

SATURDAY EVENING

5:10 – 5:45 p.m.

California Studies Association Business Meeting
Room 033

8:00 p.m.

The Musical Commons

Anna's Jazz Island, 2120 Allston Way, Berkeley
Country Joe McDonald, "A Tribute to Woody Guthrie"

SUNDAY

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

The Right to the City: Urban Space as Commons

Room 033
Chair: Carmen Rojas, City and Regional Planning,
UC Berkeley
Chris Carlsson, cyclist, archivist, *Shaping San Francisco*
Christopher Ratchiff, architect and designer of Berkeley
City College
Amy Trachtenberg, visual artist (public art), San
Francisco

Radio and the Broadcast Commons

Room 053
Chair: Iain Boal, Retort, *Afflicted Powers*
Maria Gilardin, TUC Radio
Patrick Johnson, Youth Radio
Sarah Olson, San Francisco Liberation Radio
Marian Smith, Manager, KFOK, Georgetown, CA

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Seeds of the Future: Food Sovereignty

Room 033
Chair: Chris Shein, Landscape Horticulture, Merritt
College
Christine Churdboonmaung, East Bay Asian Youth
Center
Shereen d'Souza, Sustaining Ourselves Locally

Jason Harvey, Director, Oakland Food Connection
Aaron Shapiro, LA Farmers Market organizer
Chris Shein, Wildheart Gardens

Information Commons: Rebirth or Siren Song?

Room 053
Chair: Peter Wiley, *The National Trust Guide to San
Francisco*
Bodo Balazs, Budapest University of Technology
James Jacobs, International Librarian, Stanford
Annalee Newitz, columnist, *Bay Guardian*
Megan Shaw, co-founder, Prelinger Library
Shinjoung Yeo, Reference & Outreach Services,
Stanford

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FRIDAY EVENING

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Welcome, Jeff Lustig, Conference Chair

Keynote

The Commons: From Magna Carta to May Day

Peter Linebaugh, Midnight Notes Collective, *The Magna Carta Manifesto* (UC Press)

Reception

SATURDAY

8:30 – 10:15 a.m.

California Water: Right or Commodity?

Room 033

Chair: Richard Orsi, CSU East Bay, *The Octopus Reconsidered*

Bill Kier, William Kier Associates

Stacey Li, National Marine Fisheries Service

Suzanne Michel, Geography, Cuyamaca College, San Diego

Adam Scow, Food and Water Watch

Cutbacks! The Evisceration of Public Services

Room 053

Chair: Lauren Coodley, *California: A Multicultural Documentary History*

Anatole Anton, SFSU, *Not for Sale: In Defense of Public Goods*

Ken Jacobs, Labor Center UCB, *The Hidden Costs of Wal-Mart Jobs*

Fred Glass, Calif. Federation of Teachers, film-maker, *Golden Lands, Working Hands: California Labor History*

Melissa Riley, San Francisco Public Library

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Struggles for the Resource Commons: From Mono Lake to the Redwood Forest

Room 033

Chair: Cal Winslow, Director, Mendocino Institute, *Albion's Fatal Tree*

Will Russell, Environmental Studies, SJSU

Dick Walker, Geography, UCB, *The Country in the City*

Angus Wright, CSU Sacramento, *The Death of Ramon Gonzalez: The Modern Agricultural Dilemma*

The Cooperative Legacy in the East Bay

Room 053

Chair: Chuck Wollenberg, Berkeley City College, *Golden Gate Metropolis*

John Curl, *History of Collectivity in the Bay Area*

Bernard Marszalek, Inkworks Press co-op

Harry Siitonen, Finnish cooperatives member, IWW

Adam Wight, Worker at two Berkeley food co-ops

12:00 noon – 12:30 p.m.

Box Lunch in Atrium

Film: Commune, Jonathan Berman's documentary about Black Bear Ranch

Room 015

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Luncheon Address: The New Deal Legacy in California

Auditorium

Gray Brechin, *Imperial San Francisco*, and *Farewell Promised Land*

Introduction by Gerald Haslam, *The Great Central Valley: California Heartland*, and *Okies*

1:45 – 3:15 p.m.

Enclosing the Knowledge Commons: Capture of the Public University

Room 033

Chair: Janet Fireman, Loyola-Marymount; Editor, *California History*

Ignacio Chapela, Microbial Ecologist, UC Berkeley

Linda Collins, former Community Colleges Faculty Senate president; Director, Career Ladders Project

Jeff Lustig, Government Dept, CSU Sacramento, *Corporate Liberalism*

Michael Perelman, CSU Chico, *Intellectual Property Rights and Corporate Confiscation of Creativity*

Organizing the Commons

Room 053

Chair: Cynthia Kaufman, DeAnza College, *Ideas for Action and Radical Change*

Gilda Gonzalez, Unity Council, Fruitvale District, Oakland

David Kakishiba, East Bay Asian Youth Center

Hai Binh Nguyen, Asian Pacific Environmental Network

David Roach, Mo' Better Foods, West Oakland

Eric Vega, Freedom Bound Center, Sol Art Collective, Sacramento

Voice of the Commons: Poetry and Literature of a Shared World

Room 015

Chair: Janferie Stone, Native American Studies, UC Davis

Gerald Haslam, Sonoma State University, *Voices of Place*
Vijaya R. Nagarajan, USF; Institute of Natural and Cultural Resources

Julia Stein, Santa Monica College, *Under the Ladder to Heaven*

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Plenary: The Idea of the Commons

Auditorium

Chair: Jeff Lustig, CSU Sacramento; Founding Chair, California Studies Association

Jonathon Rowe, Tomales Bay Institute, West Marin Commons Association

Ruth Rosen, Longview Institute; *The World Split Open: How the Modern Women's Movement Changed America*

Iain Boal, The Commons Group, *The Long Theft: Episodes in the History of Enclosure*

Richard Prelinger, Prelinger Associates, founder of the Prelinger Film Archive