



# (Re)Visioning Narratives

2025 UCI History Graduate Student Association  
Conference

April 18th, 2025  
Humanities Gateway  
9AM- 5PM

Keynote Address: Alexander Huezo,  
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## Conference Program

**9AM-9:20 AM** - Light Breakfast and Opening Remarks (**HG 1030**)

**9:30-10:30 AM** - Panel 1: Research Lightning Round (**HG 1030**)

Commentator: Spencer Gomez

Hanna Lauren Kawamoto (UC Irvine) "To Imitate, Mirror, and Represent in Early America: Gender Performance and National Identity of the Female Soldier"

Josh Block (UC Irvine) "Gender and Sexual Politics of the Fascist Romanian Iron Guard Movement, 1918-1941"

Vicky Hsing (UC Irvine) "Eroding Vaginas for the Empire: Medical Diagnoses, Sexual Violence, and the Comfort System in Wartime Japan"

Isabel Verduzco (UC Irvine) "Labor in the Shadows: The Intimacies of Women's Reproductive Care Labor in El Salvador, 1979-1992"

Liam Byrne (UC Irvine) "New Australia: the Settler-Colony for Socialists"

**10:40 AM- 12:00 PM** - Panel 2: Resistance: From Theory to Praxis (**HG 1030**)

Commentator: Dr. Nivedita Nath

Bianca Borrero Barreras (UC Irvine) "Prophetic Visions of History: Édouard Glissant and David Scott on Reanimating and Reimagining Political Possibility"

Sarah Mohammad Abdel-Naser (UC Irvine) "Palestinian Resistance Literature: When Identity and Revolution Redefine The Intellectual"

Silvi Naci (UC Irvine) "Praxis of Futurity: Decolonizing knowledge production and queering ruptures in the historical body archive?"

Viviana Alvarez Rodriguez (UC Irvine) "Indigenous Radicalism and Rural Violence During Mexico's Dirty War"

**10:40 am – 12 pm** – Panel 3: Conquest and Empire in Asia and Oceania (**HG 1002**)

Commentator: Dr. Nancy McLoughlin

Yong Choi (CSU Fullerton) “The Significance of Admiral Yi Soon Shin’s Turtle Ship During Japan’s Invasion of Korea in the Imjin War (1592 – 1598)”

Marco Ferrario (University of Trento) “The Wheel of (Good) Fortune: Transcendentalist Experiments in Hellenistic Baktria’s Kingship”

Marissa Gavin (UC Irvine): “Early Nineteenth Century French Imperial Formation in the South Pacific”

Wonjun Kang (UC Irvine) “The Significance and Limitations of Yasumaru Yoshio’s Minshūshi”

**12:15 – 1:30 PM** – Lunch (Humanities Gateway Quad)

**1:30 – 2:30 PM** – Panel 4 : Human Rights, State Control, and Propaganda (**HG 1030**)

Commentator: Dr. Houri Berberian

Yiping Cai (UC Irvine) “When Transnational Feminism Encounters Global China: from WIDF Asian Women’s Congress in 1949 to 4th World Conference on Women in 1995 and Beyond”

Camila Sanhueza (UC Irvine) “Equal Children and Empowered Mothers. Illegitimacy in Chile and the Popular Unity’s 1972 Filiation Act”

Beatriz de Souza Bravo (UC Irvine) “The Chilean Quality Standard: Brazil as a model for Chilean telenovelas during the Military Dictatorship”

**2:45 – 3:45 PM** – Panel 5: Critical Geographies and Placemaking, and Environment (HG 1002)

Commentator: Dr. Samantha De Vera

Alyssa Martin (UC Irvine): “Race, Place, and Hurricanes in the Ninth Ward”

Brian M. Curiel–Castellanos: (CSU Fullerton) “Highway 2 Displacement: Understanding SR710 Freeway Extension Corridor Community Experiences”

Muhammad Rafi (UC Irvine): “Policing an Image: Los Angeles and the 1984 Olympics”

Alejandro Concas–Rivas (UC Irvine): “Human and Fish: Caring Beyond Our Epoch”

**2:45 - 3:45 PM** – Panel 6 : Controlling Bodies: (Re) Imagining Agency  
Commentator: Dr. Jessica Millward (**HG 1030**)

Berenice Tepozano (UC Irvine): “Colonizing the Body in Mexico City’s Houses of Seclusion”

Isheeta Sharma (UCLA): “A ‘Temperant’ Past: Reimagining Alcohol & Addiction in Colonial India”

Julia Nava (UC Irvine) “Reimagining the Female Monster Post #MeToo”

**3:45 - 4 PM** – Break

**4- 4:50 PM** – Keynote Address : Dr. Alexander Huezo, UC Irvine Global and International Studies (**HG 1030**)

**4:50-5PM**– Closing Remarks (**HG 1030**)

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