

2019 HUMANITIES DAY



Friday, April 5, 2019 | 8:30AM - 5:30PM | California Room

Welcome to UC Merced's 2019 Humanities Day. This event showcases a diversity of career pathways available to PhD students in the humanities and humanistic social sciences. We have invited seasoned humanists from various professions who will provide an overview of their career pathways and share advice about what helped them succeed in their career. Our goal for Humanities Day is to help students become more aware of PhD career pathways outside the academy and to help them become well versed in the skills and traits that will make them more competitive for non-academy jobs. Humanities Day is part of a weekend long experience that includes the 6th Annual IH-Grad Con on Saturday, providing students an opportunity to present their own research and projects.

This event was made possible by contributions from the Graduate Division, the Interdisciplinary Humanities Graduate Group and the Center for Career and Professional Advancement.



Event Schedule:

- 8:30 AM Breakfast and Registration
- 9:00 AM Welcome Address
Marjorie S. Zatz, PhD, Vice Provost and Graduate Dean
- 9:30 AM Presentation: The Long and Winding Road: Career Development Challenges for Humanities Graduate Students
Rina Faletti, PhD: Founder, Curator and Organizer, "Art Responds: The Wine Country Fires" and "Art Responds: Films On Fire"
- 10:15 AM Break
- 10:30 AM Presentation: Academia and Beyond: Managing a Career in Academia, Consulting, and Running a Non-Profit
Justin Dunnivant, PhD: UC President's Postdoctoral Fellow, Archaeological Research Center, UC Santa Cruz
- 11:15 AM Presentation: Making Peace from Planada to Brazzaville
Christina Lux, PhD: Associate Director, Center for the Humanities, UC Merced
- 12:00 PM Lunch and Networking
- 1:00 PM Presentation: Exploring and Planning Humanities Careers Using "ImaginePhD"
Teresa Dillinger, PhD: Graduate Pathways Program Director, UC Davis
- 2:00 PM Presentation: Wicked Problems, Complex Research, Practical Answers: Anthropology at the Cutting Edge
Nathaniel Tashima, Ph.D. and Cathleen Crain, M.A., Managing Partners, LTG Associates, Inc.
- 2:45 PM Break
- 3:00 PM Graduate Student Lightning Presentations
- 4:15 PM Closing Remarks
- 4:30 PM Reception and Networking
- 5:30 PM Adjourn

Presenters:**Rina Faletti, PhD**

Curator of Exhibitions & Public Programs

Founder, Curator and Organizer, "Art Responds: The Wine Country Fires" and "Art Responds: Films On Fire" (October 10 - December 15, 2018)

Rina Faletti employs art as a tool to engage awareness and activism about environmental crisis in California. She earned her PhD (2015, UT Austin) in Modern Art History, with emphasis in urban architecture and California watershed history. From 2015-2017, she was a Postdoctoral Fellow in UC Merced's Center for the Humanities Water Seminar, and is now a Project Researcher in the Global Arts Studies Program, where she develops art exhibits, public programs and publications on topics in California environmental humanities. In 2017, while a long-term evacuee from the Wine Country wildfires, she founded *Art Responds*, a program that creates art exhibitions and film events to engage public conversation about environmental crisis in California. Co-editor of an academic volume of essays under review with UC Press, "Water and the Humanities: Transforming Currents for Uncertain Times," she is also active as an officer of the International Water History Association Executive Council, as a member of the Education Alliance of Arts Council Napa Valley, and as an art leader in statewide post-wildfire urban rebuild efforts. She lives on a mountain ridge above the Napa and Sonoma Valleys with her husband and 11-year-old daughter.

**Justin Dunnivant, PhD**

UC President's Postdoctoral Fellow, Archaeological Research Center, UC Santa Cruz

Justin Dunnivant is a UC President's Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of California, Santa Cruz. He holds a BA in History and Anthropology from Howard University and an MA and Ph.D. from the University of Florida. While his former research interrogated the history and representation of minority groups in southern Ethiopia, his current work in the US Virgin Islands investigates the relationship between ecology and enslavement in the former Danish West Indies. Justin has conducted archaeological research in US Virgin Islands, Belize, Jamaica, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Mozambique, and The Gambia.



As a regular participant in Diving with A Purpose's Maritime Archaeology Training Program, Justin is developing his skills in maritime archaeology. Working with DWP, he has assisted with the documentation of the Slobodna and Acorn wrecks as well as the search for the slave ship, Guerrero. In addition to his archaeological research, Justin is co-founder and President of the Society of Black Archaeologists, an AAUS Scientific SCUBA Diver, and consults for the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture.

Christina Lux, PhD

Associate Director, Center for the Humanities, University of California, Merced

Christina Lux holds a Ph.D. in Romance Languages from the University of Oregon and a Certificate in Conflict Resolution from Cornell University. She served as a Cultural Envoy with the U.S. Department of State to Brazzaville, Congo, where she worked with youth who had survived the civil war. She currently serves as Associate Director of the Center for the Humanities at UC Merced. Her poetry has appeared in venues ranging from National Public Radio to The Houston Chronicle. Her research has been published in journals such as BioScience, the International Journal of Francophone Studies, and the Journal of Transnational American Studies. Her co-edited book, *The Humanities in the Age of Information and Post-Truth*, was released in 2019.



Presenters Continued:**Teresa Dillinger, PhD** - Graduate Pathways Program Director, University of California, Davis

Teresa Dillinger manages professional development programs for graduate students and postdoctoral scholars at UC Davis. She is the director of the UC Davis GradPathways Institute for Professional Development and co-director of the Professors for the Future program. She is also serves on the leadership teams for a faculty mentorship development program and for Leaders for the Future, a program designed to cultivate entrepreneurial thinking in graduate students and postdoctoral scholars at UC Davis. Dr. Dillinger is the nationwide project lead for ImaginePhD, an online career exploration and planning platform for humanities and social sciences PhDs, developed through the Graduate Career Consortium. Teresa Dillinger has over 20 years of experience in career and professional development advising and is passionate about partnering with graduate students and postdoctoral scholars to help them envision and achieve their career goals. She completed both her master's and Ph.D. degrees in Geography and was a postdoctoral scholar at UC Davis before embarking upon a career in academic administration.

**Nathaniel Tashima, PhD** - Founding and Managing Partner, LTG Associates, Inc.

Dr. Niel Tashima is one of the two founding partners in LTG Associates, Inc. and has been with the firm since its inception in 1982. He maintains a strong interest in the ethics of social and health research and the role of affected people and communities in the policy discussion. Dr. Tashima was raised in Livingston and graduated from Livingston High School and a proud UC graduate. Throughout his career, Dr. Tashima has focused on developing opportunities for consumers to participate in policy discussions through program evaluation and community organizing assistance. In his career, Dr. Tashima's work has taken him from the Colonias on the Texas/Mexico border to rural communities in Garden City and Dodge City in Western Kansas. He has worked with urban programs to evaluate outreach efforts and staff in the South Bronx in New York City to Bay View/Hunter's Point in San Francisco.



Dr. Tashima has experience with more than 30 different ethnic communities in the United States and in most of the major metropolitan areas of the United States. He has worked on prevention and treatment of primary health care issues such as childhood obesity, tuberculosis, and hepatitis. He has also focused on prevention of HIV/AIDS, substance use/abuse, and, intimate partner and domestic violence. Dr. Tashima has worked nationally to promote the discipline of anthropology as a critical tool for addressing increasingly complex social problems. He currently serves on the Executive Board of the American Anthropological Association and chairs the longest standing mentoring program for new/young anthropologists for the National Association for the Practice of Anthropology.

Cathleen Crain, M.A. - Founding and Managing Partner, LTG Associates, Inc.

Cathleen Crain is one of the two founding partners in LTG Associates, Inc. A thirty-eight-year professional social scientist, Ms. Crain has worked with ethnic, vulnerable, and hard-to-reach populations domestically and internationally. Ms. Crain has designed, conducted, monitored, and evaluated policy and interventions on issues such as HIV/AIDS, intimate partner violence, childhood obesity and health, geriatric services, substance abuse, sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, capacity building, and other topics. Prior to the founding of LTG, Ms. Crain was director of a number of refugee and immigrant-focused programs in the San Francisco Bay Area. She has also served as director of a research and advocacy program in a large jail system and was part of the design team and resident anthropologist/therapist for a regional alcohol treatment and education center. Ms. Crain holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from McMaster University in Canada.

