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GRADUATE STUDENT CONFERENCE



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA,
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MARCH 16-17, 2018

CONFERENCE PROGRAM



FRIDAY, MARCH 16

9:00am-10:00am: Registration and Breakfast (COB II, 392)

9:45am-10:00am: Opening Remarks by Dr. Anne Zanzucchi, Chair of Interdisciplinary Humanities & Keynote Introduction by Dr. Anneeth Kaur Hundle

Keynote Speech: 10:00AM-11:15AM (COB II, 392)

"Feminist Theories of the Security State: Rethinking Exceptionalism and Neoliberalism from the Global South"

Dr. Inderpal Grewal, Professor in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Yale University

Dr. Inderpal Grewal is Chair and Professor in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies Program, Faculty in the South Asia Council, Ethnicity, Race and Migration Studies Program, and Affiliate faculty in American Studies and Anthropology at Yale University. She is author of *Home and Harem: Nation, Gender, Empire and Cultures of Travel* (Duke, 1996), *Transnational America: Feminisms, Diasporas, Neoliberalisms* (Duke, 2005), and *Saving the Security State: Exceptional Citizens in Neoliberal America* (forthcoming 2017). She is co-editor (with Caren Kaplan) of *Scattered Hegemonies: Postmodernity and Transnational Feminist Practices* (University of Minnesota Press, 1995), *Introduction to Women's Studies: Gender in a Transnational World* (Mc-Graw Hill, 2001, 2005) and *Theorizing NGO's: Feminism, Neoliberalism and the State* (with Victoria Bernal) (Duke University Press, 2014). Her areas of research include feminist theory, cultural studies of South Asia and its diasporas, British and U.S. imperialism, and contemporary feminist transnationalisms.



SESSION 1: 11:30AM-12:45PM

Panel 1. "Pedagogies of Dissent" in the Classroom & Beyond (COB II, 392)

Moderator: Dr. Arturo Arias

1. Lorraine Ramos (UC Merced)

"Advanced Spanish Heritage Language Students' use of Metaphor within Autobiographical Narratives"

2. Ekta Kandhway (UC Merced)

"A Mayan Life: A memorandum for creating an inclusive space in academia"

3. Kyle Beloin (Northern Arizona University)

"The Cosmopolitan Classroom: Teaching Writing as a Transdiscipline"

Panel 2. Subverting the Neoliberal University (COB II, 390)

Moderator: Dr. Kit Myers

1. Danielle Bermudez (UC Merced)

“Untamed Tongues & Bitter Bxtches: *Academicas Malcriadas* Confronting Institutional Betrayal”

2. Gabrielle Cabrera (Rutgers University)

“Exhibitionary Subjects: Commodifying Undocumented Students’ Trauma in the Neoliberal University”

3. Violet Barton (UC Merced)

“Quien Tiene Boca Se Equivoca”: Linguistic Terrorism, Freedom of Speech, and Academic Freedom in the era of Civility, Collegiality, and Conformity in the Neoliberal University”

LUNCH: 1:00PM-2:00PM

Please join us for lunch in COB II, 290.

SESSION 2: 2:15PM- 3:30PM

Panel 1. Critical Approaches in Heritage Studies & Archeology (COB II, 392)

Moderator: Violet Barton

1. Manuel de Jesus Duenas Garcia (UC Merced)

“The Northern Frontier of Mesoamerica. A Cultural Border Between the Civilised and the Barbaric”

2. Anais Guillem (UC Merced)

“Critically Assessing the Colonial Biases of (Built) Heritage Study in our Digital Era”

3. Michael Blonski (UC Merced)

“Initial Findings of Agricultural Terraces in Las Cuevas Archaeology Research Area”

Panel 2. Beyond Neoliberal Discourses, Searching for Collective Liberation (COB II, 390)

Moderator: Danielle Bermudez

1. Eli Erlick (UC Santa Cruz)

“Toward a Transmethodology”

2. Jamin Shih (UC Merced)

“A World Apart’: American News Representations of a Queer-Friendly Taiwan”

3. **So-Yeon Kim** (Sogang University)

“A Eulogy for Poussey: Reclaiming American Identity for Incarcerated Women in *Orange is the New Black*”

SESSION 3: 3:45PM-5:00PM COB II, 290

Please join us for an open discussion, all conference participants are invited.

“Precarity & Possibility in the Neoliberal University”

Dr. Anneeth Kaur Hundle, Assistant Professor, Anthropology & Critical Race and Ethnic Studies, University of California Merced

Dr. Ma Vang, Assistant Professor and Chair of Critical Race and Ethnic Studies, University of California Merced

Gabrielle Cabrera, PhD Student in Anthropology, Rutgers University

Brenda Angelica Gutiérrez Mora, Undergraduate Student in Anthropology, University of California, Merced

Amrit Deol, PhD Student in Interdisciplinary Humanities, University of California Merced

Neama Alamri, PhD Student in Interdisciplinary Humanities, University of California Merced

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

9:00am-10:00am: Check-in & Breakfast, COB II, 392

SESSION 1: 10:15AM-11:30AM

Panel 1: Women of Color Feminisms & New Epistemologies in the Humanities (COB II, 392)

Moderator: Dr. Anne Zanzucchi

1. **Shiloh Green** (UC Merced) “Toward a New Generation of Conscious Students: The Need for Universal Black Feminist-thought in the Humanities”

2. **Lilika Kukiela** (McGill University)

“Parody’s Pleasure to Paranoia: Reimagining the Flaneur

3. **Kim McMillon** (UC Merced)

“Deconstructing the Black Arts Movement from a Feminist Point of View”

Panel 2: The Historical Investment in Whiteness: Race, Labor, and Space (COB II, 390)

Moderator: Dorie Perez

1. Laura Gomez (UC Merced)

“Spreckelsville: Race, Gender, and Family in Company Housing”

2. Emily Masghati (University of Chicago)

“The Rosenwald Fellowship Program and the Wellspring of the Harlem Renaissance, 1929-1948”

3. Verenize Arceo, (UC Merced)

“Sidewalks: Their Lack of Presence and Growing Influence in Deconstructing the Image of Urban Communities in Merced and Winton, California”

LUNCH & BREAK: 1 1:30PM-12:45PM

Please join us for lunch in COB II, 290.

SESSION 2: 1:00PM-2:15PM

Panel 1. Universe and University: Meaning and Matter (COB II, 392)

Moderator: Trevor Jackson

1. Trevor Jackson (UC Merced)

“Ideas Not Our Own: Cormac McCarthy’s *Child of God* and the Heritage of the Official World”

2. Ryan Leack (UC Riverside)

“Quantum Rhetoric: The Entanglement of Matter and Meaning”

3. Kevin Anderson (Dartmouth College)

“The Postsecular University: Precarity and Possibility”

Panel 2: Precarity in the Workplace and Classroom (COB II, 390)

Moderator: Carolina Molina

1. Dorie Perez (UC Merced) and Zyed Ismailjee (UC Merced)

“‘Tech Won’t Save Us’: Negotiating Precarity in the Work Place”

2. Ivan Soto (UC Merced)

“Beyond Classroom Walls: Experiential Learning in Undergraduate Humanities Programs”

3. Neama Alamri (UC Merced)

“The History of Yemeni Auto Workers in Detroit & the Fight Against U.S. Imperialism and Anti-Arab Racism in the Auto Industry”

SESSION 3: 2:30PM- 3:45PM

Panel 1: Towards Decolonial Practices (COB II, 392)

Moderator: Dr. Arturo Arias

1. **Joanna La Torre** (California State University, Sacramento)

“Decolonizing and Re-/Indigenizing Filipinos”

2. **Auguste Kouadio** (UC Merced)

“Decolonization of Value Theory for Academic Inclusion”

3. **Garima Panwar** (UC Merced)

“Creating Space for Pluriversality in a Western Classroom”

Panel 2: Performing Race, Gender, and Sexuality (COB II, 390)

Moderator: Kim McMillon

1. **Dalena Ngo** (UC Merced)

"Narrative Resistance: San Francisco HIV/AIDS Organizations in the 1980s"

2. **Cristina Gomez** (UC Merced)

“Fashion and Cinema; The Function of Fashion in 1930s Hollywood Cinema”

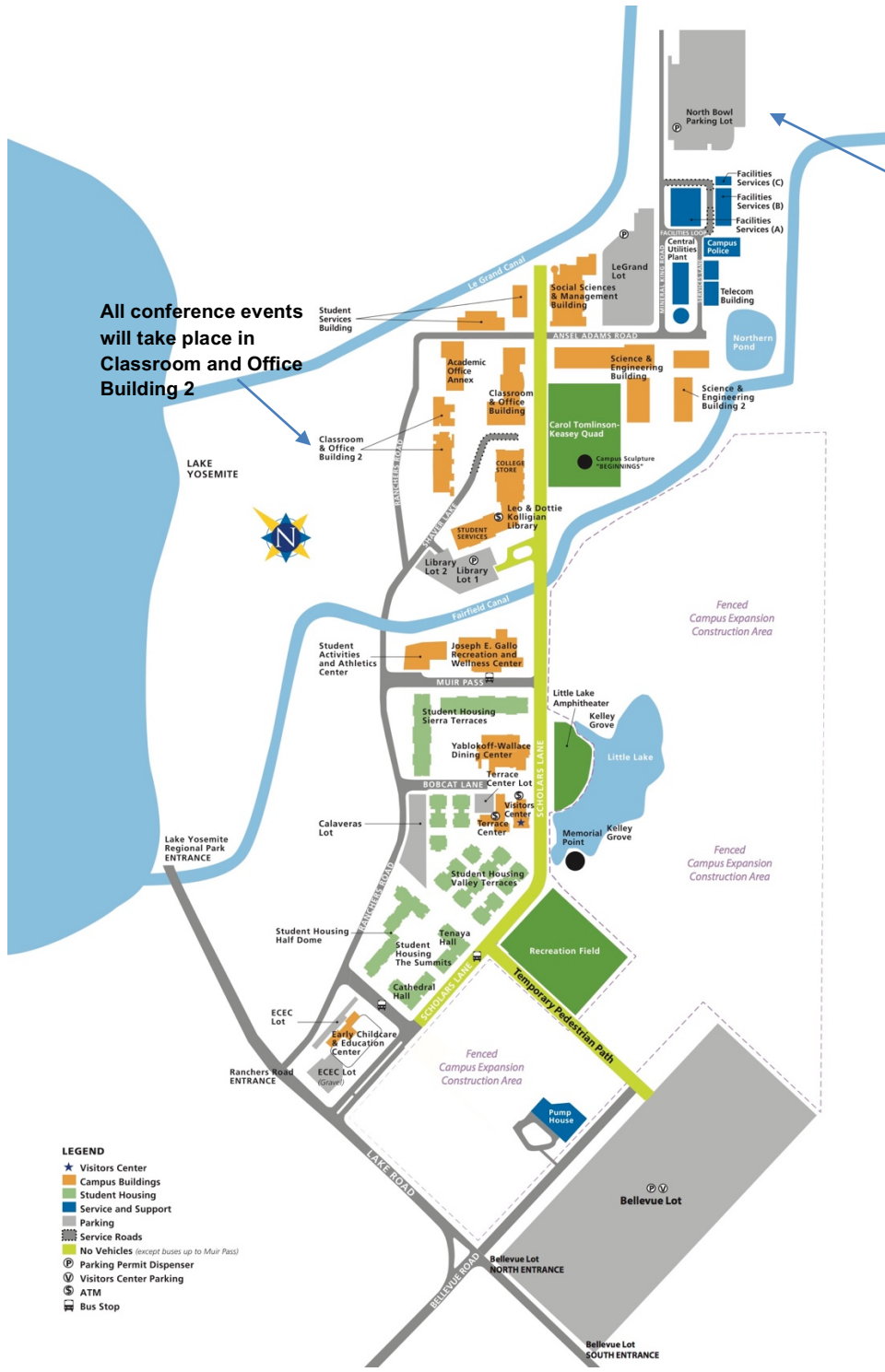
3. **Marilee Shaw** (UC Merced)

“A Rhizomatic Queer Praxis, or The Precarity and Possibility of Performing *queer* as Pedagogy”

CONFERENCE RECEPTION: 4:00-6:00PM

Please join us for a reception on the second floor of COB II.

MAPS



All conference events will take place in Classroom and Office Building 2

Reserved parking spaces will be available for non-UCM students in North Bowl 2 on Friday March 16. *Parking is free on Saturday