

# AMERICAN COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

## THE HUMANITIES AND AMERICAN CULTURES: CIVILITY

SPRING 2018

The American Communities Program at Cal State LA promotes humanities-based inquiry into the formation of individual and communal identities in American society.

2-05

### THE JEAN BURDEN READING: AN EVENING WITH JOY HARJO

5 PM • Golden Eagle Ballroom • 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor • Golden Eagle Building

Poet, musician, and storyteller Joy Harjo reads from her work. Harjo, a member of the Mvskoke Nation, has written seven books of poetry focusing on Native American issues and themes.

2-16

### ACP READING GROUP: HUMANKIND: SOLIDARITY WITH NON-HUMAN PEOPLE BY TIMOTHY MORTON

1 - 2:30 PM • E&T A631

In preparation for Timothy Morton's talk on campus in April (see calendar entry for 4/20), join the ACP reading group for the first of two sessions to discuss Morton's latest work. Contact Dr. Maria Karafilis (mkarafi@calstatela.edu) for information on the reading.

3-13

### THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE MODERN WORLD

10 AM - 12 PM • U-SU Theatre • 1<sup>st</sup> Floor • University-Student Union

Join us as renowned scholars Dr. Kate Brown (University of Maryland) and Dr. Robert Brown (Whittier College) analyze the nation state as an inherently limited framework to understand the global nature of the environment and environmental crises. Reception to follow in the Cross Cultural Centers.

4-05

### AMERICAN COMMUNITIES PROGRAM: FACULTY FELLOWS SYMPOSIUM

1:40 PM • Alhambra Room • 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor • University-Student Union

Roundtable discussion features Dr. Akhila Ananth (School of Criminal Justice and Criminalistics) and Dr. Eileen Ford (Department of History) share their research projects examining civil societies, abolition, and student protest movements.

4-05

### ZINE-MAKING AS ARTIVISM

6 PM • Los Angeles Room BC • 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor • University-Student Union

Join us a local zinesters, activists, and scholars discuss the art of creating zines as a means of voicing their politics and identities. Following the presentation, participants will have space and supplies to start their own personal zines.

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### AN AFTERNOON WITH JEN SCAPPETONE: POETRY AND/AS ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

1:30pm • Los Angeles Room BC

Dr. Jen Scappetone, faculty, Department of English Language and Literature at The University of Chicago, discusses the interplay between poetry and research, specifically the documentary and activist capacities of poetry – how poetry can expose the pathways of responsibility, thus acting in the vein of social and environmental justice. Presented by the Center for Contemporary Poetry and Poetics, Center for the Study of Genders and Sexualities, American Communities Program, MFA, and Department of English.

4-20

### STUDENT RESEARCH CONFERENCE: GENDERS AND SEXUALITIES FEATURING KEYNOTE BY DR. TIMOTHY MORTON

9 AM - 5 PM • 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor • University-Student Union

Student scholars present their original research and explore genders, sexualities, feminism, and queer identities in this annual conference presented by the Center for the Study of Genders and Sexualities and Cross Cultural Centers. Dr. Timothy Morton, Professor of English at Rice University, presents from his influential research on "queer ecology" and on the ethical and ecological urgency of creating new forms of solidarity with nonhuman beings.

4-27

### NONHUMAN BODIES: A CRITIQUE AND (RE)CREATION OF CIVILITY

9am - 5pm • 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor • University-Student Union

Graduate students of the ACP 2017-2018 Interdisciplinary Working Group share their research on the intersections of human/nonhuman relations and the ways such interactions may structure civil societies. Presented at the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Significations Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference. For full conference information and time/location of this panel, please call English Department at (323) 343 - 4190.



Presented by the American Communities Program, and co-sponsored by Cross Cultural Centers, College of Arts and Letters, Center for the Study of Genders and Sexualities, Center for Contemporary Poetry and Poetics, English, Dr. Joseph A. Bailey, II, M.D., Honors College, MFA Program in Creative Writing & Literary Arts, University-Student Union, and student fees. For more information, or to request accommodations for a disability, please call Dr. Maria Karafilis, American Communities Program, at (323) 343-4140, or find us online at [www.calstatela.edu/academic/al/acp/](http://www.calstatela.edu/academic/al/acp/) Nominal parking fee for off-campus guests.

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