



BUILDING KNOWLEDGE & ENRICHING THOUGHT

Spring 2017 Course

Spring is coming! And along with it a return to Forum by our inaugural and most popular presenter: Professor Chris O'Sullivan. His account of the history of Sonoma County promises to be equally as educational and entertaining as his history of California was in 2015.

CONTESTED EDEN: A HISTORY OF SONOMA COUNTY

Thursdays 10 – 11:30AM March 16 – April 20

Sonoma County occupies a stunning ecological, historical and cultural crossroads. Its natural diversity includes rugged coastline, bay wetlands, river ecosystems, redwoods, mountains and vast pasturelands. This is matched by an equally diverse human ecology featuring the intersection of Pomo, Miwok and Wappo peoples and the borderland between the sprawling global empires of Spain and Russia. Special attention will be given to Native Americans, Spanish and Russian exploration and colonization, the Mexican era, the "Bear Flag Revolt," the emergence of wine in the 19th century, and the transformations of the 20th century. Profiles of the most compelling historical figures and events will be featured, including:

- The Russians at Fort Ross
- Mariano Vallejo and the Sonoma Frontier
- Wine in Sonoma County
- Agoston Haraszthy and Buena Vista
- Jasper O'Farrell
- Jack London and the Valley of the Moon
- Luther Burbank
- Grace Hudson
- M.F.K. Fisher and the Food Revolution
- The Craft Beer Revolution

Chris O'Sullivan, PhD

Chris O'Sullivan received his BA from UC Berkeley and his MA and PhD from the London School of Economics, University of London. He is the recipient of the 2013 Innovations in Teaching Award and the 2011 Distinguished Teaching Award and has been a Fulbright visiting professor at the University of Jordan. He is the author of several books including *Harry Hopkins: FDR's Envoy to Churchill and Stalin* (2014); *FDR and the End of Empire* (2012); *Colin Powell* (2010); *Sumner Welles* (2008), and *The United Nations* (2005).



Registration opens 2/15/2017. Classes are at the Raven Performing Arts Theater, 115 North St., Healdsburg.

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