

# SHAPING SAN FRANCISCO

## PUBLIC EVENTS

FALL 2017

### FREE PUBLIC TALKS

Wednesdays from 7:30-9:30 pm  
at 518 Valencia (near 16th) in San Francisco

September 27

#### Other Food Systems are Possible

Food conspiracies flourished in the early 1970s and the People's Food System built a network of stores and distributors out of this collective framework. Three worker-owned cooperatives survive—including Other Avenues Grocery—alongside various contemporary urban agriculture projects. With **Shanta Nimbark Sacharoff** (author of *Other Avenues are Possible: A History of the San Francisco People's Food System*), and **Antonio Roman-Alcalá** (food activist-scholar) we look at historic and current examples to use food systems to challenge the political and economic dictates of our world.

October 4

#### Art and Architecture During the Depression

The Maritime Museum at Aquatic Park was recently renovated to highlight long hidden murals and sculptures from the WPA. Other beautiful artworks grace public buildings throughout the East Bay and San Francisco, including Coit Tower and Treasure Island, where the Golden Gate International Exposition took place in 1939. Join **Richard Everett** (Maritime Museum), **Anne Schnoebelen** (Treasure Island Museum), and **Harvey Smith** (Living New Deal) for a revealing discussion of the art, architecture, and politics that challenged the economic impoverishment of the Depression.

October 11

#### Speeding Through The Unseen, from Coding to Commons

**Ellen Ullman** (author, *Life in Code*) demystifies how humans turn their intentions and biases into the language of computers. **Katja Schwaller** puts "Twitterlandia" under the microscope to reveal a larger repurposing of public space by private interests. And **Dennis Hayes** looks historically at our oppressive and obsessive technosphere that speeds up our lives to the breaking point even while it presents itself as the answer to everything.

October 25

#### 100th Anniversary of the October 1917 Russian Revolution

Few events in the past century equal the importance of the Russian Revolution. And yet we only know it through the fog of propaganda and fear, and the actual events of 1917 are long forgotten in the mists of time. Find out what actually happened in that fabled year, and how it fit together with the world events. Longtime Russian scholar **Anthony D'Agostino** (SF State) joins Anarchist scholar from Socialist Yugoslavia **Andrej Grubic** (CIIS) to unpack some of those tangled histories.

November 8

#### ART & POLITICS: Seth Eisen "OUT of Site"

**Seth Eisen/Eye Zen Presents** and collaborators share research and performance excerpts from an upcoming partnership with **Shaping San Francisco**: queer history, performance-driven, walking tours through San Francisco. How have queer people historically created community, how have our communities adapted over time, and how do we nurture our historical queer essence?

November 29

#### ART & POLITICS: Mona Caron and Kiernan Graves

In 2017 an ambitious project began to restore and extend the life of the much-loved 2004 Market Street Railway Mural at 15th and Church. **Mona Caron's** mural presents a complicated historical narrative of Market Street over time (including a vision of its future!), and the long presence of street-cars on it. After more than a decade, the wall's surfaces were cracking and buckling, and along came **Kiernan Graves**, an accomplished conservator, to fix the understory with the skills she'd previously applied to historic Indian palaces among other sites. Mona and Kiernan talk art, history, process.

December 6

#### Popular Front to the Cold War

In November 1938, a state-wide Popular Front coalition of liberals, unionists, communists, and other radicals elected the first-ever liberal Democratic governor Culbert Olson. But by 1940 the Popular Front forces were already fracturing into key elements of the Cold War. What was that culture, and how did the Communist Party undercut its own principles during WWII? How did African-American workers and interned Japanese Americans fit into the story? And where did that leave California politics at the end of WWII and the beginning of the long post-war economic boom?

With **Chuck Wollenberg, Jonathan Hunt, Kathryn Olmstead**

December 13

#### San Francisco's Freeway Revolt

In today's San Francisco our village-like neighborhoods, charming architecture, and quality of life are all indebted to the Freeway Revolt that shocked the nation between 1956 and 1965. We tell of the vital role of the emergent middle-class women who spearheaded the Revolt, and kept it going against overwhelming odds. Decades later, a second Freeway Revolt helped to reclaim the Embarcadero and Hayes Valley from the blight of freeways, leaving us in the current configuration we have today. With **Jason Henderson, Evelyn Rose, Chris Carlsson**

### BICYCLE TOURS

\$15-\$50 sliding scale donation requested (no one turned away) RSVP: [shaping@foundsf.org](mailto:shaping@foundsf.org)

Saturday, October 7, 12-4pm

#### Food Politics History

Explore the many ethnic threads that—knit together—have produced our amazing local cuisine. From the old Italian producers to Chinese shrimping villages, to the prodigious Bay Area fresh produce trade, this is an illuminating and tasty tour that will change how you think about what you eat. Includes shared food along the way! *Tour starts at 518 Valencia and ends at 25th and Mission.*

Sunday, October 29, 12-4pm

#### Ghostly Tour of Colma Cemeteries

We meet at the COLMA BART STATION, then take a spirited tour of several massive cemeteries where famous San Franciscans are buried. We visit Woodlawn, Home of Peace and Hills of Eternity, Cypress Lawn, and Holy Cross. *We return to BART together at end of tour.*

### WALKING TOURS

\$10-20 sliding scale donation requested (no one turned away). RSVP: [shaping@foundsf.org](mailto:shaping@foundsf.org)

Saturday, September 23, 12-2pm

#### Market Street Railway Mural

Meet at 15th and Church.

Saturday, October 14, 12-3pm

#### Summer of Peace, Love & Anti-War

Meet at McKinley Statue on Panhandle at Baker

Saturday, November 18, 12-3pm

#### Sea Level Rise Mission Bay

Meet at Tidal sculptures at Pier 36 on the Embarcadero

Saturday, December 9, 12-3pm

#### Market Street: The Contested Boulevard

Meet in front of Ferry Building directly under the clock

### OFFSITE EVENTS

Wednesday, October 18, 5pm

#### Stop the Draft Week: A Look Back

In partnership with the California Historical Society

at the Main Branch of Oakland Public Library, 125 14th Street

With **Chuck Wollenberg, Karen Jo Koonan, Frank Bardacke, and Chris Carlsson**

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