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2011-12 Seminars

Arts & Humanities

Ancient Near Eastern Studies 19

Aaron Burke, ● S12
Ancient Warfare and Modern Concerns

Architecture and Urban Design 19

Diane Favro, ●● F11
Streetwalking in Ancient Rome

Classics 19

Alex Purves, W12
My Broken Tongue: Reading Sappho's Poetry

Comparative Literature 19

Katherine King, ● S12
Women Warriors: Amazons and Others from Ancient Greece to Modern Times

Kathleen Komar, ●● F11

The Short Works of Franz Kafka, or How the Modern World Works

Ross Shideler, ●● W12

Poets and Desire

Dance 19

Victoria Marks, W12
Dances that Redefine Disability

Lionel Popkin, S12

Dancing in Proximity: Contact Improvisation

Design | Media Arts 19

Erkki Huhtamo, ●● F11
What Is Interactive Media?

English 19

Charles Batten, ●● S12
The Birth of the Comic Strip

King-Kok Cheung, F11

Bilingual Poetics in Chinese American Literature

Jascha Kessler, ● W12
What a Poem Says

Robert Maniquis, ●● S12
Mark Twain's Huckleberry Finn

Joseph Nagy, ●● F11
Cartoons, Folklore, and Myth

Karen Rowe, ●● S12
Origins of Identity: History and Memory in Women's Poetry

Mona Simpson, ●● W12
Another Cool Thing to Do at UCLA

Brian Stefans, F11
L.A. D.I.Y.: Music and Politics of Post-Punk Music in Los Angeles

Richard Yarborough, ● S12
Word Up: Oral Tradition in African American Poetry

Ethnomusicology 19

Patricia Keating, ● F11
Sacred Harp Singing

Steven Loza, S12
Religion as Art and Science

Roger Savage, ● W12
Music Theory through Recorder

Timothy Taylor, S12
Sound Around

Film & Television 19

William McDonald, ● W12
The Art of Cinematography

French 19

Patrick Coleman, ● W12
Getting Started with Proust

Sara Melzer, S12
Buddhism and the Art of Living Mindfully in the Present

The Vasa cube is awarded for every four seminars taught.

- 2011-12 Vasa cube recipient
- Previous Vasa cube recipient

German 19

Robert Kirsner, ●● F11
Is Nonviolent World Possible?

James Schultz, ● W12
*Love, Violence, and Courtliness
in Medieval Romance and Epic*

Honors Collegium 19

Andras Bodrogligeti, ●● F11
*Figure of Speech of a Special
Kind: Cryptology in Chagatay*

Andras Bodrogligeti, ●● S12
*Strolling on the Silk Road:
Through Bactria, Fergana Valley
and Tarim Basin*

Chris Hanscom & Mina
Kang, S12
*Medicine and Literature:
Storytelling at the Heart of
Medicine*

Islamic 19

Ismail Poonawala, ●● S12
*Classical Islamic Civilizations
through Documentaries*

Japanese 19

Seiji Lippit, S12
*After the Quake: Haruki
Murakami and Post-Catastrophe
Literature*

Korean 19

John Duncan ● & Jennifer
Jung-Kim, F11
*Changing Views on the Korean
War: Films, History, and Peace*

Linguistics 19

Jessica Rett, F11
*Gossip and Facts across
Languages*

Russell Schuh, F11
*Amusing and Abusing with
Language*

Music 19

Paul Chihara, S12
Music in Film

Juliana Gondeck, ● W12
*Vocal Arts: Steps to Better
Singing*

Movses Pogossian, S12
*Lure of Chamber Music: Look
from the Inside*

Music History 19

Thomas Harrison, ● S12
Progressive Rock

Raymond Knapp, ●● S12
*Staging Race in the American
Musical*

Portuguese 19

Jose Luize Passos, W12
Brazilian Society through Film

Scandinavian 19

Arne Lunde & Timothy
Tangherlini ●●, S12
*Gods and Giants: Nordic
Mythology*

Timothy Tangherlini, ●● W12
*Facebook for Vikings: Social
Networks Analysis and the Saga*

South Asian 19

Gyanam Mahajan ● &
Stephanie Watkins, ● W12
*Language and Media Framing:
Sustainability in South Asia*

Spanish 19

Jesus Torrecilla, S12
*Muslims and Spain: A Complex
Relationship*

Maarten Van Delden, S12
*Spanish Oral Poetry and Poetic
Action*

World Arts & Cultures 19

David Gere, ● F11
*How You Look to Me:
Photography in Hedrick Court*

David Shorter, F11
*Aliens and Ufology: ET
Documentaries*

Neurobiology 19

Edwin Cooper, ●● S12
*Links between Nervous and
Immune Systems*

Edwin Cooper, ●● S12
*Integrative Medicine: Current
Topics in Complementary and
Alternative Medicine*

Neurology 19

Zhefeng Guo, S12
*Frontiers in Alzheimer's Disease
Research*

Neuroscience 19

Ellen Carpenter, W12
*Laboratory Mouse: Its
Contribution to the Advancement
of Science*

Scott Chandler, ● S12
*Shall We Dance? How Brain
Controls Movement in Health
and Disease*

Nader Pouratian, F11
*Mind Reading and
Manipulation: Fact or Fiction*

Nursing 19

Janet Mentes, ●● W12
*Who Wants to Live to 100?
Aging in the 21st Century*

Lynn Woods, ● S12
*Elders on YouTube: Have You
Seen the Old Woman and the
Mercedes?*

Physics 19

Nina Byers, ● F11; W12; S12
*Physics of Nuclear Power:
Power Plants and Nuclear
Weapons of War*

Michael Jura, ● S12
Energy in the Modern Economy

Physiological Science 19

Alan Grinnell, ● S12
*What Behavioral Abnormalities
Tell Us about How Human Brain
Functions*

Stephanie White, W12
*Why Can't Fido Talk?
Biological Evolution of
Language*

Physiology 19

Nancy Wayne, ● F11
The Biology of Birth Control

Psychology 19

Robert Bilder, F11
Personal Brain Management

Aaron Blaisdell, ● F11
*Human Evolution and Human
Health—A Practicum*

Richard Marken, ● F11
*The Psychology of Personal
Control*

Thomas Minor, ●● S12
*Psychobiology of Stress
Resilience*

Psychiatry & Biobehavioral Sciences 19

David Shapiro, F11
Healing and Placebo Effect

Statistics 19

Nicolas Christou, ●● F11
*Statistics and Portfolio Risk
Management with Stock Market
Applications*

Frederic Paik Schoenberg, ●●
S12
*Hold 'em or Fold 'em: Poker and
Probability*

Science & Technology

Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences 19

Lawrence Lyons, W12
Secrets of the Northern Lights: The Earth's Aurora

Richard Thorne, ● F11
Space Weather: Impact of Solar Activity on Earth

Bioengineering 19

Howard Winet, ●● F11
Truth and Questions in Orthopaedics

Chemistry 19

L. Stephen Coles, ● F11; W12; S12
Introduction to Gerontology: Secrets of Oldest Old

Neil Garg, F11
Chemicals: Friends or Foes

Herbert Kaesz, ●● F11
Serendipity in Science

David Scott, ●● W12
Chemistry and Art

Community Health Sciences 19

Eve Lahijani ● & Gia Marson ●, F11; W12; S12 (two seminars/quarter)
Cosmo Says You're Fat? I Ain't Down with That: Nutrition and Body Image Life Skills

Dentistry 19

Francesco Chiappelli, ●● S12
Global Perspective on Evidence-Based Health Care: Asia

Anahid Jewett, F11
Novel Topics and Discoveries in Oral Biology, Medicine, and Dentistry

Earth and Space Sciences 19

William Newman, F11
Climate Change and Our Energy Future

Aradhna Tripathi, W12
Rock Whispering and Extreme Climates

Ecology & Evolutionary Biology 19

Donald Buth, ●● W12
Parasites: Eating Us Alive

Malcolm Gordon, ● F11
Self-Help Approach to Saving the Planet

Gregory Grether, W12
Evolution in Galapagos Islands

Kenneth Nagy, ● W12
Climate Change and the Earth's Ecology

Peter Nonacs, ●● F11
Evolutionary Medicine: How Natural Selection Helps Us Understand Why We Get Sick

Philip Rundel, F11
Conservation Science in Era of Global Climate Change

Charles Taylor, F11
Forensic Use of DNA

Blaire Van Valkenburgh, F11
You Are What You Eat

Geography 19

Laurence Smith, ●● S12
Space Imaging of Earth's Environment

Honors Collegium 19

Michael Gresser, ●●● F11, W12
The Rise and Fall of a Blockbuster Drug

Michael Gresser, ●●● S12
How Drugs Are Made

Andrea Kasko, S12
Common Human Experience

Human Genetics 19

Michelle Fox ● & Christina Palmer ●●, W12
Genetic Counseling: Making Genetics Real

Medicine 19

Oleg Melamed, ● F11
Why Doctors Make Mistakes

Molecular, Cell and Developmental Biology 19

John Merriam, ●●● F11
Read Science Times on Tuesday and Discuss Over Coffee on Wednesday

Culture & Society

Aerospace Studies 19

1st Lt. Jared Grady, ● F11; W12
U.S. Air Force—Aim High: Fly, Fight, Win

African American Studies 19

Uri McMillan, S12
On Hip-Hop: Poetics and Politics of a Form

Anthropology 19

Daniel Fessler, ●● F11
Animals in Translation: Evolutionary Approaches to Animal Thinking and Autism

Peter Hammond, ● F11
Stigma: Anthropology of Dangerous Other

Paul Kroskrity, ●●● W12
Language Myths: Beliefs About Language(s) that are Harmfully Wrong

Joseph Manson, W12
The Social Brain: Neurobiology, Emotion, and Social Interaction

Susan Perry, F11
Long-Term Studies of Wild Animal Populations

Monica Smith, ●● F11
Clothing, Culture, and Controversy

Jason Throop, S12
Oneself as Another: Anthropology, Empathy, and Intersubjectivity

Chicano 19

Keith Camacho & David Hernandez, F11
Visualizing Immigrant Narratives

Otto Santa Ana, ● S12
Arizona Firestorm: Case Study of Today's Anti-Immigrant Legislation Acts

Communication Studies 19

Dee Bridgewater, ● W12
What's So Funny? The Serious Business of Movie Comedies

Dee Bridgewater, ● S12
Cinema Therapy: Movies and Mental Health

Tim Groeling, S12
Media Bias by the Numbers

Martie Haselton, S12
Mating in the Modern World

Economics 19
Simon Board, ● F11
Winner's Curse

Moshe Buchinsky, F11
College Education: Should We Go to College?

Maria Casanova Rivas, W12
Winner's Curse

Jernej Copic, F11
Tragedy of Commons: Economic Behavior and Environment

Roger E.A. Farmer, F11
How Economy Works

Hugo Hopenhayn, ●● S12
Competitive Strategy Game

Matthew Kahn, W12
Tragedy of Commons: Economic Behavior and Environment

Zhipeng Liao, W12; S12
Use and Misuse of Statistics: What Can We Learn from the Data?

Kathleen McGarry, W12
Your Tax Dollars at Work

Moritz Meyer-ter-vehn, W12
Bargaining, Hagglng, and Fairness across Cultures

Ichiro Obara, F11
Bargaining, Hagglng, and Fairness across Cultures

Lee Ohanian, S12
Economics of Sports

Connan Snider, S12
Winner's Curse

Education 19

Tiffani Brown Garnett & Kristen McKinney, W12; S12
What's UCLA's Temperature: Examining Campus Climate

Marjorie Orellana, W12
Immigrant Youth, Ethnography, and Education

Robert Rhoads, ●● F11
Student Activism from the Sixties to the Present

Linda Sax, ● F11
Gender Gap in College: How and Why Does College Differ for the Two Sexes?

Geography 19

Stephen Bell, ● W12
Land and Society in Latin America

History 19

Scott Bartchy, ●●● S12
Honor and Shame in Clash of Civilizations and Religions

Robin Derby, ● W12
Oral History, Gender, and Violence

Robin Derby, ● S12
Zombies!

James Gelvin, ●● F11
The Arab Uprisings

J. Arch Getty, W12
Rise and Fall of Marxism

Russell Jacoby, W12
First Utopia: More or Less

Vinay Lal, ●● W12
Nonviolent Resistance and Its Future

Ludwig Lauerhass, ● W12
Hiroshima: How We Remember the Bomb

Saree Makdissi ● & David Myers, W12
Learning to Talk about Israel-Palestine

William Marotti, W12
Japan, Darkness, Aesthetics, Toilets, and Women: Reading in Praise of Shadows

Teofilo Ruiz, ●●●●● F11
Dystopias of the 20th Century

Teofilo Ruiz, ●●●●● F11
Social World of Jane Austen: Pride and Prejudice

Teofilo Ruiz, ●●●●● W12
Plato's Republic: Freedom, Community, Property, and Equality

Teofilo Ruiz, ●●●●● W12
Los Angeles: Architecture and Ethnicity

Bin Wong, F11
Chinese Popular Culture through Historical Film and Soap Operas

Honors Collegium 19

Halle Aten, F11 (three seminars)
Fostering Success: Promoting College Completion for Former Foster Youth

Gene Block, S12
Diversity and Effective Leadership

Ernesto Guerrero ● & David Maldonado ●, W12 ; S12 (three seminars/quarter)
Retention issues in Higher Education

Ann Kerr, ●●● W12
Perceptions of U.S. Abroad: Discussions with Visiting Fulbright Scholars

Linda Koffman, W12
Legal Aspects of Buying and Selling Commercial Real Estate in U.S.

Gerald Levey, W12
Leadership of Large Organizations

Daniel Lowenstein, ● W12 (two seminars)
G.K. Chesterton, Master of Paradox

Susan Plann, ● W12
Undocumented Student Experience

Suzanne Seplow, ●●●●● F11; W12; S12
LGBT is Not a Sandwich: Straight Talk on the Effects of Silence on Sexual and Gender Minorities in Los Angeles

David Taylor, S12
Mental Illness and the Movies

Human Complex Systems 19

John Bragin ●● & Dwight Read, F11
Cities and People: Understanding the Dynamics of Society and Its Built Environment

Information Studies 19

John Richardson, ●●● F11; S12
Just Google It: What It Is and When It's Appropriate

John Richardson, ●●● W12
Facebook and Beyond: Role of Social Networking Sites in Presentation of Self in Society

Political Science 19

Richard Anderson, W12
Hardball! How to Do Politics

Susanne Lohmann, ● S12
Can't We Make Moral Judgments?

Public Policy 19

Albert Carnesale, ●● F11
Nuclear Power and Nuclear Weapons: Current Issues

Sociology 19

Phillip Bonacich, ● F11
Evolution of Cooperation and Altruism

Rebecca Jean Emigh, ● W12
Commodities: What Can Be Bought and Sold?

David Halle, ●● F11; S12
Sociology of Cinema: Hit Movies, 1920 to 2010: Focus on how New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago have been depicted

Ruben Hernandez-Leon, ●● S12
Migration as Business: Migration Industry in Global Perspectives

Abigail Saguy, ● W12
Coming Out As...

Judith Seltzer, S12
Family, Gender, and Inequality In the U.S.

Tanya Stivers, W12
Social Interaction in the Medical Visit

Undergraduate Law 19

Frances Olsen, ●● F11
Nonviolence and Women's Self Defense

Urban Planning 19

John Bragin, ●● S12
Urban Dynamics: Cities as Complex Adaptive systems

Randall Crane, ●● W12
Suburban Sprawl: American Dream or Nightmare?

Rui Wang, F11
Urban Environment and Development in China

Women Studies 19

Michelle Erai & Mishuana Goeman, F11
Indigeneity, Sex, and Gender on Screen: Indigenous Film and Critique