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2015 Haas Scholars Undergraduate Research Conference

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

JANUARY 15–16 Conference
The Faculty Club at UC Berkeley
Howard Room

JANUARY 16
3:15–4:00
Film Showing and Director Q&A
Film: Akka Bahar
Reem Jubran, Director
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 15
Howard Room, The Faculty Club, UC Berkeley

8:30–9:00  Welcome and Coffee

9:00–10:30  Space, Place, and Time
Discussant: Margaret Chowning, Faculty Advisory Board, History
Dennis Velasquez (English)
Strategies of Literary Defiance
Faculty Sponsor: Janet Sorensen, English
Destiny Dixon (African American Studies)
Buying Black Back Then: Black Economic Life in Compton and West Oakland
Faculty Sponsor: Ula Y. Taylor, African American Studies
Chad Martin Burns (History)
Commuters Versus Residents: A Comparative Historical Analysis of America’s Urban Freeways
Faculty Sponsor: Caitlin Rosenthal, History

10:45–11:45  Anthropologists
Discussant: Ken Sauer, Faculty Advisory Board, Chemistry
Lauren Grant (Chemistry)
Making Synthetic Chemistry Greener: More Sustainable Processes via Catalysis with New Transition Metal Compounds
Faculty Sponsor: John Arnold, Chemistry
Leilani Hunter (Anthropology)
What’s Glass Got to Do with It: Glass Bracelet Fragments from Tall Dhiban
Faculty Sponsor: Rosemary Joyce, Anthropology

12:00–1:00  Lunch, Heyns Room, The Faculty Club, UC Berkeley

1:15–2:45  Empowerment and Social Services
Discussant: Kathryn Abrams, Faculty Advisory Board, Boalt School of Law
Anna Darzins (Social Welfare)
The Intersection of Disability and Domestic Violence Services
Faculty Sponsor: Marsha Saxton, Interdisciplinary Studies/Disability Studies
Michelle Gallarza (Political Economy)
Meet Each Need with Dignity: Community and the Dynamics of Nonprofit Change in the Northeast San Fernando Valley
Faculty Sponsor: G. Cristina Mora, Sociology
Jennifer Fei (History)
A Case Study of the International Rescue Committee in the United States
Faculty Sponsor: Michael J. Austin, Social Welfare

3:00–4:30  Transnational Policies, Individual Realities
Discussant: Yanyue Wang, Alumni Advisory Board
Fele Uperesa (Interdisciplinary Studies and Public Health)
An Island in Transition: Trade Policy and Public Health in American Samoa
Faculty Sponsor: Thomas Biolsi, Ethnic Studies
Ana Cristina Gomez-Vidal (Interdisciplinary Studies)
“Framing” China: Congressional Commissions’ Impact on U.S. Foreign Policy
Faculty Sponsor: Thomas B. Gold, Sociology
Wayne Jopanda (Ethnic Studies and Political Science)
Away from Home: The Impact of Colonial History on Filipino Labor Trafficking in the U.S.
Faculty Sponsor: Victoria Robinson, Ethnic Studies
FRIDAY, JANUARY 16
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8:30–9:00 Welcome and Coffee

9:00–10:30 At the Margins?
Discussant: Sue Schweik, Faculty Advisory Board, Associate Dean of Arts and Humanities
Matthew Phillip Kirschenbaum (Rhetoric)
Prurient Pleasures and the Pornographic Effect of H.I.V.
Faculty Sponsor: Linda Williams, Film and Media
Emma Deboncoeur (Anthropology)
The Gravity of the Situation: Health Access for Transgender Women in Montréal and the Epistemology of Transgender Health Care
Faculty Sponsor: Lawrence Cohen, Anthropology
Steven Czifra (English)
Emerging Discourses in California’s Solitary Confinement Debate
Faculty Sponsor: Patricia Penn Hilden, Ethnic Studies

10:45–12:15 Imagining Innovation
Discussant: Gregory W. Aponte, Faculty Advisory Board, Nutritional Sciences and Toxicology
Louis Kang (Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences, Materials Science and Engineering)
Transition Metal Dichalcogenides: The Next Generation Transistor Materials
Faculty Sponsor: Ali Javey, Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences
Bridget MacDonald (Cognitive Science)
Cathodal Transcranial Direct Current Stimulation of Prefrontal Cortex: Examining Effects on Causal Learning
Faculty Sponsor: Alison Gopnik, Psychology and Rich Ivry, Psychology
Celia Cheung (Bioengineering)
Microfluidics and Alzheimer’s Disease: A Device to Study the Amyloid Beta Protein
Faculty Sponsor: Luke Lee, Bioengineering

12:15–1:15 Break

1:30–3:00 Taking Their Stories Back: Representation, Appropriated Narratives, and Hearing Our World’s Silenced Voices
Discussant: Steven Botterill, Faculty Advisory Board, Italian Studies
Naphtalie Jeanty (Anthropology)
Queering Our Performance: Examining Homosociality Among 19th-Century Buffalo Soldiers
Faculty Sponsor: Laurie Wilkie, Anthropology
Samuel Diener (English)
“The Name of a Commonwealth”: Theories of Statehood and 18th-Century Accounts of Piracy
Faculty Sponsor: Janet Sorensen, English
Reem Jabran (Film and Media)
Acre/Akka/Akko: A Chronicle of Israel’s External and Internal Occupation
Faculty Sponsor: Linda Williams, Film and Media

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