

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS THEMATIC INITIATIVE PRESENTS

TRANSNATIONAL FEMINIST SOLIDARITIES CONFERENCE



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Conference Narrative

Transnational feminisms offer a critique of Western-Eurocentric and liberal feminisms and simultaneously inform and emerge from various radical feminist frameworks including, but not limited to, women of color, postcolonial, anti-capitalist, anti-racist, and abolitionist feminisms. The rich genealogy of foundational interventions includes the groundbreaking anthologies *This Bridge Called My Back* (Moraga and Anzaldúa 1981), *But Some Of Us Are Brave* (Hull, Bell-Scott, and Smith 1982), *Making Waves: Writings By and About Asian American Women* (Asian Women United of California 1989), *Our Feet Walk the Sky: Women of the South Asian Diaspora* (Bhatt et al. 1993), and *Through the Eye of the Deer: An Anthology of Native American Women Writers* (Dunn and Comfort 1999), as well as more recently collectively authored works such as *Arab and Arab American Feminisms: Gender, Violence and Belonging* (Abdulhadi, Alsultany, and Naber 2011), and *Abolition. Feminism. Now* (Davis et al. 2022).

Similar to these powerful anthologies, scholars such as Chandra Talpade Mohanty (2003), M. Jacqui Alexander (2006), Leela Fernandes (2013), and Julia Chinyere Oparah (formerly Sudbury) and Margo Okazawa-Rey (2009), amongst many others, have made critical contributions to the development of transnational feminist praxis and theory that emphasize engagements with difference in a way that unsettles geopolitical borders while seeking to challenge and transform systems of oppression. Extending and in conversation with these frameworks, conference speakers include leading transnational feminist thinkers and writers, including Chandra Talpade Mohanty, Ana Castillo, Margo Okazawa-Rey, Amira Jarmakani, and Karma R. Chávez, among other dynamic feminist voices.

We have carefully constructed each conference panel to disrupt normative tendencies within the neo-liberal university that co-opt, institutionalize, and de-radicalize feminist scholarship and politics. Invited speakers will offer critical analysis of our shared existence and how we might produce a more life-affirming world, contemplating how solidarity and collective action might be generated across geopolitical borders, identities, and subjectivities. As a response to the urgency of the global political situation, panelists will engage with questions of pinkwashing and queer solidarity, Chicana feminist writing, transnational feminist solidarity, Palestine as a feminist issue, feminist art and struggles for liberation, feminist care work, mutual aid and abolition, the neoliberal university, and the future of transnational feminisms.

TFS Conference Program and Schedule

Thursday, April 18, 2024

Queer Solidarity With Palestine

12:30-2:00 pm: Anatol Center (AS 119)

- Panelists: Sarah O'Neal (Author and Poet) and Rob Chlala (CSULB)
- Moderator: May Lin (CSULB)

Opening Keynote

4:00-6:00 pm: University Theater (UT 108)

- Helena María Viramontes Lecture in Latina/o/x Literature:
Ana Castillo (Author, Artist, and Scholar)

Opening Reception

6:30-8:00 pm: Anatol Center Patio

Friday, April 19, 2024

Coffee and Pastries: 8:00 am - Horn Center (HC) Patio

Conference Welcome: 8:30-8:50am - Horn Center (HC), 100

- Introductions
- Land Acknowledgment: Kimberly Robertson (CSULB)
- Welcome Remarks: Donna Nicol (Associate Dean, CLA)
- Conference Committee Remarks: Azza Basarudin, Araceli Esparza, Stacy Macias, Felicia Montes, and Preeti Sharma

Session 1: 9:00-10:15 am – College of Business (COB), 140A

Reflections on Transnational Feminist Solidarities: Past, Present, Future

- Panelists: Margo Okazawa-Rey (Women for Genuine Security), Kimberly Robertson (CSULB), and Clarissa Rojas (UC Davis)
- Moderator: Stacy Macias (CSULB)

Session 2: 10:30-11:45 am - Horn Center (HC), 100

Palestine is a Feminist Issue: Decolonial Narrative, Collective Resistance, and Future Imagining

- Panelists: Nour Joudah (UC Los Angeles), Brooke Lober (UC Berkeley), and Amira Jarmakani (SDSU)
- Moderator: Sabrina Alimahomed-Wilson (CSULB)

Lunch: 12:00-1:00 pm -Horn Center (HC) Patio

Session 3: 1:15-2:30 pm - College of Business (COB), 140A

Feminist Art and Transnational Struggles for Liberation

- Panelists: Mary Hazboun (Visual Artist) and Yreina D. Cervántez (Visual Artist)
- Moderator: Araceli Esparza (CSULB)

Session 4: 2:45-4:00 pm - Horn Center (HC), 100

Transnational Feminisms: Care, Labor, and Abolition

- Panelists: Stephanie Dimatulac Santos (Chulalongkorn University), Martha D. Escobar (CSUN), and Dario Valles (CSULB)
- Moderator: Preeti Sharma (CSULB)

Break/Coffee and Snacks: 4:00-4:30 pm - Horn Center (HC) Patio

Closing Plenary Session 5: 4:45-6:00 pm - Horn Center (HC), 100

**Solidarity Politics, Neoliberal University, and Transnational Feminist Futures
(IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL)**

- Panelists: Chandra Talpade Mohanty (Syracuse University), Nada Elia (Western Washington University), and Karma R. Chávez (UT Austin)
- Moderator: Azza Basarudin (CSULB)

**Closing Reception/Light Refreshments: 6:30-8:00 pm -Horn Center
(HC) Patio**

TFS Conference Speakers

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Karma R. Chávez

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