Spirited Topographies:
Urban Refabulations, Underscapes, and Mobilities

UC - Wide Symposium
Friday May 9, 2014, 9:00 AM- 6:30 PM
Andrews Conference Room, 2203 Social Sciences & Humanities Building

9.00 AM -9.15AM: Opening Remarks
George R. Mangun (Dean, Division of Social Sciences, UCD)
Smriti Srinivas (Professor, Anthropology, UCD)

9.15 AM -11.15 AM: Urban Refabulations
Chair: Smriti Srinivas (Anthropology, UCD)
Allen F. Roberts (World Arts and Cultures, UCLA): Visual Citizenship and the Refabulation of Urban Senegal
Bascom Guffin (Anthropology, UCD): Ganesh Travels, Ganesh Anchors
Simon Sadler (Design, UCD): Neoliberal Spiritualism and the Re-enchantment of Time and Place
Response: James Smith (Anthropology, UCD)

11.30 AM -1.30PM: Underscapes
Chair: Vivian Lee-Nyitray (Religious Studies, UCR)
Jesus Hernandez (Sociology, UCD): Where We Pray
George Lipsitz (Black Studies/Sociology, UCSB): Sacred Spaces on the Gulf Coast: Students at the Center and Project Row Houses
Christina Schwenkel (Anthropology, UCR): Urban Topographies of Religious Ruins in Socialist Vietnam
Response: Michael Rios (Human Ecology, UCD)

1.30-2.30 PM: Lunch

2.30-4:30 PM: Mobilities
Chair: Mary Hancock (Anthropology and History, UCSB)
Mary Nooter Roberts (World Arts and Cultures, UCLA): A Saint of Edges and In-Betweens: Haptic Visualities in Devotional Diasporas of Shirdi Sai Baba
Response: Bettina Ng’weno (African American and African Studies, UCD)

5.00-6.30 PM: Reception

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