

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