

SSHA Newsletter

August/September 2013

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UC Merced Events:

- 8/27 – ASCEND New Student Success Conference
- 10/19 – Preview Day/Family Weekend

SSHA Events:

- 8/23 – SSHA New Instructor Orientation
- 10/28 – Spendlove Prize

MTS Seminars:

- 9/9 – Andy Wedel
- 9/16 – Bruce West
- 9/23 – Kent Johnson

Race & Justice in Transnational Perspective Seminar Series:

- 9/19 – Michael Omi

Important Dates, Deadlines and Reminders:

- 8/29 – Fall 2013 Instruction Begins
- 9/19 – Course Ad Deadline
- 9/19 – Course Drop Deadline (without a "W")
- 10/15 (12pm) – Mid-Term Grade Deadline
- 11/7 – Course Withdrawal Deadline (with a "W")
- 12/14-12/20 – Fall 2013 Final Exams
- 12/20 – Fall 2013 Semester Ends

University Holidays (campus closed):

- 9/2 – Labor Day Holiday
- 11/11 – Veterans Day Holiday
- 11/28 – Thanksgiving
- 11/29 – Day After Thanksgiving

New SSHA Faculty:

Please welcome:

Aditi Chandra - GASP Arts (Ph.D. in Art History from the University of Minnesota, 2011) was a lecturer at the California College of the Arts. Her research examines how colonial archaeological and travel-related processes such as landscaping, site museums, the dissemination of postcards, and the eviction of refugees transformed Delhi's Sultanate and Mughal architecture into modern monuments for touristic consumption in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Kevin Dawson - History (Ph.D. in History from the University of South Carolina, 2005) was an assistant professor of history at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. His research analyzes how members of the African diaspora recreated aspects of their African heritage in the Americas and Europe.

Carolyn Dicey Jennings - Philosophy (Ph.D. in Philosophy from Boston University, 2012) was a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Antwerp in Belgium. Her research interests include the philosophy of the mind and philosophy of cognitive science; and, philosophy of science, philosophy of physics, phenomenology, and applied ethics.

Mariaelena Gonzalez - Public Health (Ph.D. in Sociology from Stanford University, 2009) was a postdoctoral fellow at the Center for Tobacco Control Research and Education at UC San Francisco. Her research interests include health disparities; social epidemiology/social determinants of health; tobacco control; non-communicable diseases; global health policy/global governance; health and human rights; civil society; epistemic communities; and, scientific and medical occupational pipelines.

Susana Ramirez - Public Health (Ph.D. in Philosophy in Communication from the Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania, 2010) was a fellow at the National Cancer Institute. Her research interests include health communication; cancer prevention and health promotion; and, quantitative research methods.

Deborah Wiebe - Psychology (Ph.D. from the Medical Psychology Graduate Program at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, 1988) was a professor at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. Her research interests include health and pediatric psychology.

Dalia Magaña - Spanish Linguistics (Ph.D. in Spanish Linguistics with a designated emphasis in second language acquisition from UC Davis, 2013) was a Ph.D. student and instructor at UC Davis. Her research interests include Sociolinguistics (Spanish Varieties in the U.S., Code-switching, Language Attitudes and Ideologies); Medical Discourse (Spanish in Healthcare, Intercultural Communication); Discourse Analysis (Systemic Functional Linguistics, Appraisal Theory); Heritage and Second Language Acquisition (Academic Writing Development); and, Technology as a Teaching Tool.

Previously announced new faculty (April/May 2013 SSHA Newsletter):

Ramesh Balasubramaniam - Cognitive Science (Ph.D. in Experimental Psychology from the University of Connecticut, 2000). His research interests include sensorimotor neuroscience, motor timing, dynamical systems modeling and neuroimaging.

Courtenay Conrad - Political Science (Ph.D. in Political Science from Florida State University, 2010). Her research interests include international relations and comparative politics and focus on state repression; international organization; and, comparative political institutions.

Emily Ritter - Political Science (Ph.D. in Political Science from Emory University, 2010). Her research interests include political repression and domestic conflict; international human rights law, institutions and practices; international governance and judicial institutions; and, formal methodology.

Zulema Valdez - Sociology (Ph.D. in Sociology from UC Los Angeles, 2002). Her research interests include racial and ethnic relations; intersectionality; Latino/a sociology; and, economic sociology.