



2026 UCI HGSA CONFERENCE

# HISTORIES FOR OUR FUTURE

April 3, 2026

8:30AM - 5PM

Humanities Gateway,  
UC Irvine



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Keynote Speaker

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**Histories For Our Future**  
**2026 UCI History Graduate Student Association Conference**  
**April 3, 2026 | Humanities Gateway 1030 and HIB 137**

**8:30AM - 8:55 AM - HG 1030**

Light Breakfast and Opening Remarks by Alyssa Martin

**9:00 AM - 10:25 AM - HG 1030**

Roundtable Discussion: Research Lightning Round (HG 1030)

Commentator: Berenice Tepozano, PhD Candidate in History, UC Irvine

**Mining for Internationalism: An Exploration of Class Struggle, Solidarity, and Imperialism at the Trepča/Trepča Mines, 1927-1947**

Olivia Pape

**Flush and Treat: The Cheonggyecheon Sewage Treatment Plant and Remaking of Urban Toilets in 1970s Seoul**

Jungha Hwang

**Black Womanhood and Carceral Power**

Nilah Regina Placide

**"Feral Animals, Feral People" Interspecies Interactions During the Armenian Energy Crisis, 1991-1995**

Ruzanna Gasparyan

**"They Danced Out of Court:" Gendered Orientalism, Vice Reform, and the Public Regulation of Performance at the 1894 California Midwinter Exposition**

Coryn Hardison

**Third Time's the Teacher: Vietnamese American Women Teachers' Negotiations of Three Political Regimes**

Christine Tran Le

**From Socialism to समाजवाद (Samajvad): Rammanohar Lohia and the conceptualisation of socialism as a vernacular site of politics in postcolonial India (1947-1960)**

Aditya Dhillon

**10:30 AM - 11:45 PM - HG 1030**

Panel 3: Agencies in Global Labor and Empire

Commentator: Dr. Luis Sánchez-López, Assistant Professor, Chicano/Latino Studies

**K'iche evidence in colonial Guatemala**

Jafet Rodriguez Yak

**Remembering the U.S.- Mexico Beef- Eradication, Resistance, and Cheesemakers in Mexico**

Guillermo Daniel Miranda

**Bridging Cultures: Political and Economic Pathways for Settling Mexico's Pacific Coast**

Miguel A. Quirarte

**Local Lessons: 'Native' Teachers and the Politics of Colonial Education in German East Africa, 1884-1922**

Cj Headley

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Panel 2: Aesthetics, Space, and Meanings in History

Commentator: Dr. James Robertson, Assistant Professor, History

**Channeling Utopia: The Intersection of Spiritualism and Progressive Social Movements in Late 19th and Early 20th-Century Southern California**

Alex Rafael Cerros Henriquez

**From Noir to New Wave**

Pablo Mogrovejo

**Legitimacy of Hauntings Aboard the RMS Queen Mary**

Eric Joel Rodriguez

**11:50 - 1:15 PM**

Lunch - Humanities Gateway Quad

**1:20 PM - 2:35 PM - HG 1030**

Panel 3: Power and Historical Representation in Media

Commentator: Dr. Margaux Fitoussi Assistant Professor, Comparative Literature

**Racially Remembering Reconstruction: A Racecraft Reading of A. R. Waud's "The Freedmen's Bureau"**

Benjamin Easton

**Complex Melodramas: Telenovelas, Brazil, Chile and the Military Dictatorships**

Beatriz de Souza Bravo

**Cho-Cho-San's "Little Brown Sister": The Sexualization and Racialization of the Filipina in American Media, 1898-1908**

Kahleia Corpuz

**"Chinese Censorship" In the Nanjing Decade: Governing Information Flow in Shanghai, 1927-1937**

Rijuta Vallishayee

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Panel 4: Citizenship, Belonging, and Transnational Encounter

Commentator: Dr. Kevan Antonio Aguilar, Assistant Professor, History

**Republican Dialectics: Irish History, Palestine, and a Global Anti-Colonialism**

Charles Finn

**The Perennial Road to Vietnamese America: Language, Identity, and Navigating American Society in Orange County after 1975**

Minh Nguyen

**Jews of Baghdad: The Lost Paradise on the Periphery of the 19th Century Ottoman Empire**

Yuval Ambar

**Communicating Belonging in Restrictive Citizenship Regimes: The Self-Assertion of Time and Reconciliatory Claims-Making**

Mohammad Amaan Siddiqui

**2:40 PM - 3:55 PM - HG 1030**

Panel 5: The Archive, Embodiment, and Traces of Radicalism  
Commentator: Dr. Felix Jean-Louis, Assistant Professor, History

**Sheep in Panther Clothing**

Randy Omar

**Malcolm X From Man to Myth and Back Again**

Corey Cummins

**Disability as becoming in Shinjuku, Shinjuku becoming in disability:  
Rearticulating Yokota Hiroshi in Postwar Japan's Shifting Politics with Injury**

Tamane Takehara

**Institutional Logics of Collective Memory**

Kyanna Richard and Zoë Van Gyseghem

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Panel 6: War and Labor in Twentieth Century World Making  
Commentator: Dr. Heidi Tinsman, Professor of History

**The Management of Mass Death: Practicing Hygiene and Death Customs in the Immediate Aftermath of the Nanjing Massacre, 1937-1938**

Vicky Hsing

**White Workers of the World, Unite!**

Liam Byrne

**From Mercados to Streets: Women Vendors and Social Reproduction During El Salvador's Civil War 1980-1992**

Isabel Verduzco

**4:00PM - 4:55 PM - HG 1030**

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Closing Remarks by Alyssa Martin