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**Art professor is first up in author lecture series**

Elaine O’Brien, professor of contemporary art history at Sacramento State and general editor of a major new text on Global Modernisms, will lead off the popular Friends of the University Library author lecture series this fall.

The series, held in the University Library Gallery, will feature two diverse author talks during the Fall Semester. The talks are free and open to the public.

O’Brien will discuss her book, *Modern Art in Africa, Asia and Latin America: An Introduction to Global Modernisms* (October 2012, Wiley-Blackwell), at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3. The book is an anthology of essays and documents that sheds fresh light on modern art beyond the West, examining not only painting and sculpture, but photography, film and architecture as well. Early praise for the book says it provides “a much-needed corrective to the Eurocentric historiography of modern art, offering a more worldly and expanded view than any existing modern art survey.”

O’Brien joined the Sacramento State faculty in 1997 after completing doctoral studies in modern and contemporary art history and theory at the City University of New York Graduate Center.

*Sacramento’s Chinatown* will be the topic of authors Brian and Larry Tom at 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1. Their book was published in 2010 as part of Arcadia Publishing’s Images of America Series. Sacramento has one of the oldest Chinatowns in America. Early Chinese pioneers named Sacramento Yee Fow (Second City) because it was the second stop by steamboat on the way to the Gold Country.

The Tom brothers are third-generation Chinese Americans. Brian Tom, a retired attorney, is director of the Chinese American Museum of Northern California in Marysville, and was founder of the Asian American Studies Program at UC Davis in 1969. Larry Tom is a Sacramento State graduate who spent most of his career in management positions for the state of California.

A portion of the research for their book was conducted with the assistance of the University Library’s Special Collections and University Archives department.
Lectures will continue in the spring with Gerald Haslam, author of a biography of the late S.I. Hayakawa; and Chuck McFadden, who has written a biography of Governor Jerry Brown.

For additional information about the Author Lecture Series, contact Sally Hitchcock, the Library’s coordinator for community outreach, at (916) 278-5954 or hitchcoc@saclink.csus.edu. Cosponsors of the series are the University Library, the University Library Gallery, the Hornet Bookstore and Capital Public Radio.

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