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April 29, 2013 - 21 Years After the Riots

 5/4/1992 Daily Trojan issue available from the [USC Digital Library](#)


Fires raged in the USC neighborhood and throughout Los Angeles over several days in April and May of 1992. The U.S. military patrolled Vermont Avenue in armored vehicles. Community leaders like Rev. Dr. Cecil Murray advocated for justice and peace after an all-white jury failed to convict four LAPD officers for the videotaped 1991 beating of Rodney King.

More than twenty years later, Angelenos are still trying to understand the significance of the Rodney King verdict and the events of 1992.

On the 21st anniversary of the verdict, join us for a [Visions & Voices panel discussion](#) with Rev. Dr. Cecil Murray, journalist Erin Aubry Kaplan, filmmaker Dae Hoon Kim and Darnell Hunt, director of the [Ralph J. Bunche Center for African American Studies at UCLA](#).

The discussion will explore many questions that remain—about racial profiling by the LAPD; the geography of wealth and poverty in Southern California; relations between African American, Korean American and Latino communities; and rebuilding efforts in South L.A.

The event will be held on Monday, 4/29/13, 4pm in the Friends of the USC Libraries Lecture Hall, Doheny Memorial Library, Room 240.

During the [Visions & Voices Panel Discussion](#) the USC Libraries will display a selection of documentary materials from two recently unsealed archives of the independent commissions set up to investigate the Los Angeles Police Department in the wake of the 1991 Rodney King beating and the civil unrest that followed the 1992 not-guilty verdict:

- [Christopher Commission Records](#)
- [Webster Commission Records](#)

These records can also be viewed by appointment in [USC's Libraries' Special Collections Department](#)

This Panel Discussion is presented by *USC Visions and Voices: The Arts and Humanities Initiative*. Organized by the USC Libraries in conjunction with the University Residential Student Community.

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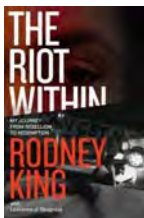
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Books @ USC pertaining to the 1992 LA Riots

A selection of titles available at USC:

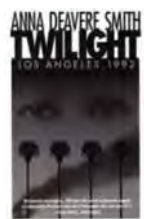


The Riot Within: my journey from rebellion to redemption - Rodney King; Lawrence J. Spagnola

Call Number: Doheny E185.97.K595 A3 2012

ISBN: 9780062194435

Publication Date: 2012



Twilight Los Angeles, 1992 - Anna Deavere Smith

Call Number: Doheny PS3569.M465T95 1994

ISBN: 0385473753

Publication Date: 1994

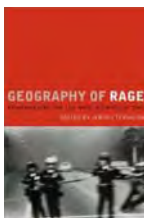


Performance and Activism: Grassroots discourse after the Los Angeles Rebellion of 1992 - Kamran Afary

Call Number: Doheny & Leavey - F869.L89A23 2009

ISBN: 9780739133569

Publication Date: 2009



Geography of Rage - Jervey Tervalon

Call Number: VKC - F869.L89A2577 2002

ISBN: 1893329232

Publication Date: 2002

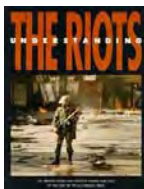


Official Negligence - Lou Cannon

Call Number: Von Kleinsmid Center F869.L89N327 1997

ISBN: 0812921909

Publication Date: 1998

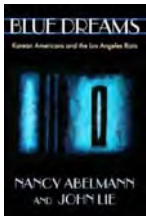


Understanding the Riots - Los Angeles Times Editors

Call Number: Doheny F869.L89N44 1992

ISBN: 0961909595

Publication Date: 1992

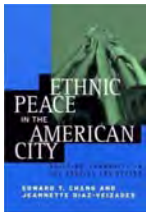


Blue Dreams: Korean Americans and the Los Angeles riots - Nancy Ablemann and John Lie

Call Number: Doheny & Leavey - F869.L89K616 1995

ISBN: 0674077040

Publication Date: 1995



Ethnic Peace in the American City - Jeannette Diaz-Veizades; Edward T. Chang

Call Number: Leavey F869.L89A2517 1999

ISBN: 0814715834

Publication Date: 1999

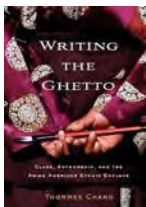


The Rodney King Rebellion: A psychopolitical analysis of racial despair and hope - Brenda Wall

Call Number: Doheny - F869.L89N4 1992

ISBN: 0913543314

Publication Date: 1992



Writing the Ghetto: Class, authorship, and the Asian American ethnic enclave - Yoonmee Chang

Call Number: Doheny - PS508.A8C53 2010

ISBN: 9780813548012

Publication Date: 2010

Includes this chapter: "Ethnic entrepreneurs: Korean American spies, shopkeepers, and the 1992 LA Riots"

Koreans in the Hood - Kwang Chung Kim (Editor)

Call Number: Doheny E184.K6K6555 1999

ISBN: 0801861039

Publication Date: 1999

Images of "others" : the effect of media coverage of racial unrest on public opinion - Gross, Kimberly Ann

Call Number: Doheny P94.5.M552U637 2001a

Publication Date: 2001

Korean Americans and African Americans in the Los Angeles riots : a study of the rhetoric of conflict - Hyunsuk Yoo

Call Number: Doheny - F869.L89K686 1996a

Publication Date: 1996

Strange Future: Pessimism and the 1992 Los Angeles riots - Min Hyoung Song

Call Number: Doheny & Leavey - F869.L89A27 2005

ISBN: 0822335794

Publication Date: 2005

[A more complete list of books available at USC on the 1992 LA Riots](#)

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Los Angeles Webster Commission records

The Los Angeles Board of Police Commissioners established the Webster Commission to assess law enforcement's performance in connection with the 1992 riots.

Included in this collection are interviews, article clippings, broadcasts, reports, emergency operations plans, and internal LAPD documents that were collected and analyzed by the Commission over the course of its study.

Independent Commission on the Los Angeles Police Department records

Chaired by the attorney and former Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher, the Independent Commission on the Los Angeles Police Department assessed the structure and operations of the LAPD in connection with the Rodney King incident of March, 1991.

This collection consists of materials collected and analyzed by the Commission and its professional staff over the course of their 100 day study. Materials reflect the major themes of the Commission's investigation including use-of-force guidelines, bias and discrimination, personnel and hiring practices, internal discipline, complaints, and citizen oversight.

Richard M. Mosk Christopher Commission records

Chaired by Warren Christopher, the Independent Commission on the Los Angeles Police Department was formed in the wake of the 1991 videotaped beating of Rodney King by several LAPD officers.

This collection consists of files kept by Richard M. Mosk in his capacity as a member of the Commission.

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Videos @ USC

[Twilight, Los Angeles - PBS](#)

Call Number: Leavey - LVYVID 1587

Publication Date: 2001

[L.A. riot 4 years after, the story of Kim Bong Joo: The last frontier - KTE](#)

Call Number: East Asian - KAVHS 0040

Publication Date: 1996

[L.A. is burning: five reports from a divided city - WGBH/Frontline](#)

Call Number: Grand - VKCVID 391

Publication Date: 1993

[State of emergency: inside the Los Angeles Police Department - Hourglass Productions](#)

Call Number: Grand - VKCVID 150

Publication Date: 1993

[A more complete list of videos available @ USC about the 1992 Riots](#)

LA Newspaper coverage

[The L.A. riots: 20 years later - Remembering the riots and how they reshaped Southern California](#) - This Los Angeles Times site offers photographs, videos, timelines, maps and much more

[Then & Now: Images from the Same Spot as the L.A. Riots, 20 Years Later - LA Weekly](#)

National TV News Coverage of Rodney King Beating and 1992 Riots

 Videos require [RealPlayer](#)

Rodney King Beating, March 3, 1991:

[NBC Evening News, 3/5/1991](#)

Two cases of police brutality against blacks in southern California examined. Home video camera reported capturing evidence of Los Angeles, California, police beating suspect Rodney King; details given of case; scenes shown from Lakeview Terrace, California, and from video; investigation by FBI and Los Angeles police department into police brutality against minorities noted.

[NBC Evening News, 3/6/1991](#)

Home video camera evidence of Los Angeles policemen beating black man reported triggering investigations by FBI, district attorney and police department; details given of California Highway Patrol chase and police arrest of Rodney King; video and photo shown.

[NBC Evening News, 3/7/1991](#)

Los Angeles police chief Daryl Gates reported announcing criminal charges against police officers involved in beating of black motorist Rodney King; excerpts shown from home video of this and another incident of police using excessive force.

1992 Riots:

[NBC Evening News, 4/29/1992](#) - Verdicts in the trial of the Los Angeles policemen for the beating of motorist Rodney King featured. [JUDGE - reads the verdicts.] Photos of the defendants, King's injuries, courtroom scenes shown. Tom Brokaw, Keith Morrison and Star Jones report.

[NBC Evening News, 4/30/1992](#) - Includes a map shown indicating the location of most of the violence which is going on in Los Angeles. Mentions a building set on fire near USC.

[NBC Evening News, 4/30/1992](#) - Includes President Bush's reaction to the verdicts in the Rodney King police beating case featured; photograph shown of Bush with Attorney General William Barr, who he told to beef up the FBI's investigation of the case.

[NBC Evening News, 4/30/1992](#) - Discusses 1965 Watts race riots in Los Angeles recalled; photos shown; photos and scenes shown of current violence in Los Angeles.

[CNN Evening News, 5/1/1992](#) - Grand Jury investigation into officers who beat Rodney King and whether they should be charged with federal civil rights violations. Los Angeles presently relatively calm, some store owners begin to clean up. USA Today poll results. California Governor Pete Wilson issues statement. Death toll in L.A. stands at 37.

NBC Evening News, 5/1/1992 - The American criminal justice system and black Americans examined; riots in Watts in 1965, Detroit in 1967 and Miami's Liberty City in 1980 recalled; scenes shown. Need for better educational and job opportunities for blacks noted.

NBC Evening News 5/3/1992 - Move towards recovery after the rioting in Los Angeles featured; scenes shown from a temporary food bank and the city streets.

CNN Evening News, 5/5/1992 - Two jurors in the Rodney King trial are interviewed about their vote; A Hispanic juror tried to hold out for at least one guilty verdict.

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