18th Annual California Studies Conference

“Changing Climates: Class, Culture and Politics in an Era of Global Warming”

April 11-13, 2008
Berkeley City College

FRIDAY, April 11

7:00-9:00 p.m.

Keynote: Matt Gonzales, Independent candidate for Vice-President of the United States

Reception following keynote address.

SATURDAY, April 12

Complimentary buffet of coffee and pastries.

8:45-10:15

Ports and People: Jobs, Health, Power (room 51)
• Louise Dyble (chair), University of Southern California
• Margaret Gordon, Port of Oakland Commission
• Aditi Vaidya, EBASE
• Clarence Thomas, ILWU
• Peter Hall, Simon Fraser University

Organizing Community in the Silicon Valley (room 57)
• Ruben Abrica, De Anza College
• Chris Block, Charities Housing
• Raj Jayadev, Silicon Valley De-Bug Magazine
• Nari Rhee, University of California, Berkeley

10:30-12:00

Writing California (room 51)
• Susan McWilliams (chair), Pomona College
• Rick Wartzman, Obscene in the Extreme: The Burning and Banning of The Grapes of Wrath
• Peter Richardson, American Prophet: The Life and Work of Carey McWilliams
• Philip Fradkin, Wallace Stegner and the American West
• Richard Walker, *The Country in the City: The Greening of the San Francisco Bay Area*

People, Place, and Water (*room 57*)
*• Michael Warburton, Public Trust Alliance*
*• George Basye, Levee historian and water policy consultant*
*• Mark Franco and Caleen Sisk-Franco, Winnemem Wintu Tribe*
*• Ruth Langridge, University of California, Santa Cruz*

The Living Wage and Labor Power (*room 14*)
*• Marty Bennett (chair), Living Wage Coalition of Sonoma County*
*• Wei-Ling Huber, Emeryville Living Wage/Woodfin Suites Campaign*
*• Sonya Mehta, San Francisco Living Wage Campaign*
*• Cesar Hernandez, CAUSE-Central Coast Organizing Project*

**12:00-12:30**

Lunch in atrium
*Box lunch from Rick and Ann’s available through pre-registration, $15*

**12:30-1:30**

Luncheon address: Jackie Goldberg, “The Changing Climate of Our Schools: Put Students on the Endangered List” (*auditorium*)

**1:45-3:15**

New California Literature: Breaking Into the Future (*room 51*)
*• Julia Stein (chair), Santa Monica College*
*• Owen Hill, *The Chandler Apartments***
*• Judy Juanita, *We Got Work to Do***
*• Rip Rense, *The Oaks***

Taxes, the Price of Democracy? (*room 57*)
*• Jeff Lustig (chair), California State University, Sacramento*
*• Jackie Goldberg, Former California Assemblywoman*
*• Peter Schrag, *California: America’s High-Stakes Experiment***
*• Mason Gaffney, University of California, Riverside*

Immigration and the Border (*room 14*)
*• Peter Richardson (chair), San Francisco State University*
*• Sasha Abramsky, *American Furies: Crime, Punishment, and Vengeance in the Age of Mass Imprisonment***
*• David Bacon, *Illegal: How Globalization Creates Migration and Criminalizes Immigrants***
• Peter Laufer, *Wetback Nation: The Case for Opening the Mexican-American Border*
• Mary Moreno-Richardson, Episcopal Diocese of San Diego

3:30-5:00

Climate Change: What’s in Store for California? *(auditorium)*
• Richard Walker (moderator), *The Country in the City: The Greening of the San Francisco Bay Area*
• Norman Miller, Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory
• David Beesley, *Crow's Range: An Environmental History of the Sierra Nevada*
• Tim Rainey, California Federation of Labor
• Max Aufhammer, University of California, Berkeley

5:10-5:45

CSA business meeting *(room 51)*

8:00 p.m.

Ian Ruskin, “From Wharf Rats to Lords of the Docks: The Life and Times of Harry Bridges”

SUNDAY, April 13

*Complimentary buffet of coffee and pastries.*

9:00-10:30

Working in the Green Economy *(room 51)*
• Enrique Davalos, San Diego City College
• Raquel Pinderhughes, San Francisco State University
• Ian Kim, Ella Baker Center
• Kate Gordon, Apollo Alliance

Arts and Activism I: The Creative Imperative *(room 57)*
• Randolphe Belle (chair), Artist and community development consultant
• Amanda Williams, Soul Salon 10 Collective
• Arthur Monrow, Oakland Museum of California
• Deborah Vaughan, Dimensions Dance Theater

10:45-12:15

Green Media *(room 51)*
• Yumi Wilson (chair) San Francisco State University,
• Rose Aguilar, KALW
• John Scott, Green 960AM
• Jonathon Rowe, KWMR

Sky as Commons: Pollution and Equal Rights *(room 57)*
• Tom Athanasiou, *Divided Planet: The Ecology of Rich and Poor*
• Glenn Fieldman, San Francisco State University
• Christopher Lepe, De Anza College
• Ellen Choy, Environmental Justice and Climate Change

Arts and Activism II: The Moral Imperative *(room 14)*
• Randolphe Belle (chair), Artist and community development consultant
• Robin Freeman, Merritt College
• Kim Anno, California College of the Arts
• Kristy Alfieri, The Crucible
• Greg Morozumi, Eastside Arts Alliance