



The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences at California State University, Northridge is pleased to announce the launching of the second Professional Development Series for High School Teachers. The project is devoted to bringing together teachers and scholars dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in education. For the 2009-2010 academic year the series will consist of seven workshops conducted by Faculty from the Geography, History and Political Science Departments addressing topics chosen from the History-Social Science Content Standards for California Public Schools. Workshops will be held at California State University, Northridge. There is no cost associated for teachers. Each participant will receive certificates of attendance and curricular materials. Directions and parking instructions will be provided upon registration. There is a limit of twenty participants per workshop. For more information and to sign up for any or all the workshops please contact Professor Miriam Neirick at miriam.neirick@csun.edu

Spring 2010

Thursday, March 11: Mao and the Chinese Revolution

Professor Richard Horowitz

Whitsett Room, SH 451, 5:00-9:00 pm

This session will examine the Communist revolution in China, by focusing on Mao's theory of rural revolution and how it was put into practice during the 1930s and 1940s. Attention will be paid to the utilization of the arts and literature in communicating revolutionary ideas and mobilizing support for the Chinese Communist Party. Finally, we will consider how these ideas, texts and images were recycled for a new generation in different circumstances during the Cultural Revolution in 1966-69.

Thursday, April 8: Imperial Urbanism: Paris and London

Professor Miriam Neirick

Whitsett Room, SH 451, 5:00-9:00 pm

One of the good disciplinary habits of geography is noticing the connections between places that are spatially distant from each other. This workshop will help participants acquire this habit by exploring the connections between European imperial capitals and the cities of the colonized "periphery."

Tuesday, May 4: Governing the Crazyquilt: Untangling the Political Geography of Los Angeles

Professor Tom Hogen-Esch

Whitsett Room, SH 451, 5:00-9:00 pm

Is Panorama City a city? Is Century City a city? Is Los Angeles a city or a county, or both? Does the mayor of Los Angeles run the LAUSD? Who runs the MTA? Does it matter?! Living in Los Angeles forces residents to confront a bewildering array of governmental entities and mysterious political boundaries. This workshop will help untangle Los Angeles' crazyquilt system of governance. Participants will learn why governance of the Los Angeles region is so complex, as well as how to become a meaningful participant in our sometimes bizarre system of local democracy.