



Field Trip Information

Annual Conference – Davis, California – April 27-29th, 2012

Field trips are a favorite activity for many conferees. Many students and faculty incorporate field trips into the curriculum or course requirements. We urge you to attend as many as your schedule and budget will allow.

Please consult the information below as you prepare to register for the conference.

Field trips run on Friday and Sunday, before and after the main events of the conference. Field trips may last half a day, or a few hours. Meals, generally in the form of a “box lunch” are frequently provided in the cost of field trip. Some field trips provide opportunities to eat at your discretion. Many field trips use large tour buses, or large passenger vans. Occasionally there is a car pool, pedestrian or bicycle trip. Descriptions follow:

Friday Field Trips

- 1) **The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta** with Jay Lund (jlund@ucdavis.edu) \$35 with box lunch; (40 seats) Departs 8AM from MU Unitrans Terminal near Hunt Hall, returns 4:30PM. –*Description: This is a full-day field trip of about 200 miles traversing the Delta from Davis south to Rio **Sold out.** into River, and continuing onto Brannan, Twitchell and Sherman islands to discuss the levee systems, tidal flow, land subsidence and flooding. Older and newer developments will be examined. We will proceed to the State Water Project pumping plant and fish screens at Banks, and look at some of the UC Davis research on Delta smelt. Other potential stops include the Middle River of the San Joaquin, the Delta Cross Channel, and the old community of Locke, returning north via the roads along the channelized Sacramento River to the Vic Fazio Yolo Wildlife Area. We will be on and off the bus, so please dress appropriately for the weather (rain or shine). Participants must also submit driver’s license numbers to field trip organizers 30 day ahead in order to visit water plant.*
- 2) **Yolo County Agriculture** with Ryan Galt, Libby O’Sullivan, Tom Krabacher (regalt@ucdavis.edu, eosullivan@ucdavis.edu, krabacherts@csus.edu) \$30 with box lunch (33 seats) Departs 9AM from MU Unitrans Terminal near Hunt Hall, returns 4PM. *Description: This is a full-day field trip across Yolo County, which has seen important shifts in agricultural practices through time. Since the late 1970s, the Capay Valley, located in the northwest corner of Yolo County, has supported for **Sold out.** auction and marketing methods. Today, the valley has 24 certified organic growers and some of the largest and most famous CSAs in the state. The field trip will include visits with a handful of these farmers, where we will discuss and explore increasing pressure from suburban and casino development, and growth in the organic and local food movement. We will traverse a diversity of spectacular agricultural landscapes with dozens of different crops produced from the large to small scale by our agricultural community.*
- 3) **Taste of Davis -UC Davis Campus Elephant Tram “Aggie” Tour** with Rich Engel Debbie Elliott-Fisk and Greg Shaw (reengel@ucdavis.edu, delliottfisk@ucdavis.edu, shaw@csus.edu) \$15 includes museum admission (40 seats) Departs 1 PM from MU Unitrans Terminal Hunt Hall, returns 5PM. *Description: This tour will provide a “taste” of our agriculturally and environmentally focused campus of 5,300 acres. We will visit various agricultural fields and facilities (including our long-term **Sold out.** the Bowley agricultural facilities), two of our museums (the Bohart Entomology Museum and the Museum of Wildlife and Fish Biology), with the grand finale the Robert Mondavi Institute (wine, beer, olive oil, sustainable practices, etc.). We will ride on the famous open-air elephant tram. This should be fun and educational for adults and kids. If it rains, be sure to wear raincoats, hats and even bring umbrellas. The tram cars have roofs but are open-sided. Some walking is involved in and out of the facilities as we get on and off of the tram.*
- 4) **Ecological Alternatives in Residential Design – Village Homes (1974) and Other Sustainable/Green Developments in Davis** with Dennis Dingemans and Charlie Thompson (djdingemans@ucdavis.edu thomsec@gmail.com). \$10 (25 participants) Departs 1 PM from MU Unitrans Terminal (next to Hunt Hall as conference registration/meetings site) to meet to carpool or bike out; Returns 3:30 pm and/or 5 PM return (two options) Trip starts at 1:30 PM at Village Homes Community Center parking lot (2661 Portage Bay East—about 1.5 miles west of Hunt Hall). Walk for first two hours from Village Homes (in West Davis) to various sites, with an optional trip extension at 3:30 pm via carpool and/or bicycle convoy to “The Domes” and “N-Street Co-op” in east Davis. Bikes: Bring your bike or contact Charlie Thomsen (see above) to arrange to borrow or rent a bike at 12:45 pm on campus or in Davis. *Description: We will walk and talk in four contiguous sites of urban design innovation in Davis. Village Homes is 70 acres and 240 living units designed and built 1974 to 1994; it features recreation spaces, meeting places, and gardens galore. Muir Commons and Glacier Circle Senior Co-op refine VH concepts of energy efficiency by living locally and a tight knit community. Along our pedestrian path is West Drainage Pond, one of four such wildlife havens. At 3:30 pm, an optional extension, by carpool and/or bicycle, goes to the 1972 “foam domes” of Baggin’s End on campus and “N Street Co-op” at N and Colgate streets.*

Sold Out

Sunday Field Trips

- 6) **Lodi Winescapes** – with Greg Shaw and Debbie Elliott-Fisk and Matthew Hoffman (shaw@csus.edu, dlelliottfisk@ucdavis.edu, mbhoffman@ucdavis.edu) \$40 box lunch included, participants may want to bring extra cash for purchasing wine, additional fees or tasting events(17 seats) Departs 9 AM from MU Unitrans Terminal near Hunt Hall; Returns 2:30 PM. *Description: The wine industry in California is significantly impacted by both geography and tourism. Wine production began in Lodi in the 1850s and the region has been long recognized for its Zinfandel, originally dry-farmed on deep, sandy alluvial soils. Some of the state’s oldest vines are here. Cool sea breezes coming through the Golden Gate up the Delta to Lodi greatly reduce temperatures in this section of the Central Valley, and a diversity of Quaternary alluvial landforms provide distinctive soils and terroir, such that the large Lodi AVA (over 450,000 acres) now contains 7 new AVAs within it. Lodi has truly risen to prominence, shifting its focus from supplying wine grapes to other regions to producing wines with Lodi on the label. Growers produce one-fifth of California’s wine grapes, while promoting sustainable agriculture with their “Lodi Rules” program. Winemakers have successfully moved into the production of a diversity of red and white wines, including several Iberian Peninsula varieties. Wine production has stimulated tourism in the region. The Lodi Wine and Visitor Center (see its new Lodi Wine app free on iTunes) is one of the most successful wine region visitor centers in the state (adjacent to the luxurious Wine and Roses Inn and Spa). There are more than 80 wineries in the region, and many have aggressively updated or opened outstanding tasting rooms. The field trip includes visits to the Visitor Center and three wineries that represent the diversity of the Lodi terroir and wine varieties. Box lunch provided.*
- 7) **Sacramento Floodscapes** (John Aubert – Aubertj@arc.losrios.edu). \$30, box lunch included (33 seats) Departs 9AM from MU Unitrans Terminal next to Hunt Hall; returns 3 PM. *Description: Recent research has heightened awareness of the potential for a catastrophic flood event to occur in the Sacramento Region. This field trip will examine how flooding and the threat of flooding have shaped this landscape over time. Structural and non-structural flood control measures will be explored through visits to the Yolo Bypass, the Natomas Basin, the Fremont and Sacramento Weirs, the Garden Highway, Discovery Park, and Old-Town and Mid-Town Sacramento. Though this field trip does not involve hiking or physical exertion, some stops will include shorts walks over uneven ground.*
- 8) **Sacramento Food Systems and Foodscapes** with Robin Datel, Libby O’Sullivan and Michael Schmandt (datel@csus.edu, eosullivan@ucdavis.edu, schmandt@csus.edu) \$20, plus bring cash (\$15?) to eat on the tour (32 seats) Departs 9AM from MU Unitrans Terminal next to Hunt Hall; returns 2 PM *Description: This field trip spotlights aspects of Sacramento’s local and sustainable food system from farm to table. Participants will visit an urban farm and some of the area’s best farmers’ markets, community gardens, distribution methods, restaurants, and programs emphasizing food access and public health. Local foodscapes, including multiethnic Broadway, deindustrialized R Street, and hip Midtown’s Gourmet Gulch, are highlighted. We will stop at an appropriate-to-the-trip local spot for a great lunch.*
- 9) **Cache Creek Natural Area Day Hike** with David Rolloff (rolloff@csus.edu) \$35 includes box lunch (19 seats) Departs 8:30 AM from MU Unitrans Terminal next to Hunt Hall; returns 2:30 PM (passenger vans). *Description: Day Hike at Cache Creek Natural Area is a easy-moderate day hike in a secluded, hilly expanse of oak woodlands, grasslands, and chaparral. The area is managed by the Bureau of Land Management from Davis. It is unique because of multiple uses, managing agencies, and its recent (and surprising) wilderness designation in history. CCNA is a combination of 70,000 acres of BLM managed lands and 4,700 acres of California DFG/Yolo County lands. The area is managed to improve habitat for wildlife and rare plants, protect cultural resource values, and offer primitive recreation opportunities. In 2006, President George W. Bush signed the Northern California Coastal Wild Heritage Act, designating approximately 27,245 acres within the CCNA as the Cache Creek Wilderness Area. For more information visit: <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/ukiah/cache creek.html> Bring: daypack with extra water, clothing/gear for the weather, cameras, field guides. Wear: hiking clothing, light hiking shoes.*
- 10) **Sacramento Diaspora: Perspectives on Environmental, Economic, and Social Justice** with Jonathan London, Beth Rose Middleton and Michael Rios (jk london@ucdavis.edu, brmiddleton@ucdavis.edu, mxrios@ucdavis.edu) \$20, bring cash for an inexpensive lunch; (39 seats) Departs 9AM from MU Unitrans Terminal next to Hunt Hall; returns 2PM. *Description: Learn about environmental and social justice issues facing diasporic communities of South Sacramento by visiting the Avon Community Center, a Sacramento Mutual Housing Association affordable housing community, and an urban farm. We will also visit buntu Green and the Sacramento Yard Farmer. Field trip participants will learn from key leaders in Sacramento’s diverse entrepreneurship, social justice, housing justice, and environmental justice movements. Lunch will be purchased at the SMHA site using a local caterer; please bring cash to purchase lunch.*