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Arts and Humanities

Joseph Nagy ●●●, F14
Folktale and Myth in Popular Animation

Arabic 19

Nouri Gana ●, W15
History of Arabs

Joseph Nagy ●●●, W15
Cartoons, Folklore, and Myth

Nouri Gana ●, S15
The Arab Uprisings: Contexts, Architects, and Prospects

Karen Rowe ●●●, W15
Origins of Identity: History and Memory in Women's Poetry

Asian 19

John Duncan ●●,
Jennifer Jung-Kim ●, W15
East Asian Foodways: From West and Back

Mona Simpson ●●, S15
In-Depth Study of the Great Long Short Story, or Learning to Read Alice Munro

Chinese 19

Natasha Heller, S15
Beyond the Tao of Pooh

Brian Stefans ●, S15
How to Talk Dirty and Influence People: Stand-Up Comedy in the Wake of Bruce

Classics 19

Robert Gurval ●, W15
Ancient Rome and Monuments of Washington, D.C.

Robert N. Watson ●, W15
Forty Poems

Comparative Literature 19

Katherine King ●●, S15
Women Warriors: Amazons and Others, from Ancient Greece to Modern Times

Reed Wilson ●●, F14, W15
Writing Poems

Reed Wilson ●●, S15
Witness and Resistance: African American Poetry

Kathleen Komar ●●●, F14
Short Works of Franz Kafka, or How the Modern World Works

Ethnomusicology 19
Steven Loza, S15
Religion as Art and Science

Ross P. Shideler ●●●, W15
Poets and Desire

Roger Savage ●●, W15, S15
Music Theory through the Recorder

Design | Media Arts 19

Erkki Huhtamo ●●●, W15
What is Interactive Media?

French 19
Sara Melzer ●, F14
Buddhism and the Art of Living Mindfully in the Present

Victoria Vesna ●, W15
Art and Science Dialogs

English 19

Allison Carruth, W15
Food Writing in Digital Age

German 19
Robert Kirsner ●●, F14
Science Fiction and Religion

Allison Carruth, S15
High-Tech Environmentalism

Todd Presner ●, W15
Interviewing Holocaust Survivors

Jascha Kessler ●●, F14, W15, S15
What a Poem Says: Three Fundamental Modes of Poetry

James A. Schultz ●●, W15
Love, Violence, and Courtliness in Medieval Romance and Epic

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Honors Collegium 19

Tara Prescott, S15
James Joyce's Ulysses

Robert Gore ●, S15
Artists' Books in the UCLA Library and Beyond

Islamic 19

Ismail Poonawala ●●●, S15
The Case of Animals Versus Man before King of Jinn

Linguistics 19

Russell Schuh ●, F14
Amusing and Abusing with Language

Music 19

Movses Pogossian, S15
Witness Creation of New Major Symphonic Work: Look from Inside

Guillaume Sutre, F14
Beethoven String Quartets: Excursion to Everest of Chamber Music

Music History 19

Raymond Knapp ●●●, F14
Musicals and Disability

Mitchell Morris ●, W15
Orpheus: Transpositions of Myth

Jessica Schwartz, S15
California Punk, 1975 to 1995

Scandinavian 19

Arne Lunde, W15
Ingmar Bergman and Woody Allen: Intertextual Worlds of Two Film Geniuses

Slavic 19

Olga Kagan, S15
Language, Identity, and Power in the Post-Communist World

South Asian 19

Stephanie Jamison ●,
Gyanam Mahajan ●●, W15
Hindi-Urdu for Special Purposes

Spanish 19

Anna More, W15
Before Rights: Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz and the Defense of Women

Theater 19

Sean Metzger, S15
Screening Sexualities

Ukrainian 19

Roman Koropecyk, W15
Revolution in Ukraine as Social Drama

World Arts and Cultures 19

Janet O'Shea, S15
How to Watch Martial Arts Movies

David Shorter ●, F14
The Art of Becoming Human: Martin Buber's Philosophy

David Shorter ●, W15
Martin Buber's Philosophy of World Creating

Culture and Society

Anthropology 19

Daniel Fessler ●●●, W15, S15
Animals in Translation: Evolutionary Approaches to Animal Thinking and Autism

Linda Garro, S15
Anthropology and Global Mental Health

Joseph H. Manson, W15
Psychopathy and Human Nature

Susan Perry ●, F14
Long-Term Studies of Animal Behavior

Brooke Scelza ●, F14, S15
Ancient Bodies, Modern Lives

Monica Smith ●●●, F14
Hair: Long and Short of an Anthropological Phenomenon

Monica Smith ●●●, S15
Food, Culture, and Identity

Richard Zimmer ●, F14, S15
Chemical Communication across the Tree of Life

Environmental Science 19

Victoria Sork, W15
Climate Change: Will Plants be Able to Bloom Where They Grow?

Honors Collegium 19

Michael Gresser ●●●●●●, F14, W15
The Rise and Fall of a Blockbuster Drug

Michael Gresser ●●●●●●, S15
How Drugs Are Made

Andrea Kasko, S15
More than a Pretty Face: Women in STEM

Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology 19

John Merriam ●●●●●●, F14, W15, S15
Read Science Times on Tuesday, Discuss Over Coffee on Wednesday

Neurobiology 19

Edwin Cooper ●●●●●, S15
Integrative Medicine: Current Topics in Complementary and Alternative Medicine

Edwin Cooper ●●●●●, S15
Links between the Nervous and Immune Systems

Neurology 19

Zhefeng Guo ●, F14, S15
From Mad Cow to Mad Yeast: Stories of Protein Aggregation and Neurodegeneration

Neuroscience 19

Ellen Carpenter, W15
Music and Brain: Neuroscience of Music

Scott Chandler ●●, S15
Shall We Dance? How the Brain Controls Movement in Health and Disease

Nursing 19

Janet Mentes ●●, W15
Who Wants to Live to 100? Aging in 21st Century

Oral Biology 19

Anahid Jewett ●, F14
Novel Topics and Discoveries in Oral Biology, Medicine, and Dentistry

Physics 19

Katsushi Arisaka, F14
Why Are We Here? Origin of Universe, Life, and Consciousness

Alex Levine, S15
The Origin of Life

Physiological Science 19

Alan Grinnell ●●, W15
On Human Nature: Physical and Cultural Evolution of Human Animal

Physiology 19

Nancy Wayne ●●, F14
Biology of Birth Control

Psychology 19

Aaron Blaisdell ●, S15
Mind of the Dog

Yuen Huo ●●, W15
Why Gender Equality is Elusive: Stereotypes, Ideologies, and Other Barriers

Thomas Minor ●●●, W15
The Psychobiology of Stress Resilience

Public Health 19

Linda Demer, F14
Society and Autism Spectrum

Statistics 19

Nicolas Christou ●●●, F14
Statistics and Portfolio Risk Management with Stock Market Applications

Frederic Paik Schoenberg ●●●, S15
Hold 'em or Fold 'em: Poker and Probability

Gabriel Rossman ●, W15
Prizes, Charts, Ratings, and Guides

Abigail Saguy ●, W15
*What's Wrong with Fat?
Rethinking the War on Obesity*

Tanya Stivers, W15
The Unwritten Rules of Social Interaction

Roger Waldinger ●, F14
Global Migration

Edward T. Walker, W15
Sociology of Gourmet Food Trucks

Undergraduate Law 19

Frances Olsen ●●●, W15
Nonviolence and Women's Self-Defense

Urban Planning 19

Rui Wang ●, F14
Cities and Policy in China

Science and Technology

Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences 19

Lawrence Lyons ●, S15
*Secrets of Northern Lights:
Earth's Aurora*

Richard Thorne ●●, F14
Space Weather: The Impact of Solar Activity on Earth

Bioengineering 19

Howard Winet ●●●, W15
Truth and Science in Orthopaedics

Chemistry 19

Neil Garg ●, F14
Breaking Bad

Craig A. Merlic, W15
From Herbal Remedies to Modern Medicines: Developing Drugs to Combat Disease

Sharon Neufeldt, W15
Potions and Poisons

David A. Scott ●●, W15
Chemistry and Art

John Wasson, S15
Compositional Links among Meteorites and Planets

Civil and Environmental Engineering 19

Jennifer Jay, W15, S15
Foodprint: Connections between Food and the Environment

Computer Science 19

Junghoo Cho, W15
Online Privacy: Managing Your Digital Persona

Dentistry 19

Francesco Chiappelli ●●●, F14
*Translational Research in Dentistry:
Temporomandibular Joint Disorders*

Francesco Chiappelli ●●●, W15
Translational Science for Ebola: Psycho-Neuroendocrine-Immune Surveillance to Ebola Virus

Earth, Planetary, and Space Sciences 19

William I. Newman ●, W15
Global Climate Change and Societal Response

An Yin ●●, W15
Magnificent Geology of Death Valley

Ecology and Evolutionary Biology 19

Don Buth ●●●, F14, S15
Parasites: Eating Us Alive

Peter Nonacs ●●●, F14, S15
Evolutionary Medicine: How Natural Selection Helps Us Understand Why We Get Sick

Charles Taylor, F14
Do Plants Have Mind? Animals? Computers?

Cheryl Ann Zimmer ●, F14, S15
Deep-Sea Communities: High Diversity in Extreme Environments

Jason Throop ●, W15
*Oneself as Another:
Anthropology, Empathy, and Intersubjectivity*

Jason Throop ●, S15
Cultures of Care

Archaeology 19

Alexei Vranich, F14
Surviving the End of the World

Chicana and Chicano Studies 19

Susan Plann ●●, W15
The Undocumented Student Experience

Robert Romero ●, F14
Religion and Activism: Malcolm X, Cesar Chavez, and Martin Luther King, Jr.

Robert Romero ●, W15
Chicano Liberation Theology

Robert Romero ●, S15
*DACA, DAPA, and AB60:
Introduction to Immigration Law*

Otto Santa Ana ●●, F14, W15
Immigration Firestorm: Case Study of Today's Anti-Immigrant Legislation

Civic Engagement 19

Douglas Barrera ●, F14
Social Justice and Democratic Citizenship: Developing Critical Consciousness

Douglas Barrera ●, S15
*What is Your Opinion?
Developing Critical Consciousness*

Elizabeth Goodhue, F14, S15
Literacy and Empowerment

Communication Studies 19

Dee Bridgewater ●●, W15
Coaching as Teaching: Teaching as Coaching

Dee Bridgewater ●●, S15
Cinema Therapy: Movies and Mental Health

Greg Bryant ●, W15, S15
Music and Culture

Tim Groeling ●, F14
Media Bias by the Numbers

Tim Groeling ●, F14
*Collaborating in Hollywood:
You Will Never Make it in This Town Alone*

Martie Haselton ●, S15
Mating in the Modern World

Kerri Johnson, W15
Can You Judge a Book by Its Cover?

Andy Rice, Francis Steen, W15
*Los Angeles Scenario Planning:
Making Video Documentaries of Possible Futures*

Francis Steen, W15
Mindful Learning: Exploring Your Own Perceptions, Emotions, and Thinking

Economics 19

John Asker, S15
Economic Perspectives on Cooperation between Firms

David Atkin, S15
Trade and Development

Maria Casanova Rivas, F14
How to Read News like an Economist: Use/Misuse of Statistics in Press

Denis Nikolaye Chetverikov, W15
What We Can and Cannot Learn from the Data

Alan Elliott, Kathleen McGarry ●, F14
Economics of the Entertainment Industry

Roger Farmer, F14
How Economy Works

Adriana Lleras-Muney, F14
Why Do Americans Live Short Lives?

Aaron Tornell ●, F14
U.S. Financial Crisis and Eurozone Crisis

Till von Wachter, W15
Measuring the Effect of Graduating from College in Recession Using Economic Data

Education 19

Marjorie Faulstich Orellana ●, W15
Immigrant Youth and Families

Jane Pizzolato, W15
Race in Your Face: Race, Racism, and Social (In) Justice

Robert Rhoads ●●●, F14
Student Activism from the Sixties to Present

Robert Teranishi, W15
Data Quality Movement for Asian American and Pacific Islander Students

Gender Studies 19

Michelle Erai, F14
Making It: Student Research Biographies of Past UCLA Athletes

Grace Hong, F14
Student Debt and Contemporary University

Global Studies 19

Claire Anne Chik, Olga Kagan, W15
Languages of Los Angeles: Linguistic Portrait of Multilingual City

Ann Zwicker Kerr ●●●●●, W15, S15
Perceptions of the U.S. Abroad: Discussions with Visiting Fulbright Scholars

History 19

Andrew Apter, W15
On Sovereignty

S. Scott Bartchy ●●●, S15
Honor and Shame in Clash of World Cultures and Religions

Ivan Berend ●●, F14
Towards a United States of Europe?

Robin Derby ●●, S15
Animals R Us: Introduction to Multispecies Studies

James Gelvin ●●●●, F14
The Arab Uprisings as History

James Gelvin ●●●●, W15 (2)
The Islamic State and Its Caliphate

Frank Tobias Higbie, S15
Why Do Robots Rebel? Drama of Technology and Revolution

Vinay Lal ●●●, F14
Political Documentaries and American Society

Ludwig Lauerhass ●●, W15
Hiroshima: How We Remember the Bomb

Ghislaine Lydon ●, W15
From Salt to Cell Phones: History of Things and Things in History

Kathleen Lytle Hernandez ●, W15
True Lies: Exploration of How Historical Fiction Reveals Past

William Marotti ●, W15
Last War, Forever War: Science Fiction Consideration of Vietnam and the 1960s

David Myers ●, S15
Anti-Semitism: What Is It?

Carla Pestana, F14
The Crisis of Henry VIII's Reign Reconsidered: Wolf Hall

Carla Pestana, W15
Global Climate Crisis of 17th Century

Teofilo Ruiz ●●●●●●●●●, F14
The World of Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice: England in Early 19th Century

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Los Angeles: Architecture and Ethnicity

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The Social World of Jane Austen: Pride and Prejudice

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Dystopias of 20th Century

David Sabeen, F14
Traveling Light

Richard von Glahn ●, F14
China's Modern Youth Culture in Historical Perspective

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Gene D. Block ●, W15
Grand Challenges--Inspiring Solutions to Humanity's Greatest Problems

Matthew Kahn ●, S15
Thriving in Hotter Los Angeles: Economist's Perspective

Michael Kahn, W15
Presidential Elections and Political Cartoons during the Golden Age of Political Cartoons, 1880 - 1912

Daniel Lowenstein ●●, W15
Mill's On Liberty and His Greatest Critic

David Taylor ●●, F14, W15, S15
Mental Illness and Movies

International and Area Studies 19

Robin Derby ●●, W15
Haiti and Dominican Republic: History and Culture

Ann Kerr ●●●●●, F14
U.S. Values vs. U.S. Interests in Middle East and North African Diplomacy

Bonnie Taub, W15
Chocolate in Americas: Bittersweet Bliss

R. Bin Wong, W15
Making Wealth and Poverty since Industrial Revolution

Labor and Workplace Studies 19

Gaspar Rivera-Salgado ●, F14
Immigration Debate through Film

Management 19

Hans Schollhammer ●●, F14
The Entrepreneurial Process: Starting and Managing New Business Ventures

Miguel Unzueta, F14
Why Sports Matter: Social and Business Issues in Games We Play

Military Science 19

Emily Ives, Katherine Jakle, Santos Ortiz, F14
Boots to Bruins: From Combat to Campus Life

Political Science 19

Richard Anderson ●, F14
What is Putin up to in Ukraine?

Leslie Johns, W15
Contemporary Issues in International Politics

Susanne Lohmann ●●, S15
Can't We Make Moral Judgments?!

Social Welfare 19

Ian W. Holloway, W15
Diversity, Oppression, and Social Functioning

Sociology 19

Phillip Bonacich ●●, W15
Still Connected? Has Social Life Declined or Expanded in Internet Age?

Rebecca Jean Emigh ●, W15
Commodities: What Can Be Bought and Sold?

Jacob Foster, Mark Green, S15
Diversity and Complexity: Introduction to Modeling Complex Social Systems

Ruben Hernandez-Leon ●●, W15
Immigrant Integration: Mexicans in the United States