

2025 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL PHI ALPHA THETA CONFERENCE

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025

5:30-7 P.M. at the California State Railroad Museum
111 I Street in Old Sacramento
Reception and opening remarks

FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2025

8 A.M.-4:30 P.M. in the University Union

REGISTRATION 8-9 A.M.

Lobby Suite, 1st floor, University Union
Continental breakfast and refreshments
Check in, badge pickup, and late registration

SESSION 1, 9:00-10:15 A.M

SESSION 2, 10:30-11:45 A.M

LUNCH, 11:45 A.M.-1:45 P.M.

Cottonwood Suite, 2nd floor, University Union

Keynote address (12:15-1:00 p.m.): "Studying and Researching History Across Borders," David Do Paço, PhD, deputy director of the San Francisco chapter of Villa Albertine, the French Institute for Culture and Education

SESSION 3, 1:45-3:00 P.M.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS, 3:00-4:00 P.M.

CONCLUDING REMARKS, 4:00-4:30 P.M.

Hinde Auditorium, 1st floor, University Union
Essay prize winner announcements
Credits and acknowledgments



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SESSION 1, 9:00-10:15 A.M

1A Myth, Faith, and Power: Religious Transformations in the Ancient and Medieval World

Chair: Nikos Lazaridis, CSU Sacramento
Orchard Suite I, 2nd Floor,
University Union

Teegan Bratton, CSU Fresno
"The Mysteries of Ancient Greek Afterlife"

Ashlee Chen, CSU Sacramento
"The Opportunist Constantine I"

Alona Hazen, CSU San José
"The Development of Poetry
as Buddhist Practice in Medieval Japan"

1B Reckoning with Slavery: Historical Narratives, Memory, and Contested Legacies

Chair: Rebekkah Mulholland, CSU Sacramento
Orchard Suite II, 2nd Floor,
University Union

Chris Bolland, CSU Sacramento
"Writing Wrongs: The Contentious Historiography of
Northern Abolitionism"

Alyssa M. Garcia, CSU Sacramento
"Confederate Echoes in Education: A Case Study"

Tracy Miller, CSU Sacramento
"The Art of Controversy: Hiram Powers's Greek Slave"

1C Displacement, Identity, and Resistance

Chair: Patrick Ettinger, CSU Sacramento
Orchard Suite III, 2nd Floor,
University Union

Xander Fujioka, CSU Fresno
"The Expressions and Limits of Japanese American
Agency in the Build Up and Aftermath
of Japanese Internment"

Gina Lusher, CSU East Bay
"The Resilient Life of Filippo Roberto Crusco: Survival
and Adaptation in the Italian-American Experience"

Paris A. Rojas, CSU Fresno
"From Los Angeles to the Central Valley:
The Ripple Effect of the Zoot Suit Riots"

Maria Zuniga-Salgado, CSU Fresno
"Beyond the Barbed Wire: The Struggle for a New Life
After Japanese Internment Camps"

1D Empire, Resistance, and Cultural Survival: Colonial Legacies in Southeast Asia

Chair: Anna Alexander, CSU East Bay
Summit Room, 3rd Floor,
University Union

Samuel Cao, Santa Clara U
"Under the Guise of 'Benevolent Assimilation':
The United States Genocide in the Philippines"

John Duroyan, CSU San José
"The Scars of American Dominion, Japanese Invasion, and
Political Upheaval in the Philippines Before, During and
After the Second World War"

Simon Hinmon, U Pacific
"From Vassalization to Colonization: Vietnam's Shift from
the Sinophone to the Francophone World"

Kesiah Mae Zabala, CSU San Francisco
"From Ink to Resistance: Batek (Indigenous Tattoos) and
the Enduring Legacy amidst the United States Empire"



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SESSION 2, 10:30-11:45 A.M

2A Historical Figures, Literary Legacies: Reimagining Identity and Influence in Europe and Asia

Chair: Mona Siegel, CSU Sacramento
Orchard Suite I, 2nd Floor,
University Union

Hunter Candrian-Velez, Dominican U
"Virginia Woolf and the Lesbian Literary Tradition"

Sam Rios, CSU San José
"Christine de Pizan,
A Feminine Voice in Fifteenth Century France"

Hoang (Kevin) Dinh Tran, CSU Sacramento
"Oda Nobunaga: The Man Behind the Myth"

2B Taboo, Fear, and the Body: The Social Policing of Life, Death, and Desire

Chair: Laura Lisy-Wagner, CSU San Francisco
Orchard Suite II, 2nd Floor,
University Union

Starlene Diaz, CSU Chico
"The Safety Coffin: Life Preserver or Capitalizing on
Phobia in the 19th Century"

Lyndsey Kell, CSU Chico
"Obscene Turmoil:
Sex Toys in 19th and 20th Century America"

Keeley O'Farrell, CSU San José
"The Narcotic Farm"

Samantha Snyder, U Nevada, Reno
"Light the Patient on Fire":
Diagnosing Feigned Epilepsy, 1860 to 1919"

2C Urban Spaces, Social Struggles: The Politics of Development and Displacement

Chair: Stephen Bohigian, CSU Fresno
Orchard Suite III, 2nd Floor,
University Union

Brandon Breeland, CSU Fresno
"Highway 168 in Fresno County: How Institutional Biases
in Freeway Development Contribute to Class Disparity"

Taylor Bruner, CSU Fresno
"Philadelphia's Little Non-Struggle Towards Equality"

Benjamin Harris, CSU Fresno
"Destruction to Renewal:
Gentrification in Indianapolis's Downtown Periphery"

Tomae Hernandez, CSU Fresno
"We Shall Not Be Moved:
Black Resistance to Columbia University Expansion"

2D Totalitarianism, Resistance, and the Politics of Memory: Reassessing Authoritarian Legacies

Chair: Jeffrey Wilson, CSU Sacramento
Summit Room, 3rd Floor,
University Union

Douglas Andreasen, CSU Sacramento
"Benign Occupation, Extraordinary Resistance:
Israel's Plads and the Rescue of Denmark's Jews"

Vanessa DeRoma, CSU Fresno
"The Road to Dictatorship:
Hitler's Guide to Nazi Germany"

Sol Davis, CSU East Bay
"Look Before You Leap: A Historiographical Examination
of the Great Chinese Famine"

Tancredi Selvaggio, CSU Sacramento
"The Prague Spring of 1968 and Communist Europe"

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SESSION 2, 10:30-11:45 A.M (CONTINUED)

2E Challenges and Responses in Latin America

Chair: Clarissa Ibarra, CSU Sacramento
Walnut Room, 2nd Floor,
University Union

Valerie Fike, CSU Chico

"The Other Indigenista: Bishop Samuel Ruiz García and
the Emergence of Liberationist Indigenismo in Chiapas,
Mexico, 1960-1974"

Siena Geach, CSU Sacramento

"The Demands of Progress: Foreign Influence
and Racial Exclusion in Guatemala's Liberal Era"

Marky Myas Moreira, CSU Sacramento

"Reassessing Political Bi-Polarism in the Cold War: How
Castro, Great Britain, and a CERN Physicist Challenge
Historical Conceptions of Pro- and Anti-Communist
Polarization"



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SESSION 3, 1:45-3:00 P.M.

3A Myths, Memory, and Media: Histories of the North Atlantic

Chair: Candace Gregory, CSU Sacramento
Orchard Suite I, 2nd Floor,
University Union

Tyler Boyd, CSU Fresno
“Honour and Glory Changing with Time:
How Media Impacts *Titanic*’s Narrative”

Jerry Kennedy, CSU Sacramento
“Do NOT Touch My Boats! How the American Prohibitory
Act of 1775 Sparked the Revolutionary War
(and—Possibly—a Viral TikTok Video)”

Parker Nguyen, CSU San José
“British Social Attitudes Towards Exploration and
National Image Regarding the Arctic”

3B Institutions of Power and Public Trust

Chair: Eran Zelnik, CSU Chico
Orchard Suite II, 2nd Floor,
University Union

Amy Davey, CSU Sacramento
“The Gridiron at Carlisle: How the Success of Football
Brought Down an Institution”

Sean Duncan, CSU Sacramento
“The Badge as a Shield: The LAPD and Its Missteps”

Allison Isham, CSU Sacramento
“For the Enjoyment of Future Generations:
The Creation of the National Park Service”

Thomas Mathew, Santa Clara U
“Newspaper Coverage Surrounding the South Pacific
Coast Acquisition by the Southern Pacific”

Collin Sheely
“The Machiavellian President”

3C Legislating Inequality: Law, Discrimination, and the Fight for Civil Rights

Chair: Shawn Schwaller, CSU Chico
Orchard Suite III, 2nd Floor,
University Union

Victor Martinez-Ambriz, CSU Fresno
“Prop 8: The Fight to Say ‘I Do’ in the Central Valley”

Parker Hallowell, CSU East Bay
“‘A View from Inside the Wall’: San Quentin, the Eighth
Amendment, and California’s Prison Crisis 1975-87”

Carlos Prado Diaz, CSU Stanislaus
“Historical Presentation of the Illegal Immigration
Reform Act and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996”

Rosio Villanueva, CSU Stanislaus
“Impact of Major 1996 U.S. Federal Legislation on
Undocumented and Documented Immigrants”

Luke Wirthlin, U Pacific
“Race, Discrimination, and Progress in the CCC and NYA”

3D Dissent and Activism: Challenging War, Power, and the Status Quo in the Mid-Twentieth Century

Chair: Tom Clark, CSU Sacramento
Summit Room, 3rd Floor,
University Union

Mason Combs, CSU Fresno
“‘Imagine D.C.’: An Analysis of Fresno’s
Anti-Vietnam War Sentiment from 1969 to 1971”

April Galvin, CSU East Bay
“Secular Christianity and Radical Politics:
The Theology and Activism of Robert McAfee Brown”

Amy Hagler, U Pacific
“In the Name of God: Catholic Priests Fight for Peace”

Aidan Rauh, CSU San José
“The Murder of Viola Liuzzo:
Race, Gender, Sexuality, and Privilege”



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BREAKOUT SESSIONS, 3:00-4:00 P.M.

B1 APPLYING TO MA AND PHD PROGRAMS

Orchard Suite I, 2nd floor, University Union

Discussion leaders:

Aaron Jackson, Rebekkah Mulholland & Maria Quintana, CSU Sacramento

B2 WRITING WORKSHOP Q & A

Process, Voice, and Clarity

Orchard Suite II, 2nd floor, University Union

Discussion leaders:

Tom Clark, Ruben Martinez & Mona Siegel, CSU Sacramento

B3 TEACHING AND THE DISCIPLINE

Where We Are and Where We're Headed

Orchard Suite III, 2nd floor, University Union

Discussion leaders:

Christi Anderson & Jennifer Selwyn, CSU Sacramento

B4 PAT ADVISOR MEETING

Summit Room, 3rd Floor, University Union

Zoom: <https://csus.zoom.us/j/85036533811>

Open to faculty advisors only

