

What stories have been told about the beginnings of this STS formation?

University of California, Irvine was established in 1965. Its School of Social Sciences was shaped by Dean Jim March's commitment to experiments in interdisciplinary social science, built through his experience at his alma mater, Yale's Institute for Human Relations (1929-1950), as well as in Harvard's Department of Social Relations (1946-1972), the RAND Corporation in nearby Santa Monica, California, and the Carnegie Institute for Technology Graduate School of Industrial Administration. One early experiment -- The Farm -- created space for learning-by-doing, with students and faculty working alongside Samoan canoe-builders, and Guatemalan Ixil crafts people. Deep commitments to interdisciplinarity continued to shape UCI's Department of Anthropology, creating openings for many kinds of STS projects.

UCI at the Farm in the 1960s

STS in Anthropology at the University of California Irvine

11. "Doing is what the farm is about," says Bruce Green, art major, who exchanges techniques with Yucatec potter. Friend Lisa Endig, sophomore, finds the farm a restful change from books and classes.



Woodruff, Maggie, Andrew McGrath, James Adams, and Kim Fortun. 2018. "UCI at the Farm in the 1960s." In UCI Anthro STS, created by James Adams and Maggie Woodruff. In STS Across Borders Gallery Exhibit, curated by Aalok Khandekar and Kim Fortun. Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science. Sydney, Australia. Aug 30-31. <http://www.stsinfrastructures.org>.