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2012-13 Seminars

Arts & Humanities

Applied Linguistics 19

Edward Tuttle, F12
*Language and Ethnicity: The
European Experience*

Ancient Near East 19

Kathlyn Cooney, W13
*Ancient Egyptian Coffins?
Investigation of Society,
Economy, and Religion*

Arabic 19

Nouri Gana, S13
*Arab Uprisings: Contexts,
Architects, and Prospects*

Art 19

Barbara Drucker, S13
*Nourishing Emotional Health
through Creative Processes*

Art History 19

Charlene Villaseñor Black, W13
*The Frida Mystique: The Art and
Life of Frida Kahlo*

Asian 19

John Duncan ●● & Jennifer
Jung-Kim ●, S13
*Representations of Women in
Korean Films*

Classics 19

Robert Gurval ●, S13
Exploring Ancient Rome

Comparative Literature 19

Katherine C. King ●●, S13
*Women Warriors: Amazons and
Others, from Ancient Greece to
Modern Times*

Kathleen Komar ●●, S13
*Short Works of Franz Kafka, or
How Modern World Works*

Ross Shideler ●●, S13
Poets and Desire

Design | Media Arts 19

Erkki Huhtamo ●●, F12
What Is Interactive Media?

Victoria Vesna, S13
Art and Science Dialogs

English 19

Charles L. Batten ●●, W13
Birth of the Comic Strip

King-Kok Cheung ●, F12
*Chinese Monkey King in
American Literature*

Matthew Fisher, S13
*Old Books in New Worlds: Post-
Modern Medievalisms*

Jascha Kessler ●, F12
What a Poem Says

Anne K. Mellor, W13
Mary Shelley's Frankenstein

Joseph Nagy ●●, F12
*Animated Cartoons, Myth, and
Traditional Storytelling*

Karen Rowe ●●, W13
*Origins of Identity: History and
Memory in Women's Poetry*

Brian Kim Stefans ●, S13
Theater of Images Workshop

Ethnomusicology 19

Roger Savage ●●, W13
Music Theory through Recorder

Film and Television 19

William McDonald ●, W13
Art of Cinematography

French 19

Sara E. Melzer ●, S13
*Buddhism and the Art of Living
Mindfully in the Present*

The Vasa cube is awarded for every four seminars taught.

- 2012-13 Vasa cube recipients
- Previous Vasa cube recipients

German 19

Robert S. Kirsner ●●, F12
Science Fiction and Religion

James A. Schultz ●, W13
*Love, Violence, and Courtliness
in Medieval Romance and Epic*

Honors Collegium 19

Andras Bodrogligeti ●●●, F12
Strolling on the Silk Road II

Andras Bodrogligeti ●●●, W13
*Let us Praise the Lord of the
Dawn: Manicheism and Religion
of the Silk Road*

Andras Bodrogligeti ●●●, S13
*Secrets of the Great Hungarian
Plain: In Search of Attila's
Grave*

Tara Prescott, S13
James Joyce's Ulysses

Islamic Studies 19

Ismail K. Poonawala ●●●, S13
*Classical Islamic Civilization
through Documentaries*

Linguistics 19

Russell Schuh, F12
*Amusing and Abusing with
Language*

Music 19

Paul Chihara, S13
*Composing Music for Movies
and Television*

Juliana Gondek ●, W13
Opera's Top Ten

Movses Pogossian, S13
*Only in L.A.! Chamber Music by
L.A. Composers, in Preparation
and Performance*

Guillaume Sutra, F12
*Beethoven String Quartets:
Excursion to the Everest of
Chamber Music*

Music History 19

Robert Fink, W13
*Regents' Lectures: Wagner and
Verdi*

Thomas Harrison ●●, S13
*Five Masters of Progressive
Rock*

Kenneth Reinhard, W13
*Regents' Lectures: Verdi and
Wagner*

Scandinavian 19

Tim Tangherlini ●●, F12
*Facebook for Vikings: Social
Network Analysis and the Sagas*

South Asian 19

Gyanam Mahajan ● & Stephanie
Jamison Watkins ●, W13
*Is It Funny? Analysis of Humor
in South Asian Languages and
Cultures*

Theater 19

Sean Metzger, S13
*Cinematic China: Case of Zhang
Yimou*

World Arts and Cultures 19

David Shorter ●, W13
Art of Being Human

Culture & Society

Aerospace Studies 19

Jared Grady ●, F12; W13; S13
*U.S. Air Force – Aim High: Fly,
Fight, Win*

Anthropology 19

Daniel Fessler ●●, F12
*Animals in Translation:
Evolutionary Approaches to
Animal Thinking and Autism*

Alan Page Fiske, W13
*Disaster: What People Feel and
Do (It's Not What You Think)*

Linda Garro, S13
*Combining Anthropology and
Medicine: Paul Farmer and His
Mentors*

Paul V. Kroskrity ●●●, F12
*Woody Guthrie and the Folk
Movement: Songs for Social
Change*

Susan Perry, F12
*Long-Term Studies of Animal
Behavior*

Monica L. Smith ●●, F12
Food, Culture, and Identity

C. Jason Throop, S13
*Oneself as Another:
Anthropology, Empathy, and
Intersubjectivity*

Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology 19

John Merriam ●●●●, W13
*Read Science Times on Tuesday,
Discuss over Coffee on
Wednesday*

Neurobiology 19

Edwin Cooper ●●●, S13
*Integrative Medicine: Current
Topics in Complementary and
Alternative Medicine*

Edwin Cooper ●●●, S13
*Links Between the Nervous and
Immune Systems*

Isaac Yang, W13
*Brain Surgery on the Edge:
Introduction to Life and Death
Issues in Neurosurgery*

Neuroscience 19

Scott Chandler ●●, S13
*Shall we Dance? How the Brain
Controls Movement in Health
and Disease*

Nader Pouratian, F12
*Neuroscience of Mind Reading
and Manipulation*

Physics 19

Katsushi Arisaka, F12
*Origin of the Universe, Life,
and Consciousness*

David B. Cline ●, S13
*Astroparticle Physics: A Key
to the Universe*

Jean L. Turner, W13
Everyday Physics

Physiological Science 19

Alan Garfinkel & Jane Shevtsov,
F12
*Earth: Science – Fictional Look
at Systems, Society, and
Sustainability*

Alan D. Grinnell ●●, W13
*What Behavioral Abnormalities
Tell Us About How the Human
Brain Functions*

Physiology 19

Nancy Wayne ●, F12
Biology of Birth Control

Psychiatry 19

David Shapiro ●, F12
Healing and the Placebo Effect

Psychology 19

Alan Castel, W13
*How to Use (and Improve) Your
Memory*

Yuen J. Huo ●, S13
*Living Together in the 21st
Century: Insights From Diversity
Science Research*

Richard Marken ●●, F12
Psychology of Personal Control

Thomas R. Minor ●●, S13
*Psychobiology of Stress
Resilience*

Christine Dunkel Schetter, F12
Stress, Resilience, and Health

A. Janet Tomiyama, S13
Psychology of Eating

Society and Genetics 19

Michelle Fox ● & Christina
Palmer ●●, W13
*Genetic Counseling: Making
Genetics Real*

Statistics 19

Nicolas Christou ●●, F12
*Statistics and Portfolio Risk
Management with Stock Market
Applications*

Frederic Paik Schoenberg ●●,
S13
*Hold 'em or Fold 'em: Poker
and Probability*

Science & Technology

Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences 19

Lawrence R. Lyons, W13; S13
Secrets of Northern Lights: Earth's Aurora

Richard Thorne ●, F12
Space Weather: Impact of Solar Activity on Earth

Bioengineering 19

Howard Winet ●●, W13
Truth and Questions in Orthopaedics

Biomedical Research 19

Anahid Jewett, F12
Novel Topics in Oral Biology and Dentistry

Chemistry 19

L. Stephen Coles ●, F12
Introduction to Gerontology: Secrets of the Oldest Old

Neil Garg, F12
Chemicals: Friends or Foes?

David Scott ●●, F12
Chemistry and Art

Earth and Space Sciences 19

William Newman ●, S13
Global Climate Change and Societal Response

Axel Schmitt, W13
Volcanoes

Aradhna Tripathi ●, F12; W13
Rock Whispering and Extreme Climates

An Yin ●, F12
Geological Beauty of Yosemite Valley

An Yin ●, W13
Magnificent Geology of Death Valley

An Yin ●, S13
Amazing Geologic History of the Grand Canyon

Ecology and Evolutionary Biology 19

Priyanga A. Amarasekare, S13
Cooperation and Cheating Microbes: 21st Century Perspective of the Tragedy

Don Buth ●●, W13
Parasites: Eating Us Alive

Peter Nonacs ●●, F12
Evolutionary Medicine: How Natural Selection Helps Us Understand Why We Get Sick

Blaire Van Valkenburgh, F12
Evolution of the Human-Animal Connection

Cheryl Ann Zimmer, S13
Deep-Sea Communities: High Diversity in Extreme Environments

Richard Zimmer, S13
Chemical Communication Across the Tree of Life

Honors Collegium 19

Mike Gresser ●●●●, F12
Rise and Fall of a Blockbuster Drug

Mike Gresser ●●●●, W13
Translational Medicine: How Research Discoveries Lead to New Medicines

Mike Gresser ●●●●, S13
How Drugs Are Made

Andrea Kasko, S13
You Are What You Eat: Food and Chemistry

Medicine 19

Emeran Mayer, F12
Mind-Brain-Body Connection

Microbiology, Immunology, and Molecular Genetics 19

Benhur Lee & Mickey Pentecost, S13
Contagion: Science Behind the Movie

Asian American Studies 19

Lucy Burns, W13
Fictions of Dictatorship

Chicana and Chicano Studies 19

Eric Avila, S13
East Los Angeles, The Capital of Mexican America

Susan Plann ●, S13
Undocumented Student Experience

Robert C. Romero, W13
Undocumented Immigrant Experience in Film

Otto Santa Ana ●, F12
Anti-Immigrant Policies in Arizona: How They Arose and How They Spread

Civic Engagement 19

Doug Barrera, S13
Social Justice and Democratic Citizenship: Developing a Critical Consciousness

Communication Studies 19

Dee A. Bridgewater ●, S13
Cinema Therapy: Movies and Mental Health

Gregory Bryant, S13
Music and Culture

Tim Groeling, F12
Media Bias by the Numbers

Martie Haselton ●, S13
Mating in the Modern World

Kerri L. Johnson, W13
Judging a Book by Its Cover: How Physical Appearance Impacts Social Perception

Community Health Sciences 19

Eve Lahijani ●●● & Gia Marson ●●●, F12; W13; S13 (two seminars/quarter)
Cosmo Says You're Fat? I Ain't Down with That: Nutrition and Body Image Life Skills

Katy Jakle, W13
Boots to Bruins: From Combat to Campus

Gia Marson ●●●, F12
True Bruins STAND for Community: Bystander Interventions for Student Leaders

Wendelin Slusser, S13
Eating and Our Food Chain

Economics 19

Andrew Atkeson, S13
Start-Ups and the Entrepreneurial Thought Process

Simon Board ●, F12
Winner's Curse

Jernej Copic ●, W13
Tragedy of Commons: Economic Behavior and Environment

Pablo Fajgelbaum, S13
International Trade, Inequality, and Growth

Walker Hanlon, S13
Is the Patent System Working?

Hugo Hopenhayn ●●, F12
Competitive Strategy Game

Aprajit Mahajan, S13
What is it Like to Live on 99 Cents a Day?

Kathleen M. McGarry, W13
Your Tax Dollars at Work

Moritz Meyer-ter-Vehn ●, W13
Bargaining, Hagglng, and Fairness across Cultures

Ichiro Obara, F12
Bargaining, Hagglng, and Fairness across Cultures

Lee Ohanian, S13
Economics of Sports

Sule Ozler, S13
Globalization and Gender

Connan Andrew Snider, W13; S13
Winner's Curse

Aaron Tornell ●, W13
Euro Crisis

Till Von Wachter, S13
Measuring the Causal Effect of Graduating from College in a Recession

Pierre-Olivier Weill, S13
Bargaining, Hagglng, and Fairness Across Cultures

Education 19

Tiffani Garnett ● & Kristen McKinney ●, W13; S13
What's UCLA's Temperature: Examining Campus Climate

Marjorie Orellana ●, W13
Children and Families in Migration

Jane Pizzolato, W13
It's All in the Mix? Contemplating Mixed Racial Identities in College

Robert Rhoads ●●, F12
Student Activism from the Sixties to Present

Environment 19

Anne McKnight, S13
Growing the Angeleno Foodscape: Urban Gardening Movements in Los Angeles

Gender Studies 19

Keith Camacho & Michelle Erai, F12
Sports Illustrated: Race, Gender, Sexuality, and Sport in the Media

Juliet Williams, W13
Feminism and Popular Music

Geography 19

Stephen Bell ●, S13
South America Called Them: Humboldt and Bonpland

Leiba Faier, S13
Human Trafficking: Representations and Responses

Stanley W. Trimble ●●, W13
American Rivers, Environment, and History

Global Studies 19

Ann Kerr ●●●●, W13; S13
Perceptions of U.S. Abroad: Discussions with Visiting Fulbright Scholars

History 19

S. Scott Bartchy ●●●, F12
Honor and Shame in Clash of World Cultures and Religions

Robin Derby ●, F12
Werewolves!

James Gelvin ●●●, F12
Insulting Muhammad: Protests, Polemics, Precedents

James Gelvin ●●●, F12
The Arab Uprisings

Frank Tobias Higbie, F12
Democracy Undone? Visions of Political Corruption and Redemption in Popular Film

Vinay Lal ●●, S13
Political Documentaries and American Society

William Marotti, S13
Japan, Darkness, Aesthetics, Toilets, and Women: Reading in Praise of Shadows

Gary Nash, F12
Benjamin Franklin: The Complete American

Teofilo Ruiz ●●●●●●●, F12 (two seminars)
Social World of Jane Austen: Pride and Prejudice

Teofilo Ruiz ●●●●●●●, W13
Plato's Republic: Equality, Gender, and Freedom

Teofilo Ruiz ●●●●●●●, S13
Los Angeles: Architecture, Ethnicity, and Urban History

Sanjay Subrahmanyam, F12
Around the World in the 16th Century

Richard von Glahn, F12
Modern China's Youth Culture in Historical Perspective

Mary A. Yeager, S13
Wreck of the Exxon Valdez: Oil and Malfeasance

Honors Collegium 19

Raja Bhattar & Suzanne L. Seplow ●●●●●●●, F12; W13; S13
LGBT is Not a Sandwich: Straight Talk on Effects of Silence on Sexual and Gender Minorities in Los Angeles

Chancellor Gene D. Block, S13
Diversity and Effective Leadership

Ernesto Guerrero ●● & David Maldonado ●●, W13; S13 (two seminars/quarter)
Retention Issues in Higher Education

Ann Kerr ●●●●, F12
U.S. Values vs. U.S. Interests in Middle East Diplomacy

Linda Koffman ●, W13
Legal Aspects of Buying and Selling Commercial Real Estate in U.S.

Daniel Lowenstein ●, W13
A Great Modern Novel: Joseph Conrad's Lord Jim

Suzanne L. Seplow ●●●●●●●, F12
Boots to Bruins: From Combat to Campus Life

David Taylor ●, F12; W13; S13
Mental Illness and Movies

Information Studies 19

John Richardson ●●●, W13
Just Google It: What It Really Is, and When It's Appropriate

Labor & Workplace Studies 19

Gaspar Rivera-Salgado, F12
Immigration Debate Through Film

Management 19

Avanidhar Subrahmanyam ●, W13
Understanding Financial Markets

Political Science 19

Susanne Lohmann ●●, W13
Can't We Make Moral Judgments?

Public Policy 19

Albert Carnesale ●●●, F12
Nuclear Power and Nuclear Weapons: Current Issues

Sociology 19

Phillip Bonacich ●, F12
Sociology of Networks

David Halle ●●●, F12; S13
Sociology of Cinema – Hit Movies, 1920 to 2010: How New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago Have Been Depicted

Ruben Hernandez-Leon ●●, W13
Migration as Business: Migration Industry in Global Perspective

Gabriel Rossman, F12
Economics Sociology of Ancient Rome

William Roy ●●, F12
Making Societies: Historical Construction of Our World

Abigail Saguy ●, W13
Coming Out As...: How Narrative Travels

Tanya Stivers, W13
Physician-Patient Interaction in the Medical Visit

Stefan Timmermans, S13
Adventures in Medical Sociology

Roger Waldinger, W13
Immigration Conundrum: User's Guide

Min Zhou ●, W13
Chinese-African Encounters in Guangzhou, China

Urban Planning 19

Rui Wang, F12
Urban Environment and Development in China