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invites you to attend the 35th annual

**BOLLENS-RIES-HOFFENBERG LECTURE**

**"Photography, Conflict & Future Narratives"**

presented by



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**Louie Palu**  
Photographer, Filmmaker and Author



**Thursday, October 30, 2025**

6:00 p.m. PT

*Reception to follow*

James West Alumni Center, Collins Room  
UCLA Campus

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**About the lecture:** Louie Palu will present his work researching conflicts which are reshaping the geopolitical order. His work is best known for up close, long-term and multi-year studies involving detailed fieldwork, witnessing and creating visual records in order to make human rights issues visible. In this presentation Louie will share a summary of his work in Afghanistan, Ukraine and Guantanamo Bay, as well as along the U.S.-Mexico border with a focus on his two latest lines of inquiry related to the militarization of the Arctic and a post-January 6 U.S. Capitol-attack state of government. His current work is focused on visualizing future gaps in our collective understanding of conflict.

**About the speaker:** Louie Palu is a Canadian/American photographer, filmmaker and author based in Washington, D.C. whose work has examined social political issues for 30 years. He has been selected for a John Simon Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship, New America Fellowship and World Press Photo Award. His work has been widely published, including in National Geographic, The Washington Post and Bloomberg Opinion. His documentary films have been broadcast and screened worldwide. His work has been exhibited widely and is held in numerous collections, including the Museum of Fine Arts Boston, National Gallery of Art and Library of Congress. He is a graduate of the Ontario College of Art and Design and holds an MFA from the Maryland Institute College of Art.

**About the series:** The annual Bollens-Ries-Hoffenberg lecture brings together the worlds of academic exploration and practical politics to illuminate discussion of the broader principles and ideas of representative government. Such a synthesis is true to the spirit of the lecture's honorees – John C. "Jack" Bollens, John C. "Chuck" Ries and Marvin Hoffenberg – former distinguished professors in UCLA's Department of Political Science.