

CALIFORNIA ON FIRE

26 April 2014 McCone Hall, UC Berkeley

Welcome to our interdisciplinary investigation into the literal and figurative fires that are consuming California – from the mountain flames that have charred the state’s economy and raised new concerns about climate change, to the real estate market’s forced migrations. Throughout the day: check out our map/ graphics display in the glass case in the lobby, and book sales by PM Press!

SCHEDULE

9:00am Coffee, Tea, & Registration

9:30 Welcome: CSA steering committee

9:45-11:15 Panel Session One

“FIRE” Power: Finance, Insurance, Real Estate.

The institutions fanning the flames

- ∅ Dominique Tan, East Bay Housing Organizations
- ∅ Darwin Bond Graham, Sociologist and Journalist
- ∅ Sarah Knuth, Oberlin College

Moderator: Javier Arbona, UC Davis

11:15-11:30 Break

11:30 AM -1:00 PM: Panel Session Two

Is it getting hot in here?

California in the age of climate chaos

- ∅ Jason Henderson, San Francisco State University
- ∅ Sabrina Bornstein, South Bay Cities Council of Governments
- ∅ Celeste LeCompte, *Climate Confidential*

Moderator: Alex Tarr, UC Berkeley

California Studies Association

24th Annual Conference

1:00-2:00pm Lunch Break

There are many good options near Hearst & Euclid

2:00 Coffee & Tea!

2:15-3:30 **Keynote talk by Carey McWilliams award winner**

- ∅ Susan Straight, award-winning novelist, essayist and social critic

Book talk/reading and award presentation

3:30-3:45 Break

3:45-5:15 Panel Session Three

Fighting Fire.

Community responses to the urban crisis

- ∅ Eric Ares, Los Angeles Community Action Network
- ∅ Ron Sundstrom, University of San Francisco
- ∅ Erin McElroy, Anti-Eviction Mapping Project

Moderator: Rachel Brahinsky, University of San Francisco

5:30pm End of Event

THANK YOU! Many thanks to our funders for generous financial support. Thanks to the organizing committee for countless hours of volunteer labor. And huge thanks to the panelists and presenters today who volunteered their time to help further these important dialogues on the state of our state.

Please note that we are recording this event for possible radio broadcast.

About Us The California Studies Association is an independent organization, dedicated to the exchange of ideas about California, the promotion of an integrated understanding of California as a region, and to creating a public discourse on the future of this richly textured state.

We embrace the broadest spectrum of concerns about California, its people, politics, economy, environment, science, arts, history, and literature. Through an annual conference and other programs, we create a public forum for the discussion of California, past, present and future. We promote public education about California and serves as an umbrella group for California Studies programs at all educational levels.

The association includes people from every walk of life: faculty and teachers, students, policy makers, labor organizers, business people, local historians, writers and artists. We feature the contributions of everyone who studies California, makes practical contributions to the State, or seeks to express the fabric of this multiethnic society. We value the cross-fertilization of ideas between fields of expertise and around the state and emphatically maintain a balance of academics and non-academics in our leadership, membership and activities.

CSA seeks deeper bonds among all Californians and a stronger sense of the common weal, through networks of small and large institutions, across diverse communities, and among activists, experts, civil servants, writers, artists and performers. We hail the discovery of better ways to live and work in California and more enlightened public policies that serve the broadest definition of the people of this state.

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co-hosted by the UC Berkeley Department of Geography

Climate Chaos • Inequality • Urban Transformation

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SATURDAY APRIL 26, 2014
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registration & schedule:
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FEATURING:
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The poster features a stylized illustration of a landscape with a fire in the background, a city skyline, and a body of water at the bottom. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical manner, with the title 'CALIFORNIA ON FIRE' being the most prominent.