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Dear colleagues at Berkeley, Davis, and Santa Cruz:

University Friends Circle at UC Merced is thrilled to have the opportunity to host this year's Intercampus Gathering on Wednesday, March 29, 2017. In the five years since we last hosted this event, so much has changed and evolved on the growing UC Merced campus.

Not only have we grown in physical space and buildings, but the campus has recently been honored with its first appearance in a number of national rankings as well as an R2 designation from the highly cited Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education.

On-site registration for the day will begin at 9:00 a.m. and welcoming remarks by campus leadership at 10:00 a.m. in our new Classroom & Office Building 2 that opened just last spring.

Following an interesting and humorous luncheon presentation, we have arranged for 5 distinct tour opportunities that will give participants a glimpse into the research that engage our faculty and students and is transforming lives in Merced and beyond.

Each of your campuses is about 130 miles - or just over 2 hours - from UC Merced. We have had great success in arranging a bus to transport our members to your campuses and would encourage you to explore this option as well. We will also have individual parking available as needed, so please let us know your plans in this regard.

The cost for the day is \$40. Individuals can register and pay directly online at friendscircle.ucmerced.edu or complete and mail the attached registration form with a check to UC Regents to Virginia Lerer, Development & Alumni Relations, 5200 North Lake Road, Merced, CA 95343. The deadline to register is Wednesday, March 22, 2017.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us should you have any questions or need assistance in planning your trip to Merced. We look forward to seeing you on March 29!

Sincerely,

Judy Edwina Smith
 President, UC Merced University Friends Circle

University of California Northern Inter-campus Gathering
hosted by the UC Merced University Friends Circle
Experience Our Growth...Embrace Our Change

Wednesday, March 29, 2017 | 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

9:00 a.m. **Registration and Light Refreshments** | Classroom & Office Building 2

10:00 a.m. **Welcome**

10:15 a.m. **A Sierra Mountain High Partnership: UC Merced's Sierra Nevada Research Institute and Yosemite National Park**, Stephen Shackelton, former Executive Director of the Sierra Nevada Research Institute and founding Director of the Merced Vernal Pools Grassland Reserve

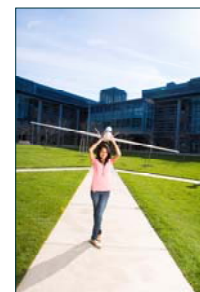
11:15 a.m. **How Communities of Microbes Conspire to Cause Disease**, Clarissa Nobile, Assistant Professor of Molecular and Cell Biology and Pew Biomedical Scholar

12:30 p.m. **Lunch and Featured Presentation: The Adventures of Mark Twain and American Literary Humor**, Gregg Camfield, Vice Provost for the Faculty and Professor of Literature

1:30 p.m. **Tour Opportunity**

1. The Future of Fuel Cells : Thermal and Electrochemical Energy Laboratory
2. Merced Vernal Pools and Grassland Reserve Walking Tour
3. The Cutting Edge of Virtual Reality Hardware: Merced WAVE—Wide-Area Visualization Environment
4. Up and Away: Unmanned Aircrafts (Drones) at UC
5. Stem Cell Instrumentation Foundry

3:00 p.m. **Departure**



To Register: Visit friendscircle.ucmerced.edu or complete and mail the form below

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Northern Inter-campus Gathering | Wednesday, March 29, 2017

Return this portion with payment to: Virginia Lerer, Development & Alumni Relations, 5200 North Lake Road, Merced, CA 95343

Checks payable to [UC Regents](http://ucmerced.edu/regents) | \$40 per person (includes lunch, program, tours, & parking)

Name: _____

Campus Affiliation (select one): Berkeley Davis Santa Cruz

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Special Accommodations/Dietary Restrictions Required: _____

Tour Opportunity: (please list your first choice selection and an alternate); guests will attend one tour
Please note space is limited for the Vernal Pools and WAVE tours

First Choice: _____

Alternate Choice: _____