Friday April 30th

Field Trip 1: 9:00 AM-1:30 PM—An Exploration of Suburban Chinatown
Join CSU Fullerton Geography Professor Lei Xu on an exploration of the suburban Chinese communities in Rowland Heights and Hacienda Heights. We will visit the largest Chinese Buddhist temple in the Western Hemisphere -- Hsi Lai Temple, explore Chinese culture and traditions, and enjoy Southern Chinese cuisine. Bring money for local lunch. Maximum 28 people. $25.

Field Trip 2: 10:00 AM-2:00 PM—Disney Resort Walking Tour
Join Saddleback College Geography Professor Dan Walsh as he explores the evolution of the original Disney Resort area. Tour will start at Downtown Disney and proceed around the perimeter of Disneyland and California Adventure theme parks tracing the history and development of the parks, the creation of the Commercial Recreation District by the city and the current state of the Disneyland Resort. Highlights include remnants of googie architecture, 1950s and 60s hotels, and Disney speaker. Entrance to theme park not included. Bring money for a downtown Disney lunch. Maximum 20 people. $25.

Field Trip 3: 12:00 noon-2:00 PM—Authentic Suburban Roots: Downtown Fullerton through Time
Join CSU Fullerton Geographers Ray Young and Peggy Smith on a walking tour of old town Fullerton. The tour will consider evidence of (1) transportation network origins; (2) period architecture; (3) Fullerton’s contributions to key economic sectors – music industry [Leo Fender’s Guitar factory site], food processing [invention of Hawaiian Punch], community college movement [roots of Fullerton College], etc; (4) redevelopment stimuli for preservation and accommodating change; and (5) commercial niche redefinition over time – including recent controversies over “too many restaurants, bars, and nightlife.” Optional—bring money for lunch at a downtown eatery. Participants will take public transport or walk to the downtown area. Maximum 24 people. $10.

Field Trip 4: 9:00 AM-4:00 PM—Coastal Orange County
Join CSU Fullerton Geographer Brennan Wallace on an exploration of the geography of coastal Orange County. The first stop is Upper Newport Bay, carved into the Monterrey Shale by the ancestral Santa Ana River, with a full complement of salt marsh plants. The second stop is Crystal Cove State Park, where we will walk along a narrow beach below a well-defined marine terrace to view 1930s-era vernacular California beach cottages undergoing restoration. The third stop is an andesite headland in Laguna Beach where we will see an excellent example of a high tide platform and other erosional forms. The trip concludes with a walk to the Trestles Surfing area in San Clemente where the cobble delta of San Mateo Creek has led to a local increase in breaker height. Small dunes back the beach at Trestles. Be prepared for some moderate walking. Box lunch included. Maximum 30 people. $40.

Field Trip 5: 9:00 AM-3:00 PM—Downtown Los Angeles Walking Tour
Join CSU Fullerton Geography Professor Mark Drayse on a walk through Downtown Los Angeles. We will meet at Union Station and explore (1) the Spanish/Mexican Pueblo de Los Angeles, (2) Chinatown, (3) Bunker
Hill and the Financial District, (4) the Figueroa Corridor and the Entertainment District, (5) the Historic Core, from the Garment District to Broadway, and (6) Little Tokyo. Along the way we will consider Downtown Los Angeles’ historical transformation, centrality, and spatial diversity. Bring water and comfortable walking shoes. Bring money for lunch at Grand Central Market. Participants will take public transport (bus/train) to Los Angeles (details to follow). Maximum 24 people. $25.

Field Trip 6: 4:00 PM AND 5:30 PM—Flyover Orange County
Join CSU Fullerton Geographer Peggy Smith on a flyover the spectacular Orange County coastal landscape. Departing from Fullerton Airport, we will fly across Los Alamitos Air Base, follow the shoreline over Long Beach Los Angeles Harbor and the oil islands, then down the coast to enjoy the beautiful Southern California beaches. We’ll pass over the Bolsa Chica Reserve, Huntington Beach, Newport, Balboa, Corona Del Mar and then down to Laguna Beach. If it’s a clear day, we’ll see the entire Los Angeles basin. Cost is $125 per person, for an hour long flight or $100 each, if two people fly together. (1 trip Maximum) Please notify Steve Graves by email (steve.graves@csun.edu) if you are interested because of the singular nature of this trip.

Field Trip 6B : 9:00 AM-3:30 PM—Orange County’s Constructed Waterscape
With over 3 million residents and a meager 11.2” of mean annual precipitation, Orange County needs to carefully manage its limited freshwater resources. Join Geographer Marcella Gilchrist, OC Water District’s Becky Mudd, and Irvine Ranch Water District’s Shannon Reed on a tour of the region’s water management system. Beginning with the Anaheim Lake recharge basins, we visit the famous Groundwater Replenishment System in Fountain Valley. Discussions will focus on how the county will address projected water shortages in the future. We continue to the San Joaquin Marsh for a tour of the constructed wetlands. We will examine strategies for maintaining coastal water quality and the needs of urban wildlife. Maximum 35 people. Box lunch included. $45

Sunday May 2nd
Field Trip 7: 9:00 AM-2:00 PM—A Taste of Little Saigon
Join Geographer Vienne Vu on a reconnaissance of the cultural landscapes of Little Saigon, the largest Vietnamese community in the Americas. The day will include architecture, monuments, and a mural. Field trip participants will also have several opportunities to sample a variety of fare ranging from French-influenced desserts and pastries to Chinese-influenced dumplings to Vietnamese coffee. We will also learn some of the history of Little Saigon during our adventure. If anyone still has room in their stomachs, we will be stopping for lunch before heading back to Fullerton. Bring money for lunch at a Vietnamese eatery. Maximum 24 people. $30.

Field Trip 8: 9:30 AM-2:30 PM-- California Native Plants: Meeting Cultural and Ecological Survival Needs
Join local Chumash guide Mark Mendez for an informative exploration of indigenous material culture and ethnobotanical practices. During an easy hike through a range of habitats you will learn many of the ways that Southern California’s First People employed native plants to meet their material and spiritual needs. Mark has an extensive collection of artifacts and traditional knowledge of tribal lore. Next we take a moderately strenuous hike into the Cleveland National Forest with vegetation expert Kirk Pickler. He will discuss the 2007 Santiago Fire and its effect on the local canyons and wildlife. Learn how native plants are adapted to Southern California’s notorious fire regime, and witness natural succession in progress. Bring a hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, clothes in layers, closed -toed shoes, camera, and binoculars. Box lunches included. Maximum 35 people. $40.
Field Trip 9: 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM—Street Gallery! A Los Angeles Mural Tour

Murals represent powerful and moving features of California's urban and cultural landscape. With more than a thousand murals providing insights into the history, politics, art, culture, and religion of its various communities, Los Angeles is a national center of mural art. The spirit of the city and its inhabitants is made visible in the art that adorns its walls. Join SDSU/UCSB Geographer Zia Salim on a "mural transect" of some of the best of Los Angeles' many community murals. We begin in East Los Angeles with its great Chicano murals and end in Venice Beach with its fanciful seaside murals. Is Los Angeles an urban dystopia? Perhaps not - our mural transect will provide a vivid glimpse of the heart that beats beneath the city's concrete and steel. Bring a hat, appropriate shoes, and water. Bring money for lunch at one of LA's numerous ethnic eateries. Maximum 24 people. $35.

Field Trip 10: 9:30 AM-4:00 PM—Terroir and Tourism: The Temecula Valley Winescape

The wine industry in California is significantly impacted by tourism. The Temecula Valley, a wine grape growing region since the early 1800s, has experienced a recent growth in wineries, with many of the twenty-five wineries being fewer than a dozen years old. Located within sprawl overflow from Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Diego counties, the Temecula Valley has struggled to preserve and sustain its vineyard acreage, while at the same time, develop and modify the its varietal identity and traditions. Join CSU Sacramento Professor and Agri-tourism specialist Greg Shaw for a tourism-focused trip to wineries in the Temecula Valley AVA, where the desert-like landscape creates a unique backdrop for vineyards, bordered by cacti, succulents and palm tree farms. Box lunch provided. Maximum 30 people. $50.

Field Trip 11: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM—Fullerton Loop Mountain Bike Ride

A SoCal classic! Described as “cool riding in the heart of metropolis,” the Fullerton Loop has something for everyone. Come explore a tapestry of suburban land uses as we weave our way, uphill and down, through the hills of north Orange County. Sites include perennial streams, farm animals, a lake, a former Superfund site, threatened open space and, yes, the occasional suburban tract home. At one point a vista includes all three 10,000 footers that surround the LA Basin. Heck, if the marine layer isn’t too thick we may even see Catalina Island, too. The loop itself is stitched together from equestrian trails, hiking trails, abandoned railways (and some not so abandoned), fire roads, flood control basins and the occasional neighborhood street. This 12-18 mile ride (depending on group fitness and motivation) is an excellent workout in case you need to purge any sins from the night before… We LOVE geographer’s brains (not in a zombie way), so helmets are mandatory. It is B.Y.O.Bicycle, but well worth the trouble. Pack water, too. Come see why ride-leader and CSU Fullerton Geography Professor John Carroll loves his “commute” so much. Includes free Clif bar! Maximum 12 people. $10.

Field Trip 12: 9:00 AM-4:00 PM—Mt. Baldy Climb

No Southern California hiking resume is complete without an ascent of the highest peak in the San Gabriel Mountains and all of Los Angeles County, Mount Baldy. At 10,064’, Old Baldy is visible from much of Southern California and much of Southern California can be seen from its summit on a clear day. Conditions permitting, we will ascend the east ridge of Mount Baldy, traversing the infamous “Devil’s Backbone,” passing the 9,552’ summit of Mount Harwood before reaching the expansive rooftop of Los Angeles. After a well-deserved rest, exploring the sub-alpine world above treeline, we will either descend the south ridge of the peak passing the Sierra Club’s old ski hut en route, or we will retrace our original path back down the mountain. The total round-trip distance is approximately 8 miles and will take between 4 and 6 hours. You will definitely get a great workout and an incredible view almost two miles above the Los Angeles Basin. Bring at least 2L of water (preferably more), snack foods for energy (such as Clif or Power Bars or trail mix). And don’t forget to pack some warm clothes. While it’s likely to be 75-80 degrees down around campus, the summit temperatures can be 30 degrees colder with gusty winds. Box lunch included. Max. 12 people. $35.

*All field trips will go rain or shine (please dress appropriately for the weather). Check www.calgeog.org for any possible changes (to times, itineraries, etc) approximately one week prior to the conference. Field trips are for registered conference participants only.