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The Archaeology of Ethnogenesis: Race and Sexuality in Colonial San Francisco **Lecture by Barbara L. Voss, Ph.D.**



(SANTA BARBARA, CA) – The Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) is pleased to present ***The Archaeology of Ethnogenesis: Race and Sexuality in Colonial San Francisco***, a lecture by Dr. Barbara L. Voss (Stanford University), Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Presidio Chapel (123 East Canon Perdido Street, Santa Barbara). The event is co-sponsored by UCSB Departments of History and Anthropology, USCB Public History Program, and Santa Barbara Mission Archive-Library.

Dr. Barbara L. Voss' innovative work of historical

archaeology illuminates the genesis of the Californios, a community of military settlers who forged a new identity on the northwest edge of Spanish North America. Since 1993, Dr. Voss has conducted archaeological excavations at the Presidio of San Francisco, founded by Spain during its colonization of California's central coast. Her research at the Presidio forms the basis for this rich study of cultural identity formation, or

ethnogenesis, among the diverse peoples who came from widespread colonized populations to serve at the Presidio. Through a close investigation of the landscape, architecture, ceramics, clothing, and other aspects of material culture, she traces shifting contours of race and sexuality in colonial California.

Dr. Barbara L. Voss is Associate Professor of Anthropology at Stanford University. She is a historical archaeologist who studies the dynamics and outcomes of transnational cultural encounters in the Americas, especially those related to colonialism and immigration. Voss' work also forges new dialogues between queer studies and archaeology. Her research is guided by a deep commitment to public archaeology and community collaboration. Her books *Archaeologies of Sexuality* (co-edited with Robert A. Schmidt) and *The Archaeology of Ethnogenesis* were each awarded the Ruth Benedict Prize by the American Anthropological Association.

CALENDAR LISTING

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Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Presidio Chapel, 123 East Canon Perdido Street, Santa Barbara

Cost: Free for SBTHP members, SBMAL members, and UCSB students with valid student ID

Non-members \$5

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ABOUT Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP)—For over fifty years the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) has worked to *protect, preserve, restore, reconstruct, and interpret historic sites in Santa Barbara County*. Founded in 1963 by Dr. Pearl Chase and other concerned community leaders, SBTHP operates El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park—Santa Barbara's 18th century birthplace—under a unique agreement with California State Parks. The State has purchased the building that housed Jimmy's Oriental Gardens, providing an opportunity to interpret the history of Santa Barbara's Asian American community in the Presidio Neighborhood. SBTHP owns and operates Casa de la Guerra, the 1820s home of Presidio *Comandante* José de la Guerra and his family—the restored home is now a museum featuring original furnishings and rotating exhibits. In 2009, SBTHP signed an agreement with State Parks to manage and develop the Santa Inés Mission Mills, located near the town of Solvang, as a future California State Park. In 2011, SBTHP was awarded the Trustees' Emeritus Award for Excellence in the Stewardship of Historic Sites by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. With the help of continuing education programs and exhibits, SBTHP strives to encourage community involvement and foster an appreciation for Santa Barbara County's distinctive history. **Learn more at www.sbthp.org.**