

16th Annual

Envisioning California Conference

# Refounding California: Envisioning the Future of State Governance

September 30 – October 1, 2004  
Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza  
Sacramento, California

*Plus—  
California Journalism  
Awards Luncheon*



Center for California Studies, California State University, Sacramento  
and the Center for Southern California Studies, California State University, Northridge

## Refounding California: Envisioning the Future of State Governance

**H**ave the events of the last few years – deficits, recalls, gridlock, Arnold Schwarzenegger – created the opportunity for a refounding of state governance? Dr. Kevin Starr, the recently retired State Librarian and chronicler of California, has called for a fundamental civic debate to determine how state government should be reorganized, or refounded, on the basis of “self-evident principles of suitability, acceptability, sustainability and accountability.” The stakes are high, for as Dr. Starr has said, *“In California these days ... representative democracy itself is up for grabs.”*

The 16th Annual Envisioning California Conference will take up Dr. Starr’s challenge to “reanimate and refound state government.” The Conference panels, speakers and plenary sessions will focus on the essential and fundamental issues raised by a call for refounding governance as well as the historical context and the immediacies of current politics. What kind of leadership would a refounded California demand? What would a refounding mean for plurality in California? What role would a refounding require of the private sector? How can we avoid the mistakes of earlier efforts? What will representative government look like? The Envisioning Conference will not resolve these questions, but it aims to help spark the debate.

The Conference will also be enhanced by the inclusion of the **Annual California Journalism Awards**. Co-sponsored by the Center for California Studies and the Sacramento Press Club, the California Journalism Awards have, for ten years, honored excellence in media coverage of state government and politics. The Awards for 2003 will be presented at the Friday lunch session.



1848 Gold Discovery

1849 1st State Constitution Adopted

1850 California Admitted as State

1877-79 Rise of Workingmen's Party  
2nd Constitution Adopted

1910-12 Rise of the Progressives;  
Hiram Johnson Elected Governor

1934 Upton Sinclair & EPIC

1938 Culbert Olson Elected Governor

*“The great state of California, as a society, a government and moral ideal – was born in the past through fusion of public and private ambition.”*

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# Schedule of Events



## Thursday, September 30

Reception, Dinner & Opening Keynote Address

6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

### *Vision & Prospects of a Refounded California*

*Dr. Kevin Starr, California State Librarian (Emeritus)*

## Friday, October 1

Concurrent Panels:

9:00 to 10:25 a.m.

- *Past as Prologue: Lessons from Earlier Refoundings*
- *Private Ambitions & Public Business*
- *Interpreting California-Speak: Aligning Substantive Policy with Symbolic Leadership*

Concurrent Panels:

10:35 to 12:10 p.m.

- *The Common-Wealth: Redefining Public Finance*
- *Below the Surface: Bureaucracy & Bureaucrats in the 21st Century*
- *California Legacy Project: Imagination, Myth, & History*

10th Annual California Journalism Awards and Lunch

12:15 to 1:45 p.m.

Concurrent Panels

2:00 to 3:25 p.m.

- *Governance Refounded*
- *Kaleidoscope or Monochrome: Refounding the New California*
- *Reporting On or Creating the Circus: News Media and Refounding State Governance*

Closing Plenary Session:

3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

*Leadership for a Refounded California*

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—Kevin Starr

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 rises a California "New Deal"

1942

Earl Warren Defeats Olsen

1958

Rise of the Democrats; Pat Brown Elected Governor

1966

GOP Resurgence; Ronald Reagan Elected Governor

1978

Proposition 13 & Tax Revolt

1990

Proposition 130 – Term Limits

2003

Gray Davis Recalled; Arnold Schwarzenegger Elected Governor

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**Registration Form**

**EARLY REGISTRATION** must be postmarked by September 14, 2004.

**Full Conference Registration** – includes all panels, Thursday reception & dinner, Friday lunch and Journalism Awards

- \$105 Early Bird** (by September 14)
- \$125 Regular Registration** (after September 14)
- \$95 Capital Fellow Alumni Affiliates**
- \$40 Student with valid ID**

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- \$55 Thursday Dinner and Keynote**
  - \$70 Friday only** (all day, includes lunch)
  - \$55 Friday Lunch and Journalism Awards**

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- FREE Student Registration with valid ID** (panels only, no meals)
  - Capital Fellows Alumni Reunion - Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.** (free to all Alumni)

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