**Call for Proposals**

**Inaugural Class of Luskin Center for History and Policy Fellows**

The UCLA Luskin Center for History and Policy is committed to the goal of bringing serious historical research to bear on contemporary issues of great public relevance. As it begins its inaugural year in fall 2017, the Luskin Center aims to stimulate new research directions and course offerings that capture the dynamic and essential link between the past and present. Toward that end, the Center is pleased to offer up to five Innovation Grants in the 2017-18 academic year ranging from $5,000-$10,000 (maximum) each. The Innovation Grants are open to any UCLA Senate faculty, lecturers or graduate students, with preference given to proposals that involve History Department members. The Grants will be provided for:

1) Work that relies extensively on historical research to shed light on an issue or problem of contemporary relevance. Proposals that will eventuate in specific policy recommendation are particularly welcome. (Fellows will be expected to post a report, brief or article containing the results of their research on the Luskin Center website.)

2) Development of courses that use historical methods to address present-day problems through proposed remedies and/or train students in the application of history to policy analysis. (Fellows will be expected to post their syllabi on the Luskin Center website. Where possible, courses offered outside of the History Department should be cross-listed with it.)

Proposals can address current issues of a local, regional, state, national or international nature. They should be 3 single-spaced pages. In the case of research proposals, they should lay out the contemporary issue of interest, the historical method to be pursued, and an indication of the relationship of the historical scholarship to the contemporary issue or policy concern. In the case of course development proposals, there should be both a rationale for the new offering and a 1-2 page sample syllabus outlining the main topics to be covered. Both sets of proposals should include a budget justification to be approved by the Center.

Please submit proposals (or questions about eligibility) to luskincenter@history.ucla.edu by **June 15, 2017**. An announcement of successful proposals will be given by June 30, 2017. Grant winners will be designated as the inaugural class of Luskin Center Fellows. They will be expected to acknowledge the Luskin Center in their research.