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In collaboration with the Coalition Against Structural Inequality and the UCLA Graduate Student Publications, *InterActions* organized the first UCLA multi-journal symposium. UCLA's student run journals-- *bozalta*, *Chicana/o Latina/o Law Review*, *National Black Law Journal*, *Regeneración Tlacuilolli*, and *Ufahamu*-- came together to discuss their respective critical scholarship and participation in supporting activist scholarship. We believe this to be the beginning of an ongoing relationship and as a means to further advance our journal's mission and scope. To that end, the concept of bridging activism and scholarship is invoked in this issue. Each author provides a critical analysis that necessitates further interrogation of access, equity, and the position of self.

Roderic Crooks along with co-authors and interviewees Irina Contreras and Kelly Besser, takes us through the political foundations and commitments of The Miracle Bookmobile, an archival and artistic project that seeks to disrupt the displacement and gentrification of queer people and communities of color through their work. Rama Cousik offers a provocative international perspective on conducting ethnographic fieldwork. Her reflective and honest piece brings complex dynamics to the fore concerning the negotiations of privilege, cultural capital and professionalism. Angelo Letizia challenges critical scholars and those who value higher education as a public good to confront not only the effect but the foundations of neoliberalism on our educational system. Silvia Rodriguez-Vega uses an intimate case study to show the impact and lived realities of families affected by local and national immigration policy. These timely and reasoned contributions actualize transformative possibilities within education and information studies as well as challenge traditional approaches.

As we move into our twelfth year, we look forward to our continued engagement across campus and community organizations. Our collaboration with the UCLA Center for the Study of Women and more specifically the annual Thinking Gender Conference speaks to our interdisciplinary perspective and inclusive scholarship. This collaboration has also inspired our upcoming <a href="Special Issue">Special Issue</a> which will strengthen our liberatory mission and scope. We hope that you will join us in developing feminist approaches to knowledge production and address the implications of structural oppression.