

LA History & Metro Studies Group
2019-2020

September 20, 2019 – pre-circulated paper

“Calling Los Angeles: Telephone Access and Community Development.”

Emily Bills, Participating Adjunct Professor and Coordinator of the Urban Studies Program, Woodbury University

October 11, 2019 – Dissertation Workshop #1 – short, pre-circulated papers

"Suburban Cowboy: Country Music and the New Right, 1977-1985."

Amanda Marie Martinez, Ph.D. candidate, UCLA

"Taxes, Death, and Trouble: Predatory Debt in Depression Era Los Angeles."

Marques Vestal, Ph.D. candidate, UCLA

“Peers, Police, and Punks: Orange County Punks’ Use of Political Language to Create a Youth Culture”

Alexandria Waltz, Ph.D. candidate, University of Utah

November 8, 2019 – pre-circulated paper

“Public Schools Are Our Most Important Business: Democratic Neoliberalism and the Rise of Charter Schools in Los Angeles.”

Lily Geismer, Associate Professor of History, Claremont McKenna

November 22, 2019 – panel discussion – Ahmanson Classroom

L.A. City Councilmembers in Conversation

Wendy Greuel, LA city council member, 2nd district, 2002-2009; LA City Controller, 2009-2013

Mike Hernandez, LA city council member 1st district, 1991-2001

Tom LaBonge, LA city council member 4th district, 2001-2015

Mike Woo, LA city council member, 13th district, 1985-1993

Zev Yaroslavsky, LA city council member, 5th district, 1975-1994; LA County Board of Supervisors, District 3, 1994-2014

December 6, 2019 – pre-circulated paper

“If This Can Happen to One of Us, It Can Happen to One of You:” The Japanese American Citizen’s League, Los Angeles Politics, and the Thomas Noguchi Case”

Anne Choi, Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, Cal State Dominguez Hills

January 21, 2020 – pre-circulated paper (Autry National Center)

“‘Nation Time’: The Watts Towers and Black Cultural Uprising After 1965”

Emma Silverman, Visiting Assistant Professor of American Art, Smith College

** Tuesday 6:00 p.m., Autry National Center - *Joint session with Works in Progress, Autry.*

February 21, 2020 – Dissertation Workshop #2 – short, pre-circulated papers

“The UCLA Atomic Energy Project and Irradiated Environments in the Southwest United States”

Josh McGuffie, Ph.D. candidate, UCLA

“Critical Latina/o Foodways: Tracing Mexican American Foodways, 1910-1948”

Natalie Santizo, Ph.D. candidate, UCLA

"Azusa Street and the Revolt against Secular Colonialism"

Skylar Reidy, Ph.D. candidate, USC

March 20, 2020 – pre-circulated paper

“‘Shooting them in their cribs’: Race, Police Violence, and Perceptions of Criminality in Early 1970s New York City”

Peter Vellon, Associate Professor of History, Queens College

April 10, 2020 – *Clark Davis Memorial Lecture*

“The City Beneath: A Century of Los Angeles Graffiti”

Susan A. Phillips, Professor of Environmental Analysis, Pitzer College

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All sessions will begin at 10:30 am in Seaver Classrooms 1-2, in the Munger Building, Huntington Library, unless otherwise noted. Please check e-announcements for exact location of sessions. Parking is free. Workshops will begin at 10:30. You must RSVP to attend.

For seminars with a pre-circulated paper, the paper will be made available approximately 2 weeks prior to the seminar (we are unable to distribute papers earlier than this). At that time, you can access the paper via a link posted on the ICW website at <http://dornsife.usc.edu/icw/lahistorymetro/>. The link will also be circulated in the email announcement for each session. We request that participants read the papers if attending.

If you would like to receive announcements for these sessions, please fill out the form at <http://tinyurl.com/LAMetroList>. For more information, email the co-coordinators—Kathy Feeley, Caitlin Parker, Andrea Thabet, and Becky Nicolaidis—at LA.History.Group@gmail.com.

The LA History & Metro Studies Group fosters the study and understanding of southern California history and the history of metropolitan areas more broadly. Through seminars on scholarly works-in-progress, book lectures, and panel discussions on contemporary issues facing southern California and American cities, our goal is to promote urban history scholarship as a means of enriching the field and informing policy-making toward a more just, equitable future for our urban regions

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