Call for Papers
2017 Annual Meeting of the
California American Studies Association

California State University, Long Beach
April 28-29, 2017

The Program Committee for the California American Studies Association invites proposals for our annual meeting, to be held Friday and Saturday, April 28 and 29, 2017, at California State University, Long Beach.

While focusing on California, we also welcome panels and individual papers addressing all major aspects of the critical study of American cultures. We are especially interested in exploring the many California events whose anniversaries are in 2017. It is the 25th anniversary of the Los Angeles Uprisings of 1992 and also the 50th anniversary of the Summer of Love, the founding of the L.A. Black Panther Party, Newport Beach’s Fashion Island, Walt Disney’s “The Jungle Book,” and the Supreme Court case establishing fair housing in California, and it is the 100th anniversary of the Immigration Act of 1917, the imprisonment of Tom Mooney, the establishment of the California Highway Commission, and the release of Charlie Chaplin’s “The Immigrant,” among other events. We welcome consideration of these histories and their collective memory.

Proposals for individual papers, conference panels, roundtables, field trips, and other special sessions are invited. All members of the American Studies Association who reside in California are automatically members of the California American Studies Association, but ASA membership is not a prerequisite for CASA. Since it was founded in 1981, CASA has been an open, inclusive, regional organization devoted to promoting the field of American Studies, particularly in California. Our annual conference regularly welcomes undergraduate and graduate students, K-12 educators, college and university faculty, and community members.

Individual proposals should include name and contact information (including email), paper title and 250-word abstract, and a brief 1-2 page c.v. Panel proposals should include organizer’s name and contact information, each presenter’s name and contact information, an abstract for the overall panel, 250-word abstract for each paper proposed, and c.v. for each participant. Please submit materials before January 30 to casa.2017.csulb@gmail.com

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