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STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF OUR GRADUATE STUDENTS

We, faculty members in the UCLA Department of Comparative Literature, stand with our graduate students—and with graduate students and postdoctoral researchers across the University of California system—in their efforts to obtain a fair, living wage. Graduate students play an essential role in the workings of the university and represent the future of our profession.

We call on the University of California to bargain in good faith and to increase graduate student salaries to address the significant economic burdens that our students face while living in one of the most expensive cities in the nation. By addressing the students' legitimate demands, the university can avoid disruption to our core mission.

We recognize that academic workers in UAW 2865, UAW 5810, and SRU-UAW have a legal right to participate in strike actions and we call on the University of California to refrain from any form of retaliation against legitimate strike activity.

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