Dinners with Anteaters - Alumni in Finance and Marketing
Wednesday, May 27, 6-7 p.m. PDT

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Kathia Elenes is a Senior Finance Analyst at UCI Alumni Association. She has worked at UCI in different administrative and finance roles for the past 6 years. Kathia is a proud anteater and soon to be double alumna. She received her B.A in Business Economics with a minor in Accounting in 2014. In less than a month she will also have a Masters of Professional Accountancy from UCI’s Paul Merage School of Business.

During her undergrad years, she worked with an outreach program, MESA (Mathematics, Engineering, Science, Achievement), that serves educationally disadvantaged students in low income communities. As a first-gen college grad, mentorship has always been important to Kathia, and she continues to volunteer for MESA events. Kathia is currently a member of CLSA (Chicano/Latino Staff Association) at UCI. CLSA’s mission is to assist the University in the recruitment and retention of Chicano/ Latino undergraduate and graduate students, and staff. She served in the board for 3 consecutive years as Outreach Chair and Secretary.

Paul Jones, MURP ’16
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Paul Jones is the Senior Marketing and Communications Specialist at Bosch eBike Systems. In this role, he is responsible for live event management, sponsorship agreements, social media, and advocacy. Prior to this, Paul was a Market Analyst for the International Development Group and Economic Research Assistant for Orange County Business Council. In 2016, he earned a Masters in Urban Planning from UCI. He also has a B.A. in Economics from Chapman University. Currently Paul serves as a member of the Urban and Regional Planning (MURP) Alumni Chapter at the UCI Alumni Association.
Chris Nelson ’13, CPA  
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Chris graduated Cum Laude from UCI in 2013 with a major in Business Administration. While on campus he participated in a myriad of activities and departments that granted him robust cross-campus relationships and experiences such as UCI Housing Resident Adviser, Career Center Peer Consultant, UCI Bookstore General Books Associate and Sanrio Specialist, Paul Merage School of Business Dan and Jean Aldrich Nominee, and Campuswide Honors Program participant.

Chris is a CPA as well as a licensed bartender, and he is currently eating a lot of Chipotle burritos. By that he means he is working at Chipotle as a Financial Reporting and Accounting Manager. Chris has worked in a plethora of complex industries and has also held roles at Aviation Capital Group and Deloitte where he has enjoyed providing valuable insight to his clients and maintaining a laughter-based approach to his business relationships.

In his free time Chris enjoys mentoring the youth, competing in recreational athletics, absorbing as much TV, written and electric content as possible, the scent and taste of vanilla, world travel, and being the best dog dad, partner, son, friend, and casual acquaintance to all the important people in his life.

Hai Truong ’11  
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Hai Truong is marketing strategist for the Office of the Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning at UCI. Responsible for a six figure marketing budget and a seven figure net revenue from UCI Summer Session, Hai supports over 300 staff and 20 different departments and programs with tasks ranging from developing digital marketing campaigns, analytics reporting, and creating social media and training systems.

A 2011 alumnus from the School of Humanities, Hai has applied his English degree in an eclectic range of fields which include finance, tech recruiting, copywriting, advertising, construction, and 3 years spent building up a startup marketing agency with two friends from college.

He is a first generation Vietnamese American and first-gen college grad.
When he’s not volunteering time mentoring students, Hai dabbles in fashion through styling for side projects and hosts a podcast called Haifidelity (www.haifidelityodcast.com) which explores a range of topics such as all the wrong ways to get your first internship, breakups, and mental health.