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Once you go Black you got to go back: Multicultural Garveyism in the Far West

The Third Annual Van Gelderen Graduate Student Lecture

Once you go “Black” (that is, become interested in the issues of race, Blackness, and current social issues), you have to go “Back” (become knowledgeable about the U.S.’s shared racial history and dynamics to understand our contemporary experiences). “Black Lives Matter” and the violence visited upon the bodies of Black men and women are not new social phenomena, but have deep roots in the nation’s foundations. These issues must be examined by investigating their origins, paths of continuity, and impacts which flow down from that history. One of the most fruitful areas lies in the nature of Black identity and the articulation of the objectives of racial progress that emerged from the concept of Black nationalism as conceived in the early 20th century. These were central to the Civil Rights and Black Power movements of the mid 1950s through the 1970s.

Between 1916 and 1925 Marcus Garvey created the largest Black nationalist mass movement in world history. My research examines the ways in which Garveyism was practiced in the American West (an often neglected area of study) and its interactions with other nationalist groups. Nowhere else did so many nationalist groups conspire together as intimately as in the American West in order to overcome white oppression.



A returned Black WWI vet standing up to the state militia in the Chicago race riot of 1919.

About our Speaker: Holly Roose has recently completed her doctoral dissertation and will receive her degree soon. In 2015, she won a campuswide Graduate Student Association Teaching Prize and also received the History Department’s Outstanding TA Award.

A luncheon of bbq beef and chicken will be served at 12:30 pm in the Alumni Hall on the plaza level (second floor) of the Mosher Alumni House. The Alumni House is at the entrance road for Campbell Hall, next to convenient parking (\$3 on weekends). Campus map available at: <http://www.tps.ucsb.edu/mapFlash.aspx>

Once You Go Black . . ., February 28, 2016, 12:30 pm, Mosher Alumni House

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