

The Knapp Lecture Series and 14th Annual Labovitz-Perez Lecture presents

Who Will Build The Ark?

The Anthropocene and the Challenges of the 21st Century

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Monday, October 24, 2016 at 6 p.m.

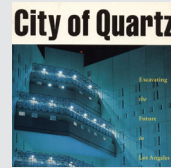
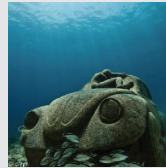
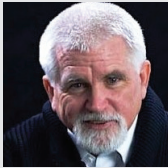
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In 2008 the Stratigraphy Commission of the Geological Society of London announced the birth of a new geological age, the Anthropocene. Today, rapid climate change entails radical reshaping of ecologies, with widening socio-economic inequalities and their concomitant meteorological mandates. This raises the question of who will build the ark, lest human solidarity fracture like a West Antarctic ice shelf, shattering into a thousand shards.

Davis's talk confronts the challenges facing human solidarity in the age of the Anthropocene and the challenges of the 21st century, including a critical new vision of the humanities for the 2nd millennium.

Davis is an American writer, political activist, urban theorist, and historian. He is best known for his investigations of power, race and social class in his native Southern California. Davis is a Distinguished Professor in the Department of Creative Writing at the University of California, Riverside, and an editor of the *New Left Review*.

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