

# QUEER STUDIES 302

Spring 2009

Professor C. Jacob Hale

Tues & Thurs, 5:30-6:45pm

Ticket # 18797

Available for G.E. Lifelong Learning  
and for Information Competence (IC)

## L.A. IN TRANSIT: COMMUNITIES, ORGANIZATIONS AND POLITICS



This course provides students with a broad understanding of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersexed, and queer communities in Los Angeles, with attention to how these are shaped by nationality, race, ethnicity, gender, class and other identifications.

We will take an historical approach to understanding how lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersexed, and queer communities, organizations, and political movements have developed in the greater Los Angeles area. Starting with the formation of the Mattachine Society in 1950 and the first transvestite newsletters put out in Long Beach in 1952, our geographical region has had an important role in shaping the way sex, gender, and sexuality play out in our lives and communities across the nation. What are some of the forces that have enabled successful activism, what are some of the tensions we have struggled with over the decades, and what are some of the obstacles that have held us back?

Students will have opportunities to generate new knowledges by engaging in historical research using primary source materials, some accessible online, some located in the Oviatt Library's Special Collections, and some gathered in the course reader. Students will also have opportunities to take field trips to community organizations, and to learn about CSUN's queer history.



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