

LA Flash Talk Series Brains Uncorked Returns on January 27

Each month, three local professors will share ideas that go down smooth, but stick with you, in flash talks at a local bar.

LOS ANGELES, CA, UNITED STATES, January 15, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The year's first installment of [Brains Uncorked](#)—a live event series where, each month, three scholars share brief, thought-provoking talks—will return to West LA bar The Nickel Mine on Tuesday, January 27 at 7:00 PM. The series is returning after a holiday hiatus, which featured a virtual quiz, complete with bookish prizes, in place of a live event.

Brains Uncorked aims to bring Los Angeles's most curious residents sharp insights and bold perspectives that challenge thinking and spark meaningful conversations among attendees, as well as challenge academics to consider how to translate research without flattening it. On the 27th, three professors from local universities will share insights they've gathered from years of in-depth research in just 10-15 minutes each.

Dr. Shari Berkowitz, Professor of Criminal Justice Administration at CSU Dominguez Hills, will introduce the audience to her research into eyewitness testimony in the courtroom, particularly the issue of mistaken memories.

Dr. Ignacio Sarmiento, Associate Professor in the Department of Central American and Transborder Studies at CSU Northridge, will speak about the recent civil wars in Central America. These wars have left a death toll of nearly 300,000 people, yet mourning those deaths has proven to be a challenging process, with grieving in Central America becoming a privilege rather



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*Ideas That Go Down Smooth,
But Stick With You*

FEATURING:
**DR. IGNACIO SARMIENTO, DR. SHARI BERKOWITZ
AND DR. PHILIP VIEIRA**

JANUARY 27, 2026 TUESDAY | 7:00 PM
THE NICKEL MINE IN SAWTELLE
11363 SANTA MONICA BLVD, 90025

FREE EVENT
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The January 2026 Brains Uncorked will feature Ignacio Sarmiento, Shari Berkowitz, and Philip Vieira

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Dr. Philip A. Vieira, Professor of Psychology at CSU Dominguez Hills, will debunk some common misconceptions about dopamine, particularly how social media wellness influencers pushing dopamine “hacking” misrepresent the role of dopamine and our individual capacity for controlling the brain’s function.

The evening will conclude with a Q&A. The event is free and open to all 21+, though reservations are encouraged. The address of The Nickel Mine is 11363 Santa Monica Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90025. There is metered parking on the street and in the lot behind the venue. A full bar and menu will be available throughout the evening.

Interested attendees should RSVP through Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/brains-uncorked-by-coriolis-tickets-1980656690479?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl>

Book a table through The Nickel Mine's OpenTable page:

<https://www.opentable.com/r/the-nickel-mine-los-angeles>.

Are you a professor interested in speaking at the next Brains Uncorked event? Please fill out the interest form on the Coriolis Company website:

<https://corioliscompany.com/brainsuncorked/>

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