Schedule and Program

DAY ONE: Thursday, February 25, 2016
8:15-9:00am Check-in & Registration, 3rd Floor Foyer, Carnesale Commons

8:15-9:00am Continental breakfast, 3rd Floor Foyer (co-sponsored by UCLA History Graduate Student Association)

9:00-9:15am Welcoming Remarks and Plan for the Day, Palisades Room
Stephen Aron, professor & Robert N. Burr Department Chair, History, UCLA
Scott Waugh, executive vice chancellor and provost & History professor, UCLA
James Grossman, PhD, executive director, American Historical Association
Kelly McCormick, PhD student & conference co-organizer, History, UCLA

9:20-10:30am Panel I - The Futures of History: What Do We See and Envision?
How is the work of historians changing? In what arenas and on what paths will we find historians 5-10-30 years from now? What inspires and what impedes those changes and paths? How might the institutions and sites of the discipline be redefined to empower future historians and to create more opportunities for historians?
Co-moderators:
Stephen Aron, chair/professor, History, UCLA
Grace Ballor, PhD candidate, History, UCLA

Panelists:
Joshua Goode, associate professor, Cultural Studies and History, Claremont Graduate University
Michael Meranze, professor, History, UCLA
Dahlia Setiyawan, 2014 UCLA PhD, lecturer, History, UCLA
Madina Thiam, PhD student, History, UCLA

10:30-10:40am Announcement of History Challenge competition

10:40-11:00am Morning Break
Coffee in 3rd Floor Foyer
HistoryWorks poster talks in Palisades Room

11:00-12:10pm Breakout Sessions, 2nd Floor, Carnesale Commons
Note: Attendees will be asked to sign up for morning and afternoon sessions when they check in. All sessions will be repeated in the afternoon.
Session 1 History Challenge Orientation and Work Session, Malibu
Details of the History Challenge, assembly of teams, and work session.
Facilitators: Romeo Guzman, PhD candidate, History, Columbia University & co-director, SEMAP; Barbara Lehman, principal, Lehman Design

Session 2 Hybrid Historians: New Idea or Old Reality? Venice B
Discussion of the idea of "hybrid historians" and what it does/could mean.
Facilitators: Jonathan Spaulding, UCLA PhD, historian/author/filmmaker; Toby Higbie, associate professor, History, UCLA & director, Public History Initiative

Session 3 Nexus or Not? History, Media and Technology, Venice A
Discussion of the existing and potential connections between historical scholarship, entertainment, social media, gaming, and digital technology.
Facilitators: Kim Gilmore, PhD, senior historian and VP, Corporate Outreach, A+E Networks/HISTORY Channel; Max Baumgarten, PhD candidate, History, UCLA; Maria Burns Ortiz, CEO, 7 Generation Games

Session 4 What Does It Take To Be Employed? What Do Employers Want? Hermosa B
Discussion of the skills, experience, competencies, and professional persona that makes one competitive in academic and non-academic job markets.
Facilitators: Elaine Carey, chair/professor, History, St. John’s University; Mellissa Betts, UCLA PhD, producer, Who Do You Think You Are?; Erik Greenberg, UCLA PhD, director of education, Autry National Center

Session 5 Where in the World Are PhDs? The What and How of Career Options, Hermosa A
Discussion of what career options PhDs have pursued historically, how to explore those and other options, and how to prepare for pursuing those options.
Facilitators: Kelly Anne Brown, PhD, assistant director, UC Humanities Research Institute and Humanists@Work; Annie Maxfield, associate director, Graduate Student Relations and Services, UCLA

12:15-1:15pm Lunch break (box lunches provided to registered attendees), 3rd Floor Foyer

1:20-2:30pm Panel II: Training Future Historians: The Future of Graduate Education
Palisades Room
What do graduate students need to learn to have the careers they want? What should graduate education look like? What changes need to be made in the structure of graduate programs in the next two years? The next five years? The next ten years and longer term?
Co-moderators: Muriel McClendon, associate professor/vice chair for graduate student affairs, History, UCLA Kristina Markman, Fall 2015 UCLA PhD, lecturer, History, UCLA & conference co-organizer
Panelists:
Lance Blyth, PhD, command historian, NORAD and USNORTHCOM, US Air Force
Kim Gilmore, PhD, senior historian and VP, Corporate Outreach, A+E Networks/HISTORY Channel
Carrie Sanders, PhD candidate, History, UCLA
Peter Stacey, associate professor, History, UCLA
2:30-2:50pm Afternoon Break
Coffee & cookies in 3rd Floor Foyer
HistoryWorks poster talks in Palisades Room

2:50-4:00pm Breakout Sessions, 2nd Floor, Carnesale Commons
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4:00-4:15pm Guided Mindfulness Breathing Meditation
Isabelle Du Soleil, PhD, Certified Yoga Teacher & Mindfulness Expert
4:15-5:25pm Panel III – The Futures of History: What Are the Ignored Opportunities and Missing Pieces? Palisades Room
A wrapping up session that asks panelists and audience to reflect on what ideas, challenges, and possibilities have captured their attention. What conversation was most surprising? How does the future for historians look to you now? What should we be talking about? What should we be imagining?
Co-moderators:
   James Gelvin, professor, History, UCLA
   Brian Kovalesky, PhD candidate, History, UCLA
Panelists:
   Roanna Cheung, PhD candidate, History, UCLA
   Vinay Lal, professor, History, UCLA
   Rachel Reeves, PhD candidate & program manager, Mellon Public Scholars, UC Davis
   Matthijs Tieleman, PhD student, History, UCLA

Additional remarks delivered on behalf of Robin Kelley, Distinguished Professor of History & Gary B. Nash Endowed Chair in United States History, UCLA

5:30-7:00pm Light Buffet Dinner, 3rd Floor Foyer

7:30-9:00pm Happy Hour for graduate students at Barney's Beanery (upstairs), 1037 Broxton Avenue, Westwood. Appetizers courtesy of UCLA History Graduate Student Association!
DAY TWO: Friday, February 26, 2016
8:15-9:00am Check-in & Registration, 3rd Floor Foyer, Carnesale Commons

8:15-9:00am Continental breakfast, 3rd Floor Foyer (co-sponsored by UCLA History Graduate Student Association)

9:00-9:15 am Opening Remarks/Plan for the Day, Palisades Room
Stephen Aron, professor & Robert N. Burr Department Chair, History, UCLA
Grace Ballor, PhD candidate & conference co-organizer, History, UCLA

9:20-10:20am Panel IV – Career Diversity Initiatives in Conversation, Palisades Room
What are the goals, challenges and trajectories of the AHA and MLA Mellon-funded initiatives? What assumptions about the future of History and the Humanities are guiding the initiatives? To whom are the initiatives directed and who is responding to the programs of the initiatives?
Co-moderators:
Elaine Carey, chair/professor, History, St. John’s University
Preston McBride, PhD student & president, History Graduate Student Association, UCLA

Panelists:
James Grossman, PhD, executive director, American Historical Association
Kelly Anne Brown, PhD, assistant director, UC Humanities Research Institute and Humanists@Work
David Igler, chair/professor, History, UC Irvine
Emily Swafford, PhD, manager of academic affairs, American Historical Association

10:40-11:00am Morning Break
Coffee in 3rd Floor Foyer
HistoryWorks poster talks in Palisades Room

10:40-11:50am Imagining and Actualizing Your Future in History
Palisades Room
A values-based approach for moving forward.
Facilitator: Annie Maxfield, associate director, Graduate Student Relations and Services, UCLA

11:50-12:20pm History Challenge Team Presentations, Palisades Room

12:25-1:00pm Next Steps: Actualizing Our Shared Futures in History, Palisades Room
Moderated open exchange.
Co-moderators: Karen Wilson, UCLA PhD, Graduate Career Officer, History, UCLA; Hadley Porter, Director of Student Affairs, History, UCLA

1:00pm Farewell Remarks

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-- Grace Ballor, Kristina Markman, Kelly McCormick, Karen Wilson, conference co-organizers.