

# INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN CULTURES

## Fall Forum and Reception



In honor of the 2016-2017 IAC Visiting Scholars,  
Graduate & Predoctoral Fellows, and Research Grant Awardees

**Thursday, December 1, 2016**

**4:30 pm - 7:00 pm**

**UCLA Faculty Center, California Room**

### CONVERSATIONS WITH THE INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN CULTURES VISITING SCHOLARS

**Vanessa Diaz, Ph.D.**

California State University, Fullerton, CA

IAC Visiting Scholar, Chicano Studies Research Center

*"Manufacturing Celebrity: Whitewashed Red Carpets, Latino Paparazzi, and the Political Economy of Hollywood Media Production."*

**Interviewer: Abel Valenzuela, Professor and Director**

Chicano Studies and Urban Planning,

UCLA Institute for Research on Labor and Employment

**Tanachal Mark Padoongpatt, Ph.D.**

University of Nevada, Las Vegas, NV

IAC Visiting Scholar, Asian American Studies Center

*"Flavors of Empire: Food and Race in the Making of Thai American Los Angeles."*

**Interviewer: May Wang, Professor**

Department of Community Health Sciences

**Courtney S. Thomas, Ph.D.**

University of California, Los Angeles, CA

Assistant Professor, Bunche Center for African American Studies

*"The Racial Self-Awareness Framework: Reducing Risk and Enhancing Resilience to Improve the Health of African Americans across the Life Course."*

**Interviewer: Darnell M. Hunt, Professor and Director**

Sociology, Bunche Center for African American Studies

**Natale Zappia, Ph.D.**  
Whittier College, Whittier, CA  
IAC Visiting Scholar, American Indian Studies Center  
*"Food Frontiers: Indigenous Borderlands and Continental Landscapes."*

**Interviewer: Benjamin Madley, Associate Professor**  
Department of History

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