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The History Department at Cal State Northridge Presents the 4th Annual **Whitsett Graduate Seminar in California History**

March 20th, 9:00-3:30



*On March 20th, graduate students from six American universities will gather to share their innovative work in California History. Moderated by top scholars in the field, the 4th Annual Whitsett Graduate Seminar in California History will convene on the Campus of Cal State Northridge in **Sierra Hall 451** from 9:00-3:30. Please RSVP at **818-677-3566**. Event is free and includes catered Mexican lunch.*

8:30-9:00: Coffee and Pastries

9:00-9:15: Introductory Remarks, Dr. Josh Sides, Whitsett Professor

9:15-10:30: Panel 1: Progressive Era California

Michael Reagan, MA, SF State, "California's Agricultural Progressives and the State Commission Market Act of 1915."

Karen Drohan, MA, CSUN, "McCarthy's Choice: The Panama Pacific International Exhibition and the Politics of Compromise."

Discussant: Dr. Allison Varzally, Assistant Professor of History, CSU Fullerton

10:45-12:00: Panel 2: Natural Resources and the Environment

John Gibson, MA, SF State, "The Marin Municipal Water District: A Progressive Era Response to Urban Water Management."

Teresa Sabol Spezio, PhD, UC Davis, "'An Inevitable Consequence': The Cracks in Technological Optimism in the Wake of the Santa Barbara Oil Spill of 1969."

Discussant: Dr. David Igler, Associate Professor of History, UC Irvine

1:00-2:40: Panel 3: Race, Ethnicity, and Civil Rights

Jimmy Patino, PhD, UC San Diego, "'A Whole Community' and 'Its Weakest Sector: Forging a Chicano-Mexicano Movement in the San Diego Borderlands.'"

Oliver Rosales, PhD, UC Santa Barbara, "The Rise and Fall of Urban Civil Rights Coalition Building in California's Central Valley: The Case of the Kern County Coalition for Civil Unity, 1965-1975."

John Rosen, PhD, University of Illinois, Chicago, "Driving the Race: Transit Work, Fair Employment, and Black Citizenship in San Francisco, 1940-1950."

Discussant: Dr. Mark Wild, Associate Professor, CSU Los Angeles