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This research guide is designed to support the March 30, 2009 Visions and Voices event, **Seeing Los Angeles: Exploring the InVisible City**, organized by the USC Libraries and the Los Angeles Institute for the Humanities, and co-sponsored by El Centro Chicano.

In the vast geography of Southern California, whole communities disappear between freeway exits. As these neighborhoods and histories are rendered invisible, we must ask how many Angelenos actually see the city in which they live.

Moderated by photographer Aaron Paley, this discussion will offer new ways of looking at a city that few residents ever experience in its entirety. The discussion will also feature writer and Lakewood city official D.J. Waldie, USC professor of American Studies and Ethnicity George Sanchez, and award-winning poet Marisela Norte.

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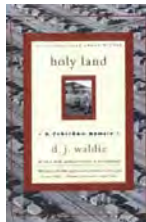
Becoming Mexican American: ethnicity, culture, and identity in Chicano Los Angeles, 1900-1945 - Sanchez, George
 Call Number: F869.L89M57 1993, Multiple Libraries
 ISBN: 0195096487
 New York: Oxford University Press, 1993



Los Angeles & the future of urban cultures : a special issue of American quarterly - Villa, Raul
 Call Number: HN80.L7L65 2005, VKC Library
 ISBN: 0801882087
 Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2005



Peeping Tom Tom Girl - Norte, Marisela
 Call Number: On Order
 ISBN: 0981602037
 Sunbelt Publications, 2008



Holy Land: A Suburban Memoir - Waldie, D. J.
 Call Number: F869.L217W35 2005, Doheny and Leavey Libraries
 ISBN: 0393327280
 New York: W.W. Norton, 2005. Revised edition of Holy land, 1996, with new introduction & afterword.



Real city: Downtown Los Angeles Inside/Out - Roth, Marissa
 Call Number: F869.L843R68 2001, Multiple Libraries
 ISBN: 1883318076
 Santa Monica: Angel City Press, 2001.

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When searching for books, experiment with using quote marks for exact phrase searches and with using various keywords combined with AND, as in:

"street art"
los angeles and festivals
los angeles and neighborhood public art and los angeles

Try to use synonyms and related concepts in your searching.

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Here are some more books of interest about Los Angeles and related topics:

- **All the saints of the City of the Angels: seeking the soul of L.A. on its streets: stories and paintings**
Walker, J. Michael
Los Angeles: Autry National Center; Berkeley: Heyday Books, 2008.
ND237.W312A4 2008
AFA and Special Collections (Doheny) Libraries
- **Japanese American celebration and conflict: a history of ethnic identity and festival, 1934-1990**
Kurashige, Lon
Berkeley: University of California Press, 2002
F869.L89J338 2002
Doheny and Leavey Libraries
- **Popular culture in the age of white flight: fear and fantasy in suburban Los Angeles**
Avila, Eric
Berkeley: University of California Press, 2004
F869.L85A95 2004
Doheny Library
- **Graffiti L.A.: street styles and art**
Grody, Steve
New York : Abrams, 2006
ND2638.L67G76 2006
AFA Library
- **Map and guide to the murals of Los Angeles: a selection of the county's 350 best outdoor murals**
Mural Conservancy of Los Angeles
Los Angeles: Mural Conservancy of Los Angeles, 2004
ND2638.L67M37 2004
AFA Library

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- [America: History and Life](#) 
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Recommended Databases

Suggested keywords: *los angeles, east los angeles, public art, festivals, "street art," suburb** (includes all terms that begin with the stem suburb-, such as suburbia, suburban, etc.), *ethnic*, and more.

Be sure to experiment with related terms and synonyms, combining terms with AND, as in:

los angeles and ethnic and neighborhoods
*lakewood and suburb**
poetry and los angeles

These databases are available to USC subscribers only; for free Web links, please click on the Websites tab in this guide.

- [ProQuest Interdisciplinary Dissertations and Theses](#)
Provides full text access for dissertations written from 1996 on. Choose Interdisciplinary Dissertations and Theses under "Databases"
- [America: History and Life](#)
The definitive index of articles and other literature covering the history and culture of the US and Canada, from the 15th century to the present
- [Web of Science/Arts and Humanities Citation Index](#)
Multidisciplinary database that includes Social Science Citation Index and Arts and Humanities Citation Index
- [ProQuest Historical Newspapers](#)
Provides access to full text and page images of major historical newspapers, including the LA Times and LA Sentinel. Choose from the "Databases" drop-down menu.
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Key multidisciplinary database providing citations and full text

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Some Resources on the Web

Here are some Web resources about topics related to this event:

- [Marisela Norte: Interview with Gronk](#)
- [The Shape of Los Angeles: Julius Shulman, in conversation with Aaron Paley](#)
- [Community Arts Resources / CARS](#)
- [LA as Subject](#)

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Marisela Norte on YouTube!

La Pena's Nex Generation Featuring the Future, with Marisela Norte

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