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Thinking Gender 2026
36th Annual Graduate Student Conference

Feminist and Queer Ecologies

Featuring Keynote Speaker
Cutchá Risling Baldy
(Cal Poly Humboldt)

April 17, 2026
James West Alumni
Center, UCLA

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Thinking Gender 2026

“Feminist and Queer Ecologies”

April 16, 2026 (Hybrid)

CSW/Streisand Center, 1500 Public Affairs Building and Zoom

Workshop Overview

(All times in Pacific Daylight Time)

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| 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM | Workshop 1
<i>Transformative Ecologies</i> |
| 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM | Workshop 2
<i>Creative Nourishment</i> |
| 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM | Workshop 3
<i>Feminist Negotiations of Place</i> |
| 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM | Workshop 4
<i>Environmental Attunements</i> |

Workshop & Presenter Details

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Workshop 1

Transformative Ecologies

MODERATOR: **Kaily Heitz** (Geography, UCLA)

Chanida Chitbundid, Women's and Gender Studies, Flinders University

Female Civic Subject in the Global South Environmental Justice Movement

Xiaoming Jiang, Philosophy, University of Tartu

Reclaiming Responsibility: An Ecofeminist Critique of Green Consumerism

Jade Levandofsky, Information Studies, UCLA

The Virus of "Datafucation" and its Ecological Impact through Data Centers

Duygu Gözde Sevinç Bağcı, Energy and Sustainable Development, Kadir Has University

Gender, Justice, and Energy Transition Discourses in Türkiye's Climate Policies

Workshop & Presenter Details

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

WORKSHOP 2

Creative Nourishment

MODERATOR: **Chris Jadallah** (Education, UCLA)

Insha Akram, Urban Design and Planning, University of Washington

From Food Security to Food Sovereignty: Intellectual Evolution, Feminist Interventions, and Conflict Geographies—Literature Review

Amber Chong, Anthropology, UCLA

Eat the Invasives

PwintPhyu Nandar, Environmental Studies, UC Santa Cruz

What do we bring to the table? Understanding Gender in Greater New Haven's Cultural Foodways

Workshop & Presenter Details

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

WORKSHOP 3

Feminist Negotiations of Place

MODERATOR: **Ayasha Guerin** (World Arts & Cultures/Dance, UCLA)

Rina Rossi, Latin American History, CUNY Graduate Center

“Floristic Agents”: Enslaved Jamaican Women’s Use of Abortifacients in the Colonial Period

Ruiyang Tan, Literary Studies, Shanghai International Studies University

Infiltration and Symbiosis: Becoming a Feminist Subject in Olga Tokarczuk’s Primeval and Other Times

Zoe Vos Lee and Isbah Premjee, City Planning, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Creating Translocal Feminist Solidarities: Leveraging Analogue Tools and Digital Space for Climate Coping

Workshop & Presenter Details

4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

WORKSHOP 4

Environmental Attunements

MODERATOR: **Ellen Scott** (Theatre, Film and Television, UCLA)

Celine Izsak, English Literature, UCLA

Poetic, Volcanic Ecologies: Feminine Rhyme and the Sonic Erotics of Eruption

Ruchita Raghunath, Gender Studies, London School of Economics and Political Science

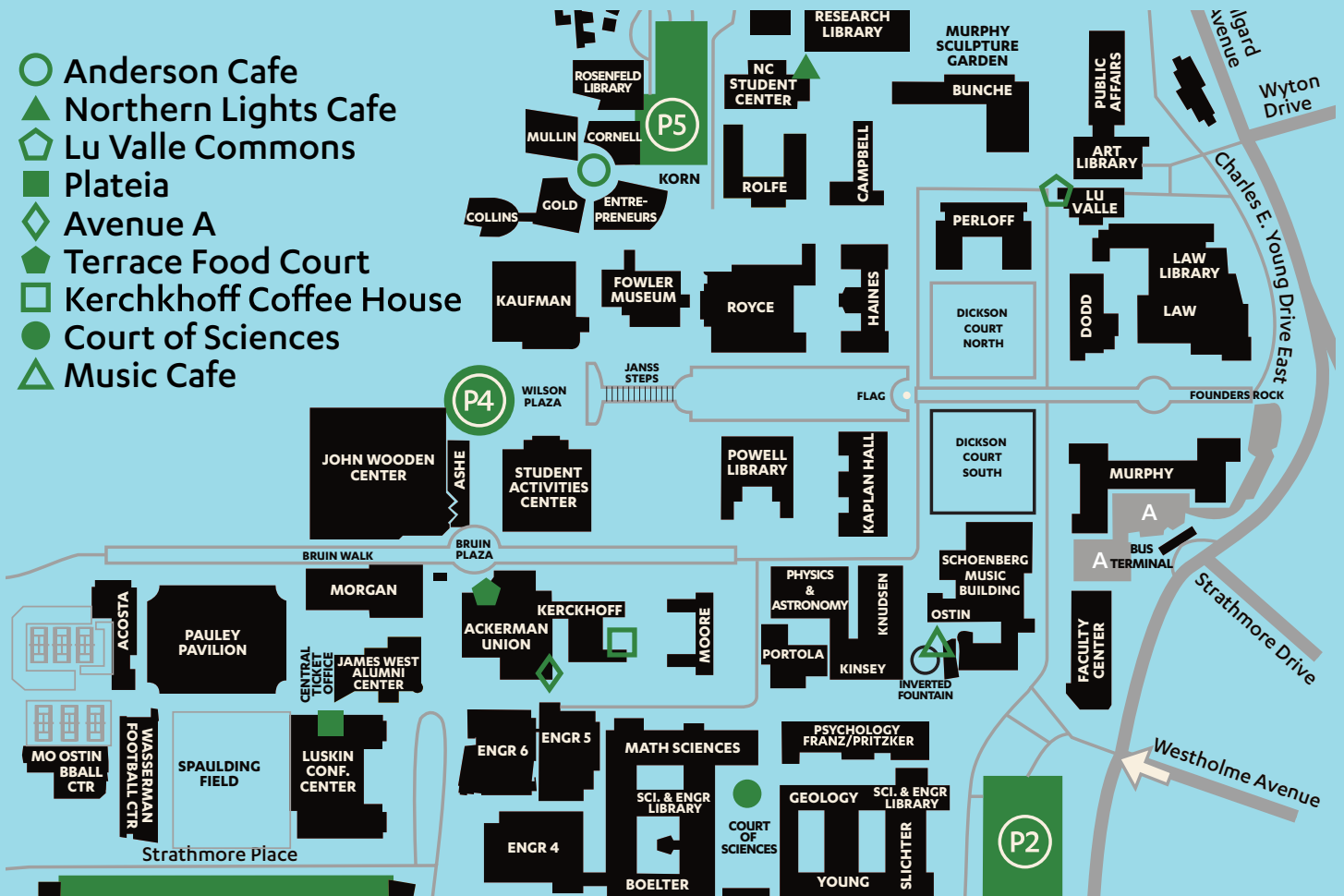
Soft Worlds on Stolen Land: Digital Queer Cottagecore and the Colonial Limits of Ecological Imagination

Katleho Shoro, Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania

Liteima/Bambolse: A Multisensorial Practice in Ecological Attunements by Black, African Women

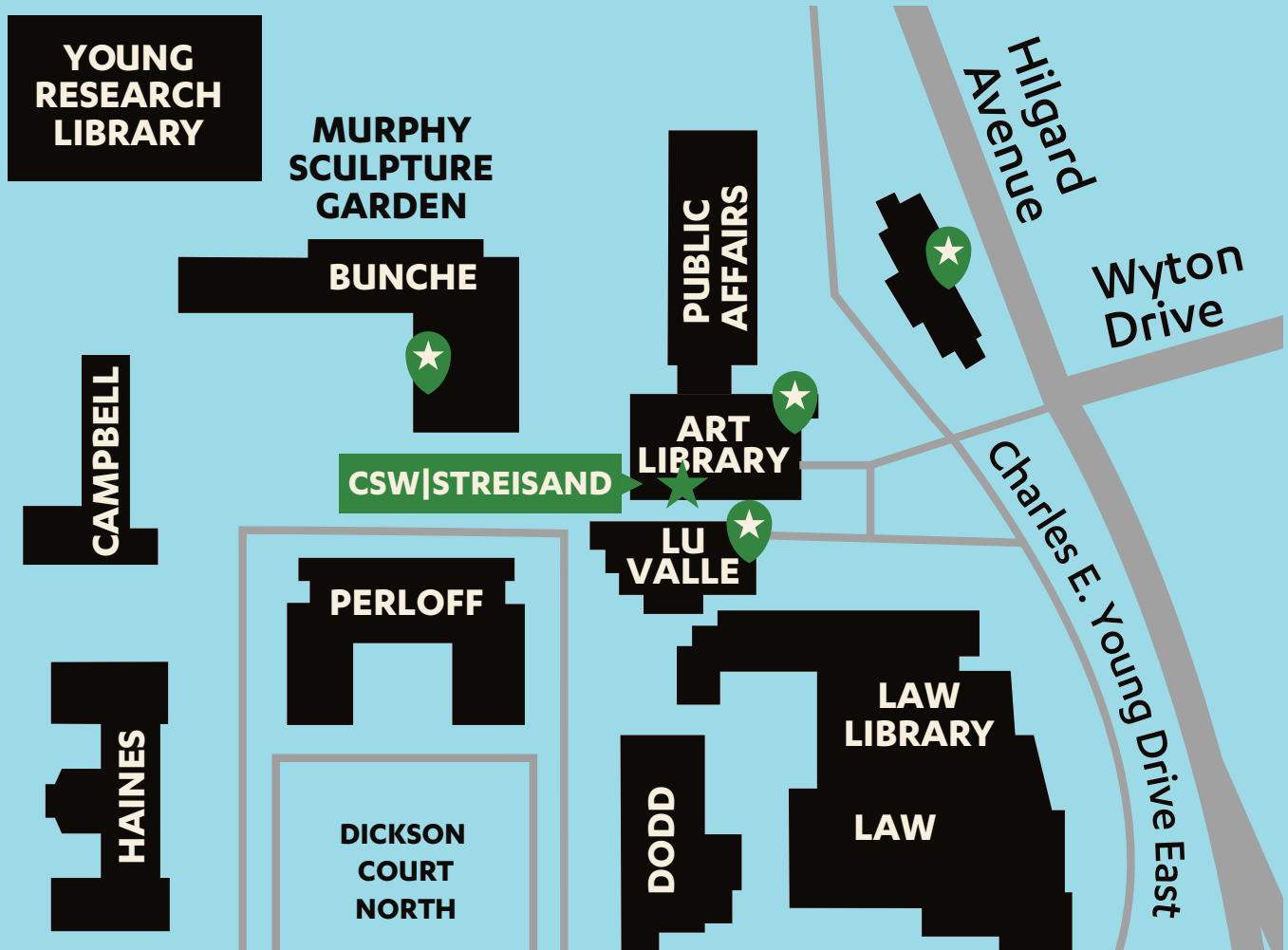
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- ◊ Lu Valle Commons
- Plateia
- ◇ Avenue A
- ◆ Terrace Food Court
- Kerckhoff Coffee House
- Court of Sciences
- ▲ Music Cafe



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