

THE AMERICAN CULTURES CENTER



Happy February from AC!

Now that the Spring semester is in full swing, the AC Center is looking forward to collaborating on many significant events that this particular year brings. In addition to the anniversary celebrations for the AC Center, it is also the 15th anniversary of a Night of Cultural Resistance (NOCR), the 45th anniversary of the third world Liberation Front (twLF) and the founding of Ethnic Studies. Our histories, stories and work are intimately wound. It will be a pleasure to celebrate and reflect on the importance of both shared and divergent histories. There will be many occasions to 'mark your calendars', and I hope that you might join us for some of the events. Please share the information widely as generations of UC Berkeley staff, students and faculty come together once again to discuss the importance of scholarship and activism for a just and healthy future.

With warm regards,

Victoria Robinson
Program Director, The American Cultures Center

Upcoming Events and Announcements

**City Schools and the
American Dream**



RECLAIMING the PROMISE
of PUBLIC EDUCATION

Pedro Noguera

Multicultural Education Series James A. Banks, Editor

**Special Announcement: 25th Anniversary Keynote Speech,
Professor Pedro Noguera, Peter L. Agnew Professor of
Education, New York University**

**'Social Justice in Higher Education: Lessons from 1989'
Friday, April 25, 11am-2pm, Anna Head Alumnae Hall**

Keynote Professor Pedro Noguera and in conversation with current AC Senate
Chair, Professor Lisa Garcia-Bedolla.

25th Anniversary for The American Cultures Center

April 21-25, 2014

Please join us in celebrating the American Cultures Center as it turns 25! We will be hosting a week long celebration recognizing the past, present and future of the American Cultures Center. Please save the date on your calendars to attend this series of events, which will take place on the UC Berkeley campus from Monday, April 21st through Friday, the 25th. For more information, please

contact Doug Parada at dparada@berkeley.edu or visit the [AC Website](#) for an upcoming listing. Please also look for an email invitation with more details of these events within the next few weeks.

AC Course Approval Subcommittee Meeting **February 28, 2014**

The next Subcommittee meeting date for American Cultures (AC) course approvals is Friday, January 31st. In the event that a new instructor is assigned an AC course or a new AC course will be offered in your department, we encourage you to review the responsibilities of departments and of the Center itself in the administration of the AC Breadth Requirement. Submissions must be received by 4pm on the Monday before the meeting. The remaining subcommittee meeting dates for the 2013-2014 school are:

March 14

April 18

[Further course development information](#)

Call for Nominations: Chancellor's Awards for Public Service for 2013-2014 **Deadline March 11, 2014 at 5pm**

The Office of the Chancellor is pleased to announce the call for nominations for the annual Chancellor's Awards for Public Service, recognizing students, staff, and faculty for their individual and collective efforts to use our intellectual and human resources to benefit others locally and globally. Please submit your nominations by March 11, 2014 at 5pm for the following categories:

- Public service by individual undergraduates, graduate students, faculty, and staff, as well as student groups
- Research by faculty that addresses critical needs and issues affecting our local, state, national, or global communities
- Leadership by faculty in developing or teaching a course with a service-learning and/or community-based research component
- Campus-community programs or projects that improve the quality of life in our community

This year's Awards will include the inaugural Robert J. and Mary Catherine Birgeneau Recognition Award for Service to Undocumented Students, and welcomes nominations for undergraduate and graduate undocumented students and allies in this category as well. A nomination form and guidelines can be accessed from the [Public Service Center website](#).

A committee of faculty, staff, and students will review the nominations and select the award recipients, who will be honored at a public reception on Monday, May 5, at 3pm at Sibley Auditorium. The reception will also include the presentation of the Mather Good Citizen Award, which recognizes a graduating senior for their service.

Innovation in Teaching Award and the American Cultures Student Prize **Applications due April 11, 2014**

The **Innovation in Teaching Award** recognizes faculty who have created original, cutting-edge teaching plans that enhance both the goals of the American Cultures requirement and students' learning in the classroom. One award will be given in the amount of \$2,500.

[Download award announcement](#)

The **American Cultures Student Prize** provides students the opportunity to highlight work undertaken in an American Cultures course which promotes understanding of race, ethnicity, and culture. The prize also recognizes student's work as a standard of excellence in scholarship. Please encourage your students to apply. One lower-division and one upper-division will be selected and awarded \$1,000, and with permission, recipients will have their work published on the American Cultures web site.

[Download prize announcement](#)

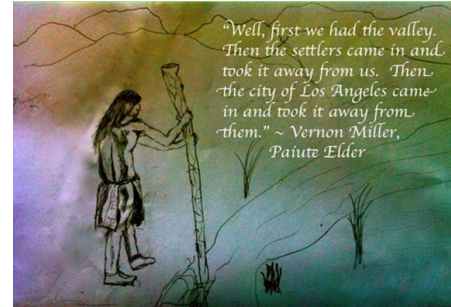
The ceremony for both awards will be celebrated alongside the Charlene Conrad Liebau Library Prizes on May 8, 2014, 4-6pm in the Morrison Reading Room, Doe Library.

[Website announcement](#)

In the News

Water and Culture:: Recovering Owens Valley Paiute History

January 6 - May 19, 2014 every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
Bancroft Library, Third Floor Foyer



In Spring 2012, Dr. Pat Steenland in the College Writing Program began a partnership with the Owens Valley Paiute Indian tribe. During the semester, Jenna Cavelle, a student enrolled in the course, began a creative project aimed at restoring cultural memory associated with ancient Paiute irrigation practices. Two years later, this work and its connections to water achievements, losses, contributions to pioneer society, and the expropriation by the city of Los Angeles will be featured in the Bancroft Library. Including journals, maps, and photographs from the collections, the exhibit highlights early historical records of the ancient irrigation systems of the Paiute Indian tribes of California and their place in Paiute traditional cultural landscapes.

Curated by Jenna Cavelle, Winner of the Judith Lee Stronach Baccalaureate Prize and ACES Chancellor's Public Fellow.

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ACES Faculty Spotlight

**Professor Greg Niemeyer: Practice of Art W23AC
American Cybercultures: Principles of Internet Citizenship**

Professor Greg Niemeyer is currently teaching the first AC online course: **Practice of Art W23AC American Cybercultures: Principles of Internet Citizenship**. Although Professor Niemeyer has taught this course for over ten years both in an in-person and hybrid format, this Spring marks the first time it is offered completely online. Fittingly enough, the course examines how the growth of online participation influences the development of and intersects online and residential communities. Students participate in online discussions surrounding internet culture or cyberculture within a modern context as well as categories of personhood that make up the UC Berkeley American Cultures rubric (race and ethnicity), as well as to gender, nation, and disability. In addition, students will work in small groups with about five members and complete learning missions through research and creative assignments using technology such as social apps to benefit their communities ([click here](#) to see examples of Citrus community development based apps). The course itself seeks to establish a community of learners, innovators, and explorers who engage with 23 principles of internet culture through missions. The missions include topics aggregation, networking, identity, amplification, and subversion.

[Watch an interview with Professor Niemeyer](#)

This course is part of the American Cultures Engaged Scholarship (ACES) Program bringing the research interests of faculty and community partners together in the teaching of undergraduate courses. For further information and a listing of other ACES courses please [click here](#).

AC Community Partner Spotlight

East Oakland Youth Development Center (EOYDC)



Under the outstanding leadership of Regina Jackson, the East Oakland Youth Development Center (EOYDC) is a thriving community center that develops the social and leadership capacities of youth and young adults (ages 6 - 24) so that they are prepared for employment, higher education, and leadership opportunities. Their partnership with ACES has allowed Berkeley students the opportunity to put theory to practice through ACES courses in both Ethnic Studies and Sociology. ACES students have been involved with the Center through many activities ranging from GED tutoring to administrative support.

For more information about EOYDC Collaborative please visit eoydc.org.

[Watch EOYDC Partnership video](#)

New! AC Summer Session Workshop



231 Wheeler Hall
April 2, 2014, 12noon - 2:00pm
Instructor Bonnie Ruberg

Teaching during the summer has its particular pleasures - smaller class size, more time spent together each week, a quieter overall schedule (perhaps) - but it also has some particular challenges, which may be related to these very pleasures. The AC Center is offering a workshop led by instructor, Bonnie Ruberg, Department of Comparative Literature, as an opportunity to discuss some of the strategies and skills Bonnie has collected in teaching during the summer. Please join us for this lunchtime discussion and feel free to bring syllabi you may be developing and assignments you are considering. Or just bring a good appetite as lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by March 26th if you would like to attend by emailing ac_center@berkeley.edu.

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