



Public History
Institute

America in the Trenches
A Centennial Exploration of
America's Involvement in
the Great War

California State University
Bakersfield

October 13, 2018

7:45-8:15: Conference check-in
Coffee, fruit, bagels

Humanities
Office Bldg.
Lobby or courtyard

8:20-9:30: Session I

Panel A: The Effects of World War I on Southern California
Dr. Douglas Dodd, Chair

Room 103
Classroom Bldg.

“The Great War as Civic Development: Long Beach, 1916-1925”
Craig Hendricks, Historical Society of Long Beach

“Echoes from the Great War: Richard Neutra’s Domestic Architecture in
1940s Southern California”
Volker M. Welter, Professor of History of Art and Architecture, UC
Santa Barbara

“Plague in the Boomtowns: The Spanish Influenza in Bakersfield and Kern
County, 1918-1920”
Garth Milam, MA, CSU Bakersfield

Panel B: Archives of the Great War, Women's Experiences in the War, and the War's Effects on Art

Dr. Marie Stango, Chair

Room 104
Classroom Bldg.

“Discovery, Interpretation, and Exhibition: The Rich Treasury of Local WWI Archives”

Chris Livingston, Archivist, Historical Research Center

Lori Wear, Curator, Kern County Museum

“World War I and its Effects on Vera Brittain's Life”

Judith Carrillo, senior, CSU Bakersfield

“The Effects of World War I on Art: Living History and Emotion through the Lens of Child and Adult Art”

Dianne Turner, Professor of Art Education

Jennifer Arthington, PhD, Lecturer in Art Education and Psychology, CSU Bakersfield

9:35-10:45: Session II

Panel C: Historical Insights from Wartime Letters and Memoirs

Dr. Sean Wempe

Room 103
Classroom Bldg.

“The Spanish Flu at UC Berkeley”

Americo Prado, Senior, CSU Bakersfield

“‘On the Sacred Soil’: Remembering June 1918 and the U.S. Marines who Fought in France”

Darin D. Lenz, Assoc. Prof. of History, Fresno Pacific University

“1918 War Letters: Deception to Protect the Family, A World War I Case Study”

Ava F. Kahn, PhD in History, UC Santa Barbara, independent scholar

Panel D: American Politics and Policies: Connections to World War I

Dr. Steve Allen, Chair

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Classroom Bldg.

“For Country or Homeland: The Challenge for German Americans during World War I”

Robert Wells, Senior, CSU Bakersfield

“World War I and The United States' Occupation of Haiti”

James White, Senior, CSU Bakersfield

“Is History Whispering in our Ear?”

Mark Martinez, Professor and Chair of Political Science, CSU Bakersfield