DIRECTOR’S MESSAGE

Few artists of the last 30 years have been as influential as Lari Pittman, the subject of a major retrospective on view at the Hammer this fall. Pittman’s influence has come in many forms—first and foremost through his richly detailed, colorful paintings, full of both wit and incisive commentary on the times in which we live. He has also been a beloved professor in the UCLA School of the Arts and Architecture for over 25 years, serving as a mentor to countless artists who have passed through this important program on their way to significant careers of their own. Declaration of Independence, organized by the Hammer’s chief curator, Connie Butler, brings together numerous paintings and works on paper from public and private collections around the world for both this exhibition and its beautiful catalogue. The exhibition will travel to the Kistefos Museet in Oslo following its presentation in Los Angeles.

In addition to Declaration of Independence, which will fill most of our major exhibition galleries, we have several new installations and Hammer Projects. On view in our lobby gallery is a beautifully installed selection of works from our collection, belonging. Associate curator Erin Christovale has assembled works by Edgar Arceneaux, Rodney McMillian, Kori Newkirk, Michael Queenland, Betye Saar, and Lorna Simpson, into a compelling and intimate presentation of works from across generations that feel as if they have always lived together. At the same time, we are presenting two Hammer Projects—an immersive and fantastical installation by Los Angeles–based artist Max Hooper Schneider, organized by adjunct curator Ali Subotnick, and a stunning three-channel video from Berlin– and Cairo–based artist Jasmina Metwaly, organized by curator Aram Moshayedi.

From October 15 to November 3 we are privileged to bring together several drawings by Vincent van Gogh from our neighbors at the Getty, the Norton Simon, and LACMA with works from our own Armand Hammer Collection. Due to their delicacy, these works are not often on view. It is a wonderful opportunity to display them in conjunction with a series of lectures offered on three Sundays in October and November by the art historian, museum director, curator, and Hammer Board of Directors member John Walsh.

I’m delighted to welcome Michael Sherman as a new member of our Board of Overseers. He is a film producer whose recent projects include artist Rashid Johnson’s directorial debut, Native Son. Michael is also a passionate collector, and we’re excited to have him join the Hammer.

I hope to see you at one of our programs soon.

Michael Sherman

Enjoy dinner at Audrey before or after taking in a program at the Hammer. Audrey’s seasonal menu emphasizes soulful cooking with a contemporary Southern California feel, complemented by a full bar and diverse wine list.

Tuesday–Saturday: 11 a.m.–11 p.m.
Sunday: 11 a.m.– 9 p.m.
Reservations: audreyatthehammer.com or call 310-443-7037

Audrey at the Hammer

Our upcoming slate of public programs is as robust as ever, including our acclaimed Hammer Forums, literary readings, and the return of Constitution Happy Hour. And mark your calendars for December as the MoMA Contenders series of the year’s best films returns to the Billy Wilder Theater. Thank you, as always, for visiting and supporting the Hammer. I hope to see you at one of our programs soon.

Ann Philbin
Director
Hammer Serving as Planning Partner for Pacific Standard Time

The Hammer will join other Southern California cultural and scientific institutions as part of the Getty’s Pacific Standard Time: Art x Science x LA initiative. Opening in 2024, the exhibitions and programs will create civic dialogue about the two critical fields and their relationship to pressing global concerns. In identifying the theme for this iteration of Pacific Standard Time, the Getty engaged the Hammer and LACMA as planning partners. “With the next PST, museums and our scientific counterparts will have the opportunity to showcase the exciting areas where our work overlaps in engaging new ways,” says Hammer director Ann Philbin.

Museum Education Fellowship Offers Hands-on Approach

Last year, the Hammer launched a paid fellowship opportunity for museum educators. The emerging museum education fellowship aims to diversify the field and reduce barriers among recent college graduates from historically underrepresented groups to acquiring full-time entry-level jobs. The fellows receive on-the-job training and professional development as well as in-depth experience with tours and programs. A key part of the fellowship is learning how to propose and implement family programs in a museum context. The inaugural fellow, Russel Altamirano, created a successful Art + Mindfulness program in partnership with the UCLA Mindful Awareness Research Center. A new fellow will be announced this fall.

Triple Canopy Residency to Culminate with Performance

The New York–based magazine and editorial collective Triple Canopy concludes its 2018–20 Public Engagement residency at the Hammer in 2020. The culminating project is a collaboration with musician and composer Tashi Wada, who will create a score for the Steinway Spirio, a new “high-resolution player piano,” to be performed at the museum. The performance will explore how our ability to listen has changed with the development of new technologies for synthesizing, transmitting, capturing, and quantifying expressions. Read more at hammer.ucla.edu/public-engagement.

Hammer Works on Paper in Getty Exhibition

This fall, four works from the Grunwald Center for the Graphic Arts will be on view at the J. Paul Getty Museum as part of the exhibition True Grit: 20th Century American Prints and Photographs from 1900 to 1950. On view from October 15, 2019, to January 19, 2020, the exhibition’s loans from the Grunwald include Edward Hopper’s Night Shadows (1921), Louis Lozowick’s Through Brooklyn Bridge Cables, Joseph Pennel’s From Cortland Street Ferry (1908), and John Sloan’s Turning Out the Light (1905).
In alignment with the Hammer’s goal to continuously grow and diversify its collection of works on paper, we have added a number of new such works to our permanent holdings over the past year. Here we highlight some of the purchases and gifts that have most significantly added strength to the collection.

The first notable addition to the Hammer Contemporary Collection is the mixed-media work on paper *Someday* (2018) by emerging artist Nathaniel Mary Quinn. The first work by the artist to enter our collection, it is a poignant example of his signature fragmentation of figures.

Margo Leavin donated a beautiful mixed-media work on paper by Edward Kienholz entitled *Drawing for the Commercial #3* (1972), which joins a series of mixed-media assemblages by Kienholz already in the Hammer Contemporary Collection and is a substantial addition to our holdings of the artist. Most recently, Susan and Larry Marx donated funds for our purchase of an untitled 1968 watercolor on paper by Sam Gilliam. The Hammer is thrilled to finally represent Gilliam’s significant and expressive abstract work in its collection.

The Grunwald Center for the Graphic Arts also continues to strengthen its holdings of works on paper dating from the 15th century to the present through gifts and purchases. Most recently we acquired notable works by Morgan Fisher, Sonia Gutiérrez, Zarina Hashmi, Jeremy Moon, Allen Ruppersberg, Betye Saar, and Jimmy Wright. We are particularly grateful to Margo Leavin for her continued support of the Grunwald Center and for her gift of works by Cindy Bernard, Jill Giegerich, Edward Kienholz, Mark Lere, David Lloyd, Stephen Prina, Alan Saret, John Swanger, and Mungo Thomson. We thank Wendy and Robert Brandow for their gift of a print by Mungo Thomson. We are especially thankful to Brenda Potter for her gift of John Baldessari’s *Emojis Series*, a suite of screenprints from 2018, and to Marc Selwyn for his gift of a 1984 Polaroid photograph by Robert Heinecken. We are indebted to David Hoberman for his gift of a computer drawing by David Hockney; to Barbara and Gary Krueger for their gift of two prints by Allen Ruppersberg; to The Feitelson/Lundeberg Art Foundation for their gift of a 1937 lithograph by Helen Lundeberg; and to Stanley Brelitbard for his gift of a lithograph by Nicola López. We extend special thanks to Jill Epstein and James Herz for their gift of prints by Antonio Frasconi, John Paul Jones, and Pierre-Auguste Renoir in honor of Nancy and Howard Herz.

We are tremendously grateful to all the supporters whose gifts of art strengthen and expand upon the collection of works on paper that is so integral to the Hammer.

Images left to right:
Robert Heinecken
*Iconographic Lunches #3: The School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (Salami and cheese sandwich, Fritos, oatmeal cookies) and The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (Fettucini Primavera: Chocolate marble cake)*, 1984
Polaroid photogram
21 ¾ × 29 ¼ in. (55.6 × 75.9 cm)
Grunwald Center for the Graphic Arts, Hammer Museum. Gift of Marc Selwyn Fine Art
Sam Gilliam
*Untitled*, 1968
Watercolor on paper
Sheet: 23 3/8 × 18 1/4 in. (60.3 × 46 cm)
Frame: 33 × 25 3/8 × 2 in. (83.7 × 64.5 × 5.1 cm)
Nathaniel Mary Quinn
*Someday*, 2018
Charcoal, gouache, soft pastel, oil pastel, and acrylic gold leaf on Coventry Vellum Paper
50 × 38 in. (127 × 96.5 cm)
Hammer Museum, Los Angeles. Purchase. Courtesy of the artist and M+B Los Angeles
This exhibition is the most comprehensive retrospective to date of the work of Lari Pittman (b. 1952, Los Angeles). A prolific artist and sharp social critic, Pittman has achieved nothing less than a complete reassessment of painting, combining a revisionist art history with an intense commitment to the traditions of painting itself. His meticulously crafted works on paper and panel—grand tales about love, sex, death, art, and citizenship—feature a rich visual language replete with owls, Victorian silhouettes, flying text, and exaggerated and sexualized bodies. From his earliest experiments with collage and mixed-media decoration at California Institute of the Arts, to his iconic paintings produced in response to the AIDS crisis and culture wars of the 1990s, to his more recent philosophical investigations into the history-telling of textiles, Pittman’s prescient works have influenced generations of artists.

Lari Pittman: Declaration of Independence includes approximately 80 paintings and 50 works on paper drawn from the Hammer’s collection and several international collections. Among the works on view will be Orangerie, a stand-alone installation of drawings that provides an intimate space for viewing Pittman’s works on paper.

Lari Pittman: Declaration of Independence is organized by Connie Butler, chief curator, with Vanessa Arizmendi, curatorial assistant. Lari Pittman: Declaration of Independence is made possible by lead funding from Alice and Nahum Lainer. Major support is provided by Eugenio López Alonso, Jill and Peter Kraus, the LUIW Foundation, the Pihlaid Family, and Hope Warschaw and John Law. Generous funding is provided by Emily and Teddy Greenspan, Margo Leavin, Rachel and Jean-Pierre Lehmann, and the Kerry and Simone Vickar Family Foundation, with additional contributions from Tracy and Gary Mezzakasta and Lee Ramer.

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Lari Pittman & Connie Butler
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Artist Walk-throughs
Silke Otto-Knapp
Thursday, November 7, 6 p.m.
Ilona Katzew
Thursday, November 14, 6 p.m.
Eamon Ore-Giron
Sunday, November 17, 2 p.m.
Rita Gonzalez
Thursday, November 21, 6 p.m.
Caitlin Lonegan
Thursday, December 12, 6 p.m.

Curator Walk-through
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2PM
Connie Butler, chief curator, leads a walk-through of the exhibition.

Spanish-language Tour with Lari Pittman
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2PM
Lari Pittman leads a walk-through of the exhibition in Spanish.

RELATED PROGRAMS

Fall Opening Celebration
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 8–11PM
Cash bars, dancing, food trucks, and live DJ, open to the public.
RSVP: hammer.ucla.edu/fallparty19

Members Friends & Family Preview
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 11AM–2PM
Members can bring up to four guests for free coffee, pastries, and a sneak peek at Lari Pittman: Declaration of Independence before it opens to the public.
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Vincent in Arles
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2:30PM
Exhausted by Paris, van Gogh headed south toward the sun-drenched landscape of Provence. His originality as a painter of portraits and flower still lifes became more pronounced. His work flourished, despite several severe breakdowns and hospitalizations.

Visions in Saint-Rémy and Auvers
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2:30PM
During a year of voluntary confinement in a mental hospital, van Gogh painted some of his greatest and best-known pictures. He then returned north, to the Paris suburbs, to live and paint. But his attacks persisted, and he ended his own life at the age of 37.
Max Hooper Schneider
September 21, 2019–January 19, 2020

Artists are often likened to inventors or scientists, and in the case of Max Hooper Schneider (b. 1982, Los Angeles) the comparison is more than metaphorical. Schneider’s background in landscape architecture and marine biology strongly informs his artwork. Research and scientific investigation are key to his process. He explores the relationships between philosophy and nature, the personal and the political, destruction and construction, and what he calls nonhuman and human agents. Blending his diverse areas of expertise, his idiosyncratic sculptures, installations, and drawings challenge conventional systems of classification, suggesting a worldview that strives to dislocate humans from their assumed position of centrality and superiority as knowers and actors in the world. For the artist’s first solo museum show, Schneider presents a new immersive installation.

Hammer Projects: Max Hooper Schneider is organized by Ali Subotnick, adjunct curator, with Vanessa Arizmendi, curatorial assistant.

Hammer Projects: Max Hooper Schneider is made possible, in part, by StandardVision and Tortoise Industries, Inc.

Jasmina Metwaly
September 28, 2019–January 19, 2020

Jasmina Metwaly’s (b. 1982, Warsaw, Poland) most recent project centers on the cultural signification of military uniforms in the aftermath of the 2011 Egyptian revolution. For the debut of this research in an installation titled Anbar (2019), Metwaly presents a three-channel video with accompanying textile works that consider the uniform as a precursor to the paranoia and anxiety that descended upon Egypt in the years following the overthrow of president Hosni Mubarak. The work is organized around three characters—a soldier, a tailor, and an activist filmmaker—who each demonstrate particular ties to the Egyptian military. The tailor, for instance, dressed the deposed Mubarak, as well as the late military leaders Gamal Abdel Nasser and Anwar El-Sadat. Metwaly suspends her three characters in distinct, nonlinear narratives that reveal “edits” or specific moments of revolutionary history not typically shown in formal news outlets. The work speculates on the notions of power and disguise that uniforms afford everyday civilians who enter the ranks of the military.

Hammer Projects: Jasmina Metwaly is organized by Aram Moshayedi, curator, with Ikechukwu Onyewuenyi, curatorial assistant.

Hammer Projects: Jasmina Metwaly is part of The Consortium Commissions—a project initiated by Mophradat. It is presented in association with KW Institute for Contemporary Art, Berlin.

Continuing Hammer Projects
Andrea Fraser
May 18–September 15, 2019

Yunhee Min
March 28–October 27, 2019
belonging
Selections from the Hammer Contemporary Collection and the Grunwald Center for the Graphic Arts
August 31–November 3, 2019

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belonging is an intimate grouping of works that center Black American domesticity and placemaking. The exhibition is inspired by the bell hook's Belonging: A Culture of Place, a collection of essays that explores notions of home through hook’s personal journey to and from her birthplace in Kentucky. Featuring works by Edgar Arceneaux, Rodney McMillian, Kori Newkirk, Michael Queenland, Betye Saar, and Lorna Simpson, belonging explores the interiority of Black American life through the domestic realm, a place where intimacy, family, and personal identity intersect with broader issues of class, race, and politics. belonging is organized by Erin Christovale, associate curator, with Vanessa Arizmendi, curatorial assistant.

UPCOMING
Tishan Hsu: Liquid Circuit
January 26–April 19, 2020
This survey reintroduces New York–based artist Tishan Hsu’s (b. 1951, Boston) sculptures from the 1980s and 1990s, which poignantly consider the impact of technology and artificial intelligence on the body and the human condition.
Tishan Hsu: Liquid Circuit is organized by SculptureCenter, New York, and is curated by Sohrab Hoshanghi, curator. The Hammer’s presentation is organized by Aram Moshayedi, curator.
Media sponsorship is provided by KCRW 89.9.

Inside the Mask
February 2–May 17, 2020
Curated by Peter Sellars with Allegra Pesenti, associate director and senior curator, Grunwald Center for the Graphic Arts. The masks featured in the exhibition are from the collections of the Fowler Museum at UCLA.

Paul McCarthy: Head Space, Drawings, 1963–2019
February 2–May 10, 2020
This exhibition is the first comprehensive survey in the United States of drawings and works on paper by the Los Angeles–based Paul McCarthy (b. 1945, Salt Lake City), one of the most influential artists of his generation. Spanning more than five decades, the exhibition examines the significant role of drawing as it relates to McCarthy’s broader practice involving performance, video, photography, sculpture, and installation.
Media sponsorship is provided by Cultured magazine.

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TOP: TISHAN HSU, R.E.M., 1986. ACRYLIC, ALKYD, COMPOUND ON WOOD. 60 × 60 × 4 INCHES (152.4 × 152.4 × 10.2 CM). PRIVATE COLLECTION, NEW YORK

BOTTOM: PAUL MCCARTHY, COOKING SHOW, 2001. CHARCOAL, PENCIL, AND OIL STICK ON PAPER. 98 × 71 1/4 IN. (248.9 × 181 CM). PRIVATE COLLECTION

TISHAN HSU
FRAGMENTS
COLOR LITHOGRAPH FROM AN ALUMINUM PLATE. 14 ½ × 18 ¾ IN. (36.8 × 47.6 CM). UCLA GRUNWALD CENTER FOR THE GRAPHIC ARTS, HAMMER MUSEUM. GIFT OF LINDA LEVI AND BARBARA LEIF. © 1976 BETYE SAAR

FALL 2019
Lari Pittman & Connie Butler  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2PM  
The artist Lari Pittman is joined in conversation by the Hammer’s chief curator, Connie Butler, who organized the artist’s retrospective. A longtime UCLA Department of Art professor and prolific artist, Pittman has influenced generations of artists in Los Angeles and beyond.

Race and the Memory of Evil  
Susan Neiman & Brenda Stevenson  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 7:30PM  
Moral philosopher Susan Neiman’s new book Learning from the Germans combines philosophical reflection, personal stories, and interviews with Americans and Germans grappling with their respective national histories. She is joined in conversation by UCLA history and African American studies professor Brenda Stevenson, author of What Is Slavery? among other books.

For the Love of Libraries  
Susan Orlean & Roxane Gay  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 7:30PM  
In The Library Book, Susan Orlean investigates the catastrophic Los Angeles Public Library fire of April 1986—but still the largest library fire in American history—entwining cultural history, simmering mystery, and personal exploration. Roxane Gay, author of Bad Feminist and Hunger: A Memoir of (My) Body, joins Orlean to discuss the crucial role of libraries as public spaces and repositories for collective history.

Remembering Oliver Sacks  
Lawrence Weschler & Mona Simpson  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 7:30PM  
Author and UCLA professor Mona Simpson holds a conversation with journalist and writer Lawrence Weschler, whose new book, And Now Are You, Dr. Sacks? A Biographical Memoir of Oliver Sacks offers keen insight into the life and death of his longtime friend.

Cosmological Compositions  
Wadada Leo Smith & Nina Eidsheim  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 7:30PM  
Internationally acclaimed composer and trumpeter Wadada Leo Smith joins UCLA musicologist Nina Eidsheim to discuss his compositional language Ankhrasmation and their forthcoming collaborative recording and book project.

Naomi Klein & Special Guest  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 7:30PM  
One of the foremost chroniclers of the economic war waged on both people and planet, Naomi Klein champions a sweeping environmental agenda with justice at its center. Her new collection, On Fire: The (Burning) Case for a Green New Deal, pairs over a decade of Klein’s impassioned writing with new material on our immediate political and economic choices. Klein argues that we will rise to the existential challenge of climate change only if we are willing to transform the systems that produced the crisis.

Alicia Garza & Ai-jen Poo  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 7:30PM  
Civil rights activist, writer, and Black Lives Matter cofounder Alicia Garza joins Ai-jen Poo, labor activist and director of the National Domestic Workers Alliance, in conversation. Lifelong organizers and best friends, the two also co-host a podcast, Sunstorm, in which they get real about what’s happening in the world, what we can do about it, and how to take care of ourselves as we do it.
Hammer Forum

Supreme Court Preview
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 7:30PM
The Supreme Court’s new term begins October 7 and promises to be a momentous one. Not only does the term overlap with a presidential election year, the court is also expected to review the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, a New York City gun control law, and cases involving workplace rights of LGBTQ employees. Abortion cases and voting rights may also be on the docket. Loyola Law School professor Kimberly West-Faulcon, Pepperdine law professor Derek T. Muller, and UCLA law professor Jennifer Chacón join moderator Rick Hasen, UC Irvine political science and law professor, to preview the potential cases.

Impeachment Report
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 7:30PM
Calls for the impeachment of Donald Trump—and debates over the impeachment process itself—began the day he took offi ce. When Democrats took back the House of Representatives in 2018, impeachment became a real possibility. As House Democrats move closer toward impeachment, it begs the question of whether President Trump has actually committed any impeachable offenses. Shaniqua McClendon, political director for Crooked Media, moderates a panel on the latest developments.

What Would Reparations Look Like?
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 7:30PM
The idea of reparations for black slavery has gained increased traction recently through pieces in national media, congressional hearings, and the 2020 presidential campaigns. This panel explores tangible proposals that might also represent, in the words of Ta-Nehisi Coates, a “national reckoning that would lead to spiritual renewal.” UCLA history professor Brenda Stevenson moderates a conversation with UC Riverside history and education professor V. P. Franklin and labor economist and author Julianne Malveaux.

Public, Private, Secret: On Photography and the Configuration of Self
Copresented with Artadia
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 7:30PM
Curator and writer Charlotte Cotton discusses her ongoing research into how image-making and image-consumption patterns are reconfiguring the social conventions that define our public and private selves. Cotton has been at the forefront of the appraisal of contemporary photography for over 20 years. As the first curator in residence at the International Center of Photography in 2015–16, she opened the museum’s new location in New York with her exhibition and program Public, Private, Secret.

STUDENTS

UCLA ART HISTORY
GRADUATE STUDENT SYMPOSIUM
Distraction: From Shared Condition to Applied Method
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 10AM–7PM
We are more distracted than ever by social media, texts, email, and breaking news. This deluge of information can produce a perpetual sense of irresolution and anxiety. In what ways does art historical discourse confront this condition? Is visual culture itself a mode of distraction? How do art institutions facilitate or work against distraction? This cross-disciplinary symposium addresses the aesthetic, historical, social, and political aspects of distraction as a creative tool.

Hammer Study Hall
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 11AM–5PM
Get your study on at this quarterly finals week event. Study at the Hammer with free wifi, snacks, music, and art breaks.

POETRY
Organized and hosted by poet, literary critic, and UCLA distinguished professor emeritus Stephen Yenser. Cosponsored by the UCLA Department of English and the UCLA Department of Cultural and Recreational Affairs.

Jana Prikryl
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 7:30PM
Jana Prikryl’s No Matter guides the reader through cities—remembered and imagined—toppling past the point of decline and fall. In reactionary times, these poems say, we each have a responsibility to use our imagination. Prikryl is the author of The After Party, named by the New York Times one of the Best Poetry Books of 2016. Her poems have appeared in the New Yorker, the London Review of Books, Paris Review, and the New York Review of Books, where she is a senior editor and the poetry editor.

Richard Kenney
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 7:30PM
Love, science, and politics collide in Richard Kenney’s most recent collection, Terminator: Poems, 2008–2018, organized around the so-called terminator—the line, perpendicular to the equator, that divides night from day. The poet’s division of light verse from darker poems serves to remind us that what makes us laugh is often dead serious, and what’s most serious might best be understood through wordplay and an ironic eye. Kenney is the author of four previous books of poetry, The Evolution of the Flightless Bird, Orrery, The Invention of the Zero, and The One-Strand River. He is a MacArthur Fellow and an English professor at the University of Washington.

SOME FAVORITE WRITERS
Readings are followed by discussion with author and UCLA professor Mona Simpson, who organizes this series. Supported in part by the UCLA Department of English and the Friends of English.

Ben Lerner
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 7:30PM
Ben Lerner’s latest novel, The Topeka School, is a tale of family, adolescence, and transgression set in the US Midwest in the late 1990s. It is also a prehistory of our troubled present—a “diagnosis of our ongoing national violence” (Claudia Rankine). Lerner is a Fulbright, Guggenheim, and MacArthur fellow as well as an English professor at Brooklyn College. He is the author of the novels Leaving the Atocha Station and 30:04, and the poetry collections The Lichtenberg Figures, Angle of Yaw, and Mean Free Path.

Ben Lerner PHOTO: CATHERINE BARRETT. JANA PRIKRYL PHOTO: WILLY SANOMA. RICHARD KENNEY PHOTO: ALAN BERNER.

READINGS
Readings are supported by GRoW@Annenberg.
**Hammer Presents**

**Black on Both Sides Listening Party with Shana Redmond**
Friday, December 13, 7:30PM

In this one-of-a-kind listening session, UCLA musicology professor Shana Redmond brings together critics, scholars, and musicians to reflect on the creativity and significance of the album *Black on Both Sides* by Yasiin Bey (formerly known as Mos Def). The album, which turns 20 this year, combines sonic complexity with cutting lyrics that reflect the musician’s strong political beliefs and is consistently cited as one of the top ten hip-hop albums of all time. Redmond is joined by Sohail Daulatzai, film and media and African American studies professor at UC Irvine; emcee and comedian Open Mike Eagle; film and TV music supervisor Morgan Rhodes, co-host of Heat Rocks podcast; and DJ Lynné Denise.

**Constitution Happy Hour**
Fridays, October 4 & 18, November 1 & 15, December 6, 6–8PM

Guided, topical conversations about the US Constitution and its role in our democracy—with drinks! Reflect, inquire, and build your knowledge of US government. Part of the artist Linda Pollack’s ongoing Constitution Café project (mydailyconstitution.org).

**Open Projector Night**
Wednesday, October 30, 7:30PM

You supply the film, We supply the popcorn. We’ll screen any film under 10 minutes for our raucous, irreverent audience and comedian emcees the Sklar Brothers. Sign-ups are first come, first served, between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. Bring a sense of humor, and be prepared for cheers and jeers. Visit hammer.ucla.edu for submission details.

**Delirium Musicum**
Wednesday, November 6, 7:30PM

Delirium Musicum concerts are an immediate, visceral experience. Influenced by the bustling artistic mosaic of Los Angeles, the self-conducted chamber ensemble plays ecstatic interpretations of music from old masters and new composers.

**Flux**
Wednesday, November 13, 7:30PM

The Flux screening series brings the creative community together to celebrate outstanding short films and music videos from around the globe with wildly inventive filmmaker presentations and performances. Visit flux.net.

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SCREENINGS

Toni Morrison: The Pieces I Am
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 7:30PM
This documentary offers an intimate meditation on the acclaimed author. From her childhood in an Ohio steel town to book tours with Muhammad Ali, from the front lines with Angela Davis to her riverfront writing room, Toni Morrison leads us on an exploration of race, history, America, and the human condition. Weaving together art, history, and literature, the film covers Morrison’s many critically acclaimed works as well as her time teaching at Princeton University and her role as an editor of iconic African American literature. (2019, dir. Timothy Greenfield-Sanders, 120 min.)

Sankofa
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 7:30PM
A black fashion model is transported back in time to a plantation, where she witnesses and experiences the brutality of slavery. Through the ordeal, she learns the value of reclaiming one’s roots. Produced as part of the L.A. Rebellion film movement, Sankofa examines gender, relationships between enslaved people, colorism, cultural conflicts, and religion. Sankofa expertly conveys the vantage point of the enslaved people, balancing the realistic portrayal of both oppression and resistance. Followed by a Q&A with director Haile Gerima and UCLA history and African American studies professor Brenda Stevenson. (1993, dir. Haile Gerima, 125 min.)

TICKETED EVENTS

UCLA Film & Television Archive
The Archive presents classic film and independent cinema every weekend at the Hammer. Archive tickets are $9 general admission and free for UCLA students. For the full schedule see cinema.ucla.edu.

Forbidden Fruit: The Golden Age of the Exploitation Picture
FRIDAY–SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20–22
Ernie Kovacs: Tele-Visionary at 100
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 7:30PM
Jonas Mekas Tribute
Copresented with Los Angeles Filmforum
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 7PM
Outfest UCLA Legacy Project Screening Series
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 7PM
Taiwan Film Biennial 2019
FRIDAY–MONDAY, OCTOBER 18–28
Julia Reichert Retrospective
FRIDAY–SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1–17
The Seven-Per-Cent Solution
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Family Flicks
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The Point!
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 11AM | RECOMMENDED FOR AGES 6+
Adapted by musician Harry Nilsson from his album The Point!, this psychedelic animated feature is set in a land where all the creatures have pointy features—except Oblio, who must learn that looks matter far less than who you are inside. (1971, dir. Fred Wolf, 16mm, 74 min.)

Casper
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 11AM | RECOMMENDED FOR AGES 8+
When a young girl and her father try to rid their new mansion of its ghosts, they become involved with Casper, a friendly ghost, and his three rowdy ghost uncles in funny and surprisingly touching ways. (1995, dir. Brad Silberling, 35mm, 110 min.)

That Darn Cat!
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 11AM | RECOMMENDED FOR AGES 7+
The Randall sisters and their irrepressible and always-hungry Siamese cat become entangled in an unsolved robbery and kidnapping. Nosy neighbors, jealous boyfriends, and a highly allergic FBI agent play a game of cat and mouse to crack the case. (1965, dir. Robert Stevenson, 116 min.)

Elf
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 11AM | RECOMMENDED FOR AGES 7+
After discovering he is actually human, a man raised as an elf—played with hilarious earnestness by Will Ferrell—leaves his home in the North Pole to find his real father in New York City in this heartwarming holiday comedy. (2003, dir. Jon Favreau, 97 min.)

Arts without Walls: Zines for Justice
CO-PRESENTED BY THE FELIPE DE NEVE BRANCH OF THE LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2–4PM (FELIPE DE NEVE BRANCH)
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Art can transcend barriers of all kinds. Make a mini zine with artist Chyyna Monforte in support of families separated at the border using powerful collage techniques inspired by artist Lari Pittman. The same art-making activity occurs at each site. The Hammer program includes storytelling in the galleries. The library program is bilingual in Spanish and English.

I’m Feelin’ It: Pouring Your Emotions into a Song
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 11AM
RECOMMENDED FOR AGES 8–14
What is it about a song that makes you feel happy, sad, energized, or invincible—like you could take on the world? Turn your emotions into songs with musician Laura “Laura Bird” Burhenn, who has released four records as The Mynahbirds and toured internationally.

Create a World: Setting in Film, Television, Plays, and Books
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 11AM
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Create the world of your personal story, fleshing out the details of setting and conflicts that make it real. Led by playwright, TV writer, and journalist Vásárnad Madadi, whose work has also appeared in the anthology series Her Saturn Returns: Queer Women of Color Life Transitions.

Your History
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 11AM
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Why does your story matter? Whose stories are told, and whose are ignored? Interview each other, explore digital archives and photographs, and discuss how to keep your story alive. Led by art educator, art advocate, and visual artist William Camargo.

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Writing for Plants: A Botany Workshop
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 11AM
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Tanya Aguiñiga & Natalie Godínez • Carolyn Castañó
Ashley Hunt • Alicia Piller • Jimena Sarno

Performances
Rhythm Child • Bob Baker Marionette Theater
Culture Shock Los Angeles • InsideOUT Writers

Literary Death Match: Kids Edition
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2PM
“The most entertaining reading series ever” (Los Angeles Times), Literary Death Match returns to the Hammer for the first-ever Kids Edition. Children’s book authors will read and be judged by kids pulled from the audience. Featuring Caldecott Medal-winning author Jon Klassen, award-winning author Isabel Quintero, Hair Love writer-director Matthew A. Cherry, and actor and author Kelli McNeil.

Lari Pittman: Declaration of Independence
Available now at the Hammer Store, the exhibition catalogue follows Pittman’s decades-long trajectory and features over 60 paintings and 30 drawings. Edited by Connie Butler, the book features essays by Vanessa Ariasendi, George Baker, Donatien Grau, Helen Molesworth, and Duro Olowu that place Pittman’s imagery within both Modernism and recent histories of Los Angeles. The essays examine the work’s political commentary as well as its many literary references.

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