WHITSETT GRADUATE SEMINAR & WHITSETT LECTURE

8:30-8:50: Morning Refreshments and Coffee, Whitsett Room, CSUN

8:50-9:00: Introductory Remarks, Dr. Josh Sides, Whitsett Professor of California History, California State University Northridge

9:00-10:30: Session 1: The Environment
Shelley Brooks (PhD, UCD): Big Sur: the Making of an Inhabited Wilderness
Eric Steigler (PhD, UCI): Irrigation in the Colorado Desert
Moderator: Dr. Eric Boime, Department of History, SDSU-Imperial Valley

10:40-12:10: Session 2: Politics and Economics
John Macias (PhD, CGU): Americanizing a Mission Town of San Gabriel
Kashia Arnold (MA, CSUN): Alexander Del Mar and the Chinese Question
Moderator: Dr. Nicolas G. Rosenthal, Department of History, Loyola Marymount University

12:10-1:00: Lunch

1:00-2:30: Session 3: Science and Politics
Michael Matini (MA, CSUF): Governor Reagan and the Quest for Welfare Reform
Amanda Beavers (PhD, UCSD): Legitimizing the Science of Sterilization
Moderator: Dr. Eileen V. Wallis, Department of History, Cal Poly Pomona

2:45-4:15: Session 4: Mexican California
Emmanuelle Perez (PhD, EHESS): Re-Assessing Self-Government in California
Jorge Leal (MA, CSUN): The 1910 Mexican Centennial Celebration
Moderator: Dr. Steve Hackel, Department of History, UC Riverside

7:00: Whitsett Lecture, Dr. Steve Hackel

Professor Steven W. Hackel is the author of *Children of Coyote, Missionaries of Saint Francis* and editor of *Alta California: Peoples in Motion, Identities in Formation, 1769-1850*. He is Associate Professor of History at the University of California, Riverside, and general editor of the Huntington’s Early California Population Project, a database of all material in the missions’ baptism, marriage, and burial records. The database has been in the news because of the very controversial excavation of the LA Plaza cemetery during the final construction of the LA Plaza cultural center. His lecture will focus on the cemetery, who is buried there, and what this tells us about early Los Angeles. He is currently writing a biography of Father Junipero Serra.