

**Schedule: 2023-2024**

**Fri. September 8, 2023 from 2:00-4:00pm** – *special event, transnational panel – Suburbia and Culture: A Transnational Discussion*

“Vivre la magie Disney: Disneyland Paris and the Suburban Ideal.”

Florian Freitag, University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany

Comments: Eric Avila, UCLA

“Reading American Suburbs Through the Fiction of Richard Yates”

Jiri Flajsar, Palacky University Olomouc, Czech Republic

“Ethnicity, Sub/urbanisation, and Identity in the Fiction of British Novelists Andrea Levy and Bernardine Evaristo”

Pavĺina Flajšarová, Palacky University Olomouc, Czech Republic

Comments: Catherine Jurca, Caltech

*This panel welcomes scholar members of the EU Erasmus+ group, focused on “Urbanism and Suburbanization in the EU Countries and Abroad: Reflection in the Humanities, Social Sciences, and the Arts,” in conversation with LA scholars and the audience. Please note the special time, 2:00-4:00pm. All are invited to an informal gathering following the panel in the Seaver classrooms.*

If you would like to attend, please RSVP [here](#). Attendance will be capped at 40 people.

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**Fri. October 20, 2023**

“Migrant Labor and the Global Logistics Industry: Comparative Case Study of Shanghai and Inland Empire Migrant Warehouse Workers in the 21st Century”

Alejandro Prado, Assistant Professor, Chicana/o Studies Department, CSUN

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**Tues. January 23, 2024** – roundtable – in-person at The Autry Museum

\*\* Tuesday 7:00 p.m., joint session with The Autry Museum of the American West

“Human Events: The View From Los Angeles, 1776-2026”

Virginia Scharff, Emeritus Distinguished Professor of History, UNM

Josh Garrett-Davis, Curator of Western History, The Autry

Amanda Wixon, Associate Curator of Native History and Culture, The Autry

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**Fri. February 23, 2024 – Seaver 1 & 2**

“New Directions in Suburban History: A Roundtable”

Moderator: Lily Geismer, Professor of History, Claremont McKenna College

Matthew Lassiter, Professor of History, University of Michigan, author of *The Suburban Crisis: White America and the War on Drugs* (Princeton, 2023)

Becky Nicolaides, Research Affiliate, Huntington USC Institute on CA & West, author of *The New Suburbia: How Diversity Remade Suburban Life in LA After 1945* (Oxford, 2024)

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**Fri. March 8, 2024** – Dissertation Workshop – short, pre-circulated papers – Seaver 3

“Criminalizing the Cholo: Banishing Racialized Latinx Masculinities through Gang Injunctions in Echo Park, Los Angeles”

Kimberly M. Soriano, PhD candidate, Feminist Studies, UC Santa Barbara

“You Only Get What You’re Organized to Take: The National Union of the Homeless and the Struggle for Urban Land, 1987-1993 and Beyond.”

Annie Powers, PhD candidate, History, UCLA

“Making the Pueblo in Los Angeles: How Latinx Indigenous Communities Navigate Hybridized Racial Landscapes”

Michelle Vasquez Ruiz, PhD candidate, Dept of American Studies & Ethnicity, USC

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**Fri. May 10, 2024** – *Clark Davis Lecture* – Seaver 3

“Sand Rush: The Beach in Twentieth Century Los Angeles”

Elsa Devienne, Assistant Professor of Humanities, Northumbria University, UK