On behalf of the faculty & staff of the American Studies Department, I’d like to welcome you back to the fall semester! Some changes are afoot in University Hall: Prof. Mike Steiner taught his last class in the spring and has retired from the department after forty years. He will be greatly missed by faculty and students alike! Also, Prof. Elaine Lewinnek will be the acting chair of American Studies for 2015-2016. This will be my second year as graduate advisor, and I look forward to continuing to work with all of you. My grad advising hours this fall are Mondays, 3:30-4:30 & by appointment (I’m on campus most days, so we can find a time that works for you).

In this newsletter, you’ll find information on graduating students, the new cohort, honors and awards, conference presentations, and important dates and events.

Let’s make it a great year in American Studies!

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Congratulations 2015 Graduates!

M.A. Graduates Moving On to Ph.D. Programs

COURTNEY BROWN will be starting a joint Ph.D. program in Ethnomusicology and African American Studies at the University of Pennsylvania.

MICHAEL WEST will be entering the Ph.D. program in American Studies at the University of Iowa.

GREG ROZSA is also going on to the doctoral program in American Studies at the University of Iowa.

Students Completing the Thesis

JASON WARD, “The Privatized City: Finding Space for the Working Poor in Orange County”

Students Completing the Comprehensive Exam

LAUREN TERREBROOD
COURTNEY BROWN
SEAN-PATRICK DOAN
GREG ROZSA
PHIL GARRETT
DANIELLE BARRAZA
TATIANA PEDROZA
MICHAEL WEST
DANIELLE LOPEZ
SOPHIA ISLAS
BENJAMIN PHAN
Meet the New Cohort!

(Back): Francine Rios (CSUF, Journalism), Darcy Anderson (CSUF, AMST), Cynthia Mariott (UC Riverside, History and Women's Studies), Jena Delgato-Sette (CSUF, AMST and History), Ashley Loup (CSUF, AMST), Darcy Mahoney (CSUF, AMST and Sociology), Karon Floyd (Cal Poly Pomona, Multicultural Studies); Suzannah Melendez (M.A. candidate in History at CSUF, currently enrolled in AMST 501)

(Front): Jasmine Mayfield (UC Riverside, Religious Studies), Bahar Tahamtani (CSUF, Psychology), Jaqueline Navarro (CSU Los Angeles, History and Liberal Studies).

We welcome this terrific new cohort to the American Studies community!
Recent Graduate Student Conference Presentations


**Courtney Beachner**, “Nerds, (Boy)friends, Zombies & Belly Dancers,” American Studies Student Association Symposium, CSUF, March 2015

**Janet Bernabe**, “Communities in Southern California Resisting, Organizing and Restoring Power,” American Studies Student Association Symposium, CSUF, March 2015

**Courtney Brown**, “If s/He Was Your Girlfriend: Alter Ego, Audio Drag, and The Black Hypermasculine Sound(e)scape,” International Association for the Study of Popular Music, Louisville, Kentucky, February 2015


**Tramanh Hoang**, “From Political Refugees to American Citizens: Bridging Little Saigon Through Oral Histories,” SEA Legacies, CSUF, March 2015


**Aaron Mezzano**, “What Do Our Military Games Teach Us?” American Studies Student Association Symposium, CSUF, March 2015

**Amanda Ritter**, “Afterlife With Archie,” California American Studies Association, April 2015
**Stepan Serdiukov**, “School System and Systemic Social Inequality in HBO’s The Wire, Season 4,” California American Studies Association, April 2015

ASSA Officers for 2015-2016

President: Darcy Anderson
Vice Presidents: Lisa Eisleben and Charles Laconico
Treasurer: Courtney Foley
Secretary: Amanda Ritter
ICC Representatives: Jonathan Schreiber, Janet Bernabe, Stephanie Lopez, Rebecca Harmon
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Upcoming events:
COFFEE & CONVERSATION: Sept. 10, 12:30-2:30, Aloha Java
BOWLING NIGHT at TSU: September 24, 5:30.

HONORS AND AWARDS


SUSAN MITCHELL won the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Betty Robertson Award.

DARCY MAHONEY is the winner of this year’s $1,000 Margarete Liebe Sekhon Graduate Scholarship from the Department of American Studies.

KACIE HOPPE won the Earl James Weaver Graduate Essay Prize for her paper, “The Cultural Work of Steampunk Literature in Cherie Priest’s Boneshaker.”

COURTNEY BROWN was the M.A. speaker at the American Studies graduation ceremony in May. Incoming cohort member DARCY ANDERSON was the B.A. speaker.

TRAMANH HOANG and KACIE HOPPE won the department’s Susan Flinkingshelt Student Service Award.

PETER STEARNS is the new student representative to the California American Studies Association.

SAVE THE DATE…

This year’s Fall Grad-Faculty Colloquium will be held Saturday, October 24th, at 7 PM. Prof. Adam Golub will be talking about his forthcoming book, Monsters in the Classroom: Essays on Teaching the Monstrous. Prof. John Ibson will host at his home in Claremont.

Zombie Golub