

## Drama Announcements - Winter Quarter, Week 10

Drama Department

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Dear Drama Students,

Please see the announcements from the Drama Department below.

### **Illuminations Performance -- Works in Progress: The Science Fair!**

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Hello:

Please join us for our Works In Progress - The Science Fair - Friday, March 12 at 11:30 am. See the attached flyer for more details.

Thank you,

Jane Page

### **Work of HEArt call for Participants**

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Dr. Candice Taylor Lucas of Pediatrics, Dr. S. Ama Wray of Dance, and undergraduate Literary Journalism student Autumn Joi Martin are in search of actors and medical students to participate in a staged reading of Autumn's screenplay *Maternal Negligence* through the Work of HEArt Initiative.

Work of HEArt, a recipient of UCI's Inclusive Excellence Spirit Award is looking for 6-7 participants to read through the material during Black Maternal Health Week to complete phase two of their proposal to create awareness of the systemic and large-scale issues that Black women face in health settings due to implicit bias and anti-Black racism. Interested participants must fill out the [interest survey](#) and submit a 1-2 minute video of themselves reading from the sides attached in the PDF below. Submissions are due at 5:00pm (PST) on Thursday, March 11th and a short callback will be scheduled for Sunday, March 14th at 2pm.

Please send any questions to Tolu Ekisola ([fekisola@uci.edu](mailto:fekisola@uci.edu)) or Arizsia Staton ([astaton@uci.edu](mailto:astaton@uci.edu)).

*Maternal Negligence* full synopsis:

Demetrius Leonard and Gisselle Wilkins, a young couple in inner city Los Angeles, CA have just moved in together. Navigating a new life with one another while in poverty, becomes complicated when Gisselle gets pregnant. Without being financially stable, and their parents gravely concerned about how they could take care of a child, Demetrius works hard to get enough money to pay for their expenses. In the midst of their struggles, things take a drastic turn after Gisselle is rushed to the hospital and is forced to get an emergency c-section. After the delivery, she falls dangerously ill showing signs of preeclampsia that go undiagnosed by the medical staff. By her bedside, Demetrius witnesses her pain and voices his concern multiple times. Gisselle's condition continues to deteriorate, the doctors refuse to take his emotional pleas seriously. After multiple failed attempts to get them to help, she loses her life due to medical negligence on the part of the hospital that did not see her crisis as a priority. Demetrius is left to cope with her death and raise their daughter on his own.

Attached: Character List, PDF sides, Survey (<http://bit.ly/30aRzHK>), April Calendar, Poster

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