undergraduate Society for Health

Pre-Medical APAMSA at UCSD

Asian Pacific Islander Student Alliance

Kaibigang Pilipin@

Muslim Student Association

Queer/Trans People of Color

Chinese Dance Association

Da Real Punjabiz

Hindi Film Dance Team

Iaido Club

Judo Club at UCSD

Ascension

Kasama Modern

[N]Motion Dance Team

Okinawan Karate Do at UCSD

Pushpanjali

Tae Kwon Do Club at UCSD

Wushu Club at UCSD

Chinese Business Society

Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers at UCSD

Chinese Student Association

Go/Baduk/Weqi Club

Lebanese Social Club

United Korea Athletes Association

Asian American Christian Fellowship

Calvary Korean Christian Group

Chinese Evangelical Community

Chinese Christian Fellowship @ UCSD

Chinese Christian Gospel Fellowship

India Christian Fellowship

Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship

Kairos Christian Fellowship

Korea Campus Crusade for Christ

Korean American Campus Mission

Korean American Missions Health Council

Kyrie Eleison

Sikh Student Association

United Jewish Observance

University Buddhist Association

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