Superdiversity California Style:
New Understandings of Race, Civil Rights, Governance and Cultural Production

Thursday, February 28, 2013, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
& Friday, March 1, 2013, 9:00 AM - 6:10 PM
UCLA Faculty Center, California Room

Over the past two decades, Los Angeles has come to epitomize the global phenomenon of dramatically increased ethnic, racial, linguistic, and religious diversity. With intensified immigration from all parts of the world, new racial complexities, and the steady growth of Latino and Asian American populations, the entire state of California has become “majority-minority” as districts around the nation follow suit. The resulting intercultural mélange has obscured some traditional boundaries, while encouraging new forms of production and being. This new reality raises fundamental questions about the pursuit of equality, social justice, racialization, and the various ways that global pressures interact with and shape our responses to emerging geo-political dynamics. At the same time, ethnic and cultural fusions have launched an explosion of bold new musical, artistic, and even culinary forms. What these changes mean for Los Angeles specifically and the United States remains under-examined and poorly understood. Structured in the form of a one-day conference, with a preconference roundtable on the preceding evening, Superdiversity California Style seeks to initiate a conversation about the foregoing developments and identify the kind of research that is necessary to both understand and manage the changing face of our society.

Co-Conveners:
M. Belinda Tucker, Devon Carbado, Darnell Hunt, Chon Noriega, Angela Riley, David Yoo

Thursday, February 28, 2013

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM    Registration
5:00 PM – 5:15 PM    University Welcome
                    Executive Vice Chancellor Scott Waugh, UCLA

Conference Overview    M. Belinda Tucker, Vice Provost, Institute of American Cultures,
                        Professor of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences, UCLA
5:15 PM – 7:00 PM

The Historical Antecedents to California’s “Superdiversity”

This panel will consider the larger historical context of diversity and interethnic relations in Los Angeles, California, and the American West.

**Moderator:** Stephen Aron, Professor of History, UCLA

**Panelists:**
- Eric R. Avila, Associate Professor of Chicano Studies and History, UCLA
- Brenda Stevenson, Professor of History, UCLA
- Allison Varzally, Associate Professor of History, California State University at Fullerton

Friday, March 1, 2013

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM  Registration

9:00 AM – 9:15 AM

**Welcome**  M. Belinda Tucker, Vice Provost, UCLA Institute of American Cultures, Professor of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences

SESSION 1

9:15 AM – 10:45 AM

Superdiversity: Coming to a Neighborhood Near You?

This panel will provide more detailed descriptions of the ethnic, racial and cultural diversity that characterizes California and the Los Angeles region.

**Moderator:** David K. Yoo, Professor of Asian American Studies; Director, Asian American Studies Center, UCLA

**Panelists:**
- Laura E. Gomez, Professor of Law, Chicana/o Studies and Sociology, UCLA
- Jemima Pierre, Assistant Professor of African American and Diaspora Studies, Vanderbilt University
- Duane Champagne, Professor of Sociology; Associate Director American Indian Studies Center, UCLA
- Karthick Ramakrishnan, Professor of Political Science, University California at Riverside
SESSION 2

10:45 AM – 12:15 PM

The Changing Face of the United States: New Paradigms of Racialization

This panel will explore whether the demographic changes the preceding panel described reflect new paradigms of racialization in California.

Moderator: Darnell M. Hunt, Professor of Sociology; Director, Ralph J. Bunche Center for African American Studies, UCLA

Panelists:
Asli Bali, Assistant Professor of Law, UCLA
Taeku Lee, Professor of Political Science and Law, University of California at Berkeley
Mark Sawyer, Associate Professor of Political Science; Chair, Afro-American Studies Interdisciplinary Degree Program, UCLA
Michael Omi, Professor of Ethnic Studies, University of California at Berkeley
Mishuana R. Goeman, Assistant Professor of Women’s Studies, UCLA

12:15 PM – 1:15 PM    Lunch

SESSION 3

1:15 PM – 2:45 PM

Righting Wrongs in the Context of Superdiversity: The Possibilities and Limitations of Law

This panel will explore the possibilities and limitations of law to address some of the most pressing social problems superdiversity presents.

Moderator: Angela R. Riley, Professor of Law; Director, American Indian Studies Center, UCLA

Panelists:
Jerry Kang, Professor of Law, UCLA
Bill Ong Hing, Professor of Law, University of San Francisco
Elise C. Boddie, Associate Professor of Law, New York Law School; Acting Director of Litigation, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund
Addie C. Rolnick, Associate Professor of Law, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

2:45PM – 3:00 PM    Afternoon Break
SESSION 4

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Governance and Political Alliances in the Context of Superdiversity

This panel explores the political strategies necessary to ensure that intra-racial and inter-racial coalition building remains politically viable in the context of California’s superdiversity.

**Moderator:** Cheryl Harris, Professor of Law, UCLA

**Panelists:**
Abel Valenzuela, Jr., Professor and Chair of Chicana/o Studies, UCLA
Scott Kurashige, Professor of American Culture and History and Director of Asian/Pacific Islander American Studies, University of Michigan
Andrea Benjamin, Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
J. Kēhaulani Kauanui, Associate Professor of American Studies and Anthropology, Wesleyan University

SESSION 5

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Superdiversity and Cultural Production

This panel explores how, if at all, superdiversity is shaping cultural production, social media, and the entertainment industry.

**Moderator/Panelist:** Chon Noriega, Professor of Film and Television and Digital Media; Director, Chicano Studies Research Center, UCLA

**Panelists:**
Robin D. G. Kelley, Gary B Nash Endowed Chair in the Department of History, UCLA
Rebecca Tsosie, Regent’s Professor of Law, Arizona State University
Renee Tajima-Peña, Professor of Social Documentation and Film and Digital Media, University California at Santa Cruz; Visiting Professor of Asian American Studies, UCLA

6:00 PM – 6:10 PM

Closing  M. Belinda Tucker
*Brief summary of next steps and long-term plans.*

6:10 PM – 7:30 PM

Reception