RADICAL IMAGINARIES:
QUEER SCHOLAR-ACTIVISM DISMANTLING THE POLITICS OF HATE

OCTOBER 27, 2017 AT UCLA

In celebration of the 20th anniversary of LGBTQ Studies at UCLA, the 2017 QGrad Conference will focus on how LGBTQ Studies and trans and queer art and activism have transformed the world in the last 20 years. How have undocumented, Black and Brown, Indigenous, Afro-Latinx, Muslim, Fat, Disabled, incarcerated, Transgender and Gender Non-conforming communities/scholar-activists impacted LGBTQ studies? How are all of us systematically attacked and disempowered under the 45th presidential administration?

How have our radical imaginaries fueled everyday resistance and survival. What kinds of problems and paradoxes arise when LGBTQ individuals and communities attempt to bring these imaginaries into being? What is the relationship between, what theorist Jose Esteban Muñoz called in Cruising Utopia, the “here and now” and the “then and there” -- the restrictive present and the expansive future? What utopias can we imagine for our daily dystopia? What tools have Queer scholar activists developed to dismantle the politics of hate?

WE INVITE PROPOSALS FOR PAPERS ADDRESSING THE OVERALL CONFERENCE THEME OR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Queer survival, resistance, healing, and radical love in the era of Trump
- The politics of transnational coalition, solidarity, and intergenerational knowledge exchange
- Transgender and gender non-conforming scholarship as “new” queer horizons (Muñoz)
- Femme/Butch Studies, identity, and expression as resistance to heteropatriarchy
- Witch Studies and the role of the occult in spiritual liberation
- Diverse embodiments, “Othered” bodies, and Radical Fat Studies
- Developments in queer of color critique and joteria studies
- Recent histories of LGBTQ Studies worldwide, and the definition of the field, critical analyses of key theorists and thinkers
- The critical and contentious concept of utopia in LGBTQ activism, art, and academia
- Protest, pride, shame, rage, and the place of affect and emotion in LGBTQ Studies
- Shifting understandings of power, privilege, and oppression within LGBTQ communities and spaces

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SUBMIT A 250-WORD ABSTRACT NO LATER THAN JULY 31ST, 2017. All accepted papers will be considered for publication in Volume IV of Queer Cats.