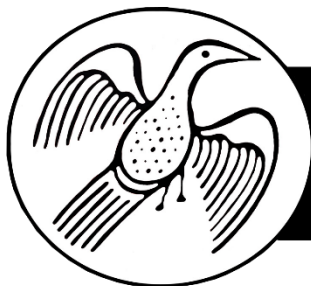


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April 08-09, 2022

University of Southern California  
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## Schedule of Events

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### Thursday, April 07

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Evening Get-Together	Lab-Gastropub, USC Campus
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### Friday, April 08

7:30 am – 8:50 am	Registration	SOS B52
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### Saturday, April 09

7:30 am – 1:00 pm	Registration	THH 203
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### Friday, April 08 – In Person Sessions

8:00 am – 10:00 am	Session 1	SOS B4
10:00 am – 10:15 am	Break	
10:15 am – 12:15 pm	Session 2	SOS B4
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch, Board Meeting	Hybrid, SOS B43
1:45 pm – 3:45 pm	Session 3	SOS B4
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Archer Taylor Memorial Lecture	DML 240, Lecture Hall
5:45 pm – 7:00 pm	Archer Taylor Reception	Nazarian Pavilion

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### Friday, April 08 – Virtual Sessions

*For virtual sessions, please navigate to the session times and schedule, and use the hyperlink to open the zoom meeting. You will be placed into a waiting room until the session starts. Attendees and presenters follow the same link.*

8:00 am – 10:00 am	Session 1	Zoom Meeting, SOS B45
10:00 am – 10:15 am	Break	
10:15 am – 12:15 pm	Session 2	Zoom Meeting, SOS B45
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch	
1:45 pm – 3:45 pm	Session 3	Zoom Meeting, SOS B45
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Archer Taylor Memorial Lecture	DML 240, Lecture Hall

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### Saturday, April 09 – In Person Sessions

8:00 am – 10:00 am	Session 1	THH 205
10:00 am – 10:15 am	Break	
10:15 am – 12:15 pm	Session 2	THH 205
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch	
1:45 pm – 3:45 pm	Session 3	THH 205

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### Saturday, April 09 – Virtual Sessions

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8:00 am – 10:00 am	Session 1	Zoom Meeting, THH 207
10:00 am – 10:15 am	Break	
10:15 am – 12:15 pm	Session 2	Zoom Meeting, THH 207
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch	
1:45 pm – 3:45 pm	Session 3	Zoom Meeting, THH 207
4:00 pm	Business Meeting	Virtual

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## Western States Folklore Society 2022 Conference: “The Magic of Everyday”

### Friday, April 08 – In-Person/Virtual

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#### **IN-PERSON**

##### Session 1-A - Room SOS B4/Hybrid (8:00 AM – 10:00 AM): “The Magic of Storytelling”

*Chair: Leah Busby*

- 8:00 **John Priegnitz:** Queer Voices in Deseret: The Intermountain West LGBTQ+ Oral History Project
- 8:30 **Julia McKeown** *Virtual:* Shaking God’s Throne: Tales of transformation, disobedience, and closeness in a “Queer” Morocco
- 9:00 **Heather Joseph-Witham:** Political Gnomes and Ice Cream Cones
- 9:30 **Leah Busby:** Between Inside and Outside: The Poetics of Windows in a Los Angeles Neighborhood

##### Session 2-A - Room SOS B4 (10:15 AM-12:15 PM): “Meta-Truth”

*Chair: Erik Aasland*

- 10:15 **Erik Aasland:** A Discourse Modes Approach to Understanding Post-Truth
- 10:45 **Robert Guyker:** Another Day in the Simulation.

LUNCH (12:15PM - 1:45PM) – Board Meeting – Room SOS B43/Hybrid

##### Session 3-A - Room SOS B4 (1:45 PM - 3:45 PM): “Performance of Word”

*Chair: Begoña Echeverria*

- 1:45 **Jose Limon:** Where, indeed, Are the Streets of Laredo?
- 2:15 **Begoña Echeverria:** I am Basque woman: Hear me roar
- 2:45 **Wolfgang Mieder:** “A Friend (not) in Need is a Friend Indeed”: Friendship in Old, New, and Anti-proverbs
- 3:15 **Raymond Summerville:** “Eternal Vigilance is the Price of Liberty”: The Proverbs and Proverbial Sayings of Ida B. Wells-Barnett

Archer Taylor Memorial Lecture (4:00 PM – 5:30 PM): Doheny Library, room 204

Reception (5:45 PM): Nazarian Pavilion

#### **VIRTUAL**

##### Session 1-B - SOS B45 (8:00 AM – 10:00 AM): “Occupational Stories”

*Chair: Lisa Gabbert, Tech Moderator: Alex Ziegler*

- 8:00 **Lisa Gabbert:** “The Occupational Folklore of Physicians”: A Digital Collection Project.
- 8:30 **Lillian Devane:** Amazon and Contemporary Occupational Culture

- 9:00 **Taylor Wyatt**: American Scrimshaw: Occupational Lore, Material Culture, and the American Image
- 9:30 **Sadie Rittman**: Healing in the “Anthropause”: Reclamation, Resacralization, and Anti-Vaccination in Aotearoa/New Zealand

Session 2-B - SOS B45 (10:15 AM-12:15 PM): “Everyday Magic”

*Chair: Sabina Magliocco, Tech Moderator: TBA*

- 10:15 **Iryna Stavynska**: The Supernatural Folkloresque: Magic as Meaning in *The Magicians*
- 10:45 **Sabina Magliocco**: The Sunflower Curse: Magical Responses to the Russian Invasion of Ukraine
- 11:15 **Byron Arthur Clark**: Permanent Pilgrims and Everyday Magic in Avalon
- 11:45 **Justin Limoges**: Three Sieves in a Trenchcoat: A Vending Diagram

LUNCH (12:15 PM - 1:45 PM)

Session 3-B - SOS B45 (1:45 PM - 3:45 PM): “Asians and the Global Pandemic: Race, Invisibility, and the Urgency of Asian American Folklore Studies”

*Chair: Nancy Yan, Tech Moderator: TBA*

- **Fariha Khan**
- **Sojin Kim**
- **Margaret Magat**
- **Leigh Wynn**
- **Nancy Yan**
- **Juwen Zhang**

Archer Taylor Memorial Lecture (4PM - 6PM): Doheny Library, room 204

Reception (6:15PM): Nazarian Pavilion

Archer Taylor Memorial Lecture: *Hybrid* DML 240, Lecture Hall

**Postnational Folklore; Postnational Folk**

*Rethinking Communities, Identities, and Politics,  
in the Age of Global Communications*

Prof. Tok Thompson, University of Southern California

Friday April 08: 4:00-5:30 PM

In-Person Reception 5:45 – Nazarian Pavilion

## SATURDAY, APRIL 09 – IN-PERSON/VIRUTAL

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### IN-PERSON

#### Session 1-A - THH 205 (8AM - 10AM): Hybrid – “Dress and Material Culture”

Chair: *Kathryn Brock*

- 8:00 **Kathryn Brock** - *In Person*: Bridget Cleary and Community After Clonmel: A Folk History of Dressmaking in Rural Ireland
- 8:30 **Zahra Abedinezhad** – *Virtual*: The Aesthetics of Self-Repression in Dress and Body Art among Middle-class Urban Iranian Men
- 8:50 **Yosser Saidane** – *Virtual*: The Bakhnoug: Female Threads of Lost Meaning
- 9:30 **Kiana Nadonza** – *Virtual*: Locating the beauty pageant in everyday practices of the Philippines.

#### Session 2-A - THH 205 Hybrid (10:15AM-12:15PM): “Folk Religion and Ritual”

Chair: *Jesse Valdez*

- 10:15 **Jesse Valdez** *Virtual*: The Myth of Princess Bari and Grief Rituals in Korean Shamanism
- 10:45 **Emma Crisp**: “A refrische ‘e ll’anime d’o priatorio”: Death and the dead in Neapolitan vernacular religion.
- 11:15 **Ysamur Flores-Pena**: "What Child is This? Creativity and folk practices in Los Angeles Candlemas Celebration

LUNCH (12:15PM - 1:45PM)

#### Session 3-A - THH 205 (1:45PM - 3:45PM): “Ritual and Health”

Chair: *Montana Miller*

- 1:45 **Montana Miller**: Unspeakable Transformations: Sharing the Everyday Magic and Misery of Dark Personal Rituals in an Online Addiction Community
- 2:15 **Amira Hassnaoui**: Rethinking the Ordinary Beyond the Periphery: Women in the Banga Healing Ritual
- 2:45 **Kristiana Willsey**: Covid Illness Narratives and Viral Grief
- 3:15 **Nicole Tubman**: Shifting: An Internet Phenomenon Through the Lens of Altered States of Consciousness and Healing Modalities



**VIRTUAL****Session 1-B - THH 207 (8AM - 10AM): “Magic of Popularity”**

*Chair: Jared Schmidt, Tech Moderator: TBA*

- 8:00 **Jared Schmidt:** Bearing Bela - Bodylore and the Immortalizing of Lugosi's Portrayal of Count Dracula through Tattoos
- 8:30 **Molly McBride:** The Folklore of Algorithms.
- 9:00 **Alex Ziegler:** Making the Old New: The Recontextualization of Tree Spirits in Video Games
- 9:30 **Oula Miqbel:** “Changelings & Ogbanjes & Silas, Oh My!”: How Hanging Spirits Become Monsters in Your Closet

**Session 2-B - THH 207 (10:15AM-12:15PM): “Ritual Relations”**

*Chair: Christopher Blythe, Tech Moderator: TBA*

- 10:15 **Christopher Blythe:** “Haunted with the Spirits of the Dead”: Apparitions and Proper Burial in Latter-day Saint Folklore
- 10:45 **Chen Jia:** From “Locking” to “Unlocking”: The Ritual Process and Transitional Significance of Chinese Tong Guan Ritual
- 11:15 **Millie Tullis:** Mormon Love Magic: Divination, Dreams, Blessings and Prompts
- 11:45 **Wei Liu:** Contracts and Contractual Relationships in Huizhou Everyday Life, Eastern China

LUNCH (12:15PM - 1:45PM)

**Session 3-B - THH 207 (1:45PM - 3:15PM): “Performance in Everyday Life”**

*Chair: Michael J. Bell, Tech Moderator: Alex Ziegler*

- 1:45 **Steven Merrell:** They’re not Just Stories, and They’re Certainly not Lies: The Function, Purpose, and Need for Fairytales, Legends, and Myths
- 2:15 **Elliot Oring:** What Should Be Done with the Dirty Joke?
- 2:45 **Michael J. Bell:** Maya Wore the Wrong Shoes to Work

4:00 PM      Business Meeting      Virtual



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## GUIDE TO FOOD

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### Recommended dining spots:

Handy and on campus:

<https://hospitality.usc.edu/dining-locations-upc/>

A special shout out for The Lab gastropub, sandwiched between the campus and the USC hotel.

### Shopping and dining available at USC Village: Just across the street:

<https://uscvillage.com/shops/?category=dining>

Including Tok's special pick: the "Irish" pub *Rock & Reilly*

<https://www.rockandreillysusc.com/>

### For a fun dining experience, & a short walk from USC:

Mercado La Paloma

3655 S Grand Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90007

Warehouse-like building hosting independent shops, nonprofit offices, events & a food court with some fabulous, affordable food.

### Other walkable options include:

Himalayan House

1277 W Jefferson Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90007

Unassuming Nepalese eatery serving traditional stews & curries in a cozy, brightly painted interior.

<https://himalayanhouse.menufy.com/order/>

### A bit further away, but still walkable, is a local favorite *La Barca*.

<http://www.labarcarestaurant.net/>

2414 S Vermont Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90007

