

UCLA – LGBT Studies
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Q-Grad 2016
CALL FOR PAPERS

(re)Mapping Queer Mobilities

Welcome to UCLA's 2016 Queer Graduate Student Conference--the oldest, interdisciplinary queer research conference in the United States. This year's conference theme, "**(Re)mapping Queer Mobilities**," explores and examines the old, new and shifting landscapes of LGBTQ space and movement—leaving home/re-making home, transnational migration, locating and dis-locating queer spaces, and seeking sexual encounters in cyberspace. As cities across the United States experience demographic and socio-economic shifts, many point to gentrification as the principal threat to LGBTQ and other historically marginalized communities. Queer enclaves have long offered the LGBTQ community a safe counter-space in which to live and love, socialize and organize. Formal and informal media outlets have been quick to implicate gentrification as the driving factor in the "ghosting of gayborhoods." This is but one of the multiple factors that help us deconstruct the new and changing ways queer communities move, mobilize and re-make space. We seek to understand displacement and human connection between the material and digital worlds: urban, suburban, and rural communities; nightclubs and organizing spaces; dating apps and social media.

We invite graduate students from *all* fields (social sciences, humanities, interdisciplinary studies, life sciences and professional schools) to contribute and submit proposals that both question and challenge issues surrounding queer mobility and space. We also welcome non-traditional presentation formats, including expressive arts and performances.

Please submit proposals that examine this theme from the perspective of any academic discipline, including but not limited to the following topics:

- History of Queer Urban/Suburban Enclaves
- Queer Migration
- Transborder Queer Subjectivity
- Queer Mobile Media and Cyberspace
- Gentrification and Gayborhoods
- Queer Citizenship and Belonging
- The Making and Un-making of Queer Space
- Queering Spatial Justice
- Queer Political Mobilizations
- Queer Lobbying

The conference will be held Friday, October 28th 2016 at UCLA. To be considered for the 2016 QGrad Conference, submit your application, CV/Resumé and 250-word Proposal no later than **June 30, 2016**. We are currently accepting papers from graduate students only.

To apply, click on <https://form.jotform.com/60595088331156>, or see our call for proposals at <http://qgradconference.com/qgrad-2016-call-for-papers/>

All accepted papers will be considered for publication in Volume III of *Queer Cats*, the first graduate-student-run, interdisciplinary, academic e-journal of LGBTQ research.