*Eugenics in California and the World: Race, Class, Gender/Sexuality, and Disability”*

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Participants

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**Marcy Darnovsky** is Executive Director at the Center for Genetics and Society (CGS), a Berkeley-based public interest organization focused on the social implications of human genetic and assisted reproductive technologies, including the legacies of eugenics that can distort their development and use. Darnovsky speaks and writes widely about the social justice and human rights challenges of human biotechnologies. She is co-editor, with Osagie K. Obasogie, of *Beyond Bioethics: Toward a New Biopolitics* (University of California Press, 2018).

**Isidro González** is currently a third-year graduate student in the Department of History at UCSB studying the intersection of race, disability, and science in U.S. history. Broadly, González explores the rise and continuation of eugenics at the nexus of medicine, social science, and culture in the Mexico-U.S. borderlands. By situating eugenics in a transnational and historical context, his aim is to reveal how eugenic ideology continues in the present-day rhetoric of citizenship, health, and progress.

**Tony Platt** is Distinguished Affiliated Scholar, Center for the Study of Law & Society, UC Berkeley. His current research focuses on the history of eugenics and Native Americans in California; and on Berkeley’s role in promoting eugenics discourse in the early 20th century.

**Susan Schweik** is professor of English at UCB. Her last book, *The Ugly Laws: Disability in Public* (2009), bore on the history of eugenics, a subject she is taking up directly in the book she is now completing, *Unfixed: How the Women of Glenwood Asylum Overturned Ideas about IQ, and Why You Don't Know About Their Work.* She has been involved with the development of disability studies at Berkeley for almost 25 years.

**Alexandra Minna Stern**, University of Michigan, is the Carroll Smith-Rosenberg Collegiate Professor of American Culture, History, and Women’s Studies and Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Michigan. Her research has focused on the uses and misuses of genetics in the United States and Latin America. She is the author of the award-winning *Eugenic Nation: Faults and Frontiers of Better Breeding in Modern America* (2015, 2nd ed.), *Telling Genes: The Story of Genetic Counseling in America* (2012), a Choice 2013 Outstanding Academic Title in Health Sciences, and *Proud Boys and the White Ethnostate: How the Alt-Right is Warping the American Imagination* (2019). Stern leads the Sterilization and Social Justice Lab, which uses mixed methods to study patterns and experiences of eugenic sterilization in the twentieth-century United States.