Research Guide for Seeing Los Angeles: Exploring the Invisible City

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.

Research Help

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Lakewood in Pictures ...

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Featured Books

**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

**Real city: Downtown Los Angeles Inside/Out** - Roth, Marissa
Call Number: F869.L843R68 2001, Multiple Libraries
ISBN: 1883318076

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Search Tips

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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More Selected Books

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
  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 Leavy 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.L87M37 2004
  AFA Library
The following sources are being searched:

- America: History and Life
- JSTOR
- ProQuest Research Library

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 19th 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.

- Wilson Omnifile
  Key multidisciplinary database providing citations and full text
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

Marisela Norte on YouTube!

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

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