



The WESTERNERS

Los Angeles Corral Roundup

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

Almanson Court ~ 700 South Almanson St, Alhambra, CA 91801
Social Hour at 5:00 PM, Dinner at 6:00 PM

Our July speaker and the Autry Fellow for 2026 is Lauren White who will present a talk on "The Political Aesthetics of the Freeway in the American West: The Lincoln Highway, Route 66, and SoCal Dedication Ceremonies".

There is a long history of mythologizing the American West through its highways. Lauren will explain the importance of the freeway to the American identity and U.S nationalism through The Lincoln Highway, Route 66, and Southern California highway dedication ceremonies. The Lincoln Highway Association turned their campaign into a nationwide patriotic movement, memorializing Lincoln within their highway in an effort to garner support for what would become the first transcontinental highway. Since its inception, Route 66 has been conscripted into the American imagination and continues to be used to advertise America. From the 1930s to the 1950s, Southern California freeway dedication ceremonies featured elaborate state-produced performances, some spanning days and states, that sought to re-enact and celebrate westward expansion.



Lauren White is the 2026 Westerners Fellow at the Autry Museum. She is a PhD candidate in the Department of English at the University of Southern California. Her work has been published by Western American Literature, Modern Fiction Studies, and Oxford University Press, and she is a guest editor of Western American Literature's forthcoming special issue "Reading and Writing Highways in the West." She is also an Edward Guiliano Global Fellow through the Modern Language Association and an Andrew W. Mellon Fellow at the Huntington Library, where she has conducted archival research for her dissertation on highways. As an Angeleno, freeways have always shaped Lauren's relationship to Southern California. Her dissertation considers the political aesthetics of the freeway in the American West through state-produced mythologies and freeway novels.

Menu Choices for 7/8/26 are:

(Beef): Filet Mignon & Scampi, USDA Tender Filet Mignon Slow Roasted with a Balsamic Reduction on the Side, Shrimp Scampi in a Lemon Butter Sauce, or

(Fish): Baked Atlantic Salmon, Seasoned & Topped with a Lemon Butter Cream Sauce and toasted lemon wedge, or

(Chicken): Baked Garlic Chicken, oven baked chicken breast lightly breaded with panko bread crumbs and topped with garlic, parmesan, and a cream sauce, or

(Vegetarian) Pasta primavera with garlic cream sauce, fresh pasta prepared with a medley of carrots, peppers, zucchini, mushrooms, and green beans.

Please indicate your preference when you reserve for the next RoundUp.

**Complimentary Wine and soft drinks will again be offered to all attendees.
The bar will no longer be open.**

When you receive your order blank in the mail, please indicate your dinner choice and put a check for \$45.00 made out to Westerners, Los Angeles Corral, and mail it to Michele Clark, 226 1/2 Beacon Ave., South Pasadena CA 91030-1702. Walk-ins are welcome but *entrée* choices will be limited to the meal type available. The "late" price is \$50.00.

Or you can pay via Paypal at www.lawesterners.org. Go to the Members Only tab, click on Roundup Store. The general password is oldjoe. Please also you may contact Michele Clark (email at mclark216@earthlink.net) or by telephone (626) 822-1522 and let her know you wish to attend and how you paid.

L.A. Coral Presentations for 2026-2027

August 12, 2026 ~ Carla Bolinger, "Weapons and Space Rocket Engine Development-Testing at the historic Santa Susana Field Laboratory"

September 9, 2026 ~ Michael Patris, "Mount Lowe Railway Then and Now"

October 17, 2026 ~ 10a-4p The Rendezvous at the Jonathan Club in downtown Los Angeles

November 11, 2026 ~ Jared Lo Nigro, "Trains"

December 9, 2026 ~ Brian Dillon, "King Bill and the California Mustang, 1869-1938"

January 13, 2027 ~ Mark Hall-Patton, TBA

February 10, 2027 ~ Dick Noonan, TBA

Car-Pooling: Many of our older members no longer drive or find night-driving problematic. Please reach out to those nearby and offer them a ride to our monthly RoundUps.

First-Time Visitors: Please don't hesitate to invite non-member friends to RoundUps they might find interesting....first-time visitors qualify for a special, reduced rate for their sponsors.

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