

The Race to the Poles

Presented by: Dr. David Bisno

Eight Tuesdays
February 2 - March 22, 2016
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
and
1:30-3:30 pm

SB County Administration Building
123 E. Anapamu St. (1st Floor Auditorium)

We invite you to join the eight week “intellectual journey” in the footsteps of Scott, Shackleton and Amundsen to the North and South Poles. The stories are riveting; we expect everyone making the trip to have lots of fun. A Get-Together Party and then: Mornings: spirited discussion; Afternoons: incredible movies....and a final banquet.

At the dawn of the 20th Century, the North and South Poles were coveted prizes in the fiercely nationalistic age of exploration. Driving ambitions involved uncommon courage by unusual personalities. Relentless quest for glory and fortune went beyond the bounds of normal reason.

Robert Falcon Scott, who died along with four of his men only 11 miles from his next cache of supplies, became Britain’s beloved failure. Roald Amundsen, who not only beat Scott to the South Pole, but returned to Norway alive, was largely forgotten. Within days of each other, two Americans, Frederick Cook and Robert Peary, emerged from the Arctic’s frozen wastes, each saying he had been the first to stand at the North Pole. Who was the liar? Were they both frauds? ... and America celebrated with a flag waving parade! **(Continued on back...)**



Enrollment Form: Race to the Poles – 8 weeks - Feb 2 - Mar 22, 2016

VISTAS Members \$100 per person + \$10 per notebook

Non-members \$150 per person + \$10 per notebook

Note: At-The-Door Registration is an additional \$5.00

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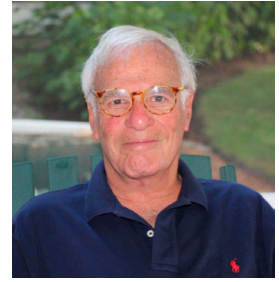
Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Mail registration form to:

VISTAS Lifelong Learning, Inc., P.O. Box 23228, Santa Barbara, CA 93121-3228

Please check here if you would like to volunteer to help with refreshments _____

BIOGRAPHY: David Bisno M.D., retired ophthalmologist with degrees from Harvard, Dartmouth and the Washington University School of Medicine, is at it again with his M.A. in the *History of Science* and his purpose to share and provoke. Having previously presented many topics (including this one 14 years ago) here in Santa Barbara for VISTAS, David and Fay return from New England eager to discuss with us the latest interpretations of the human dramas which emerged from the frozen climes of the Arctic and Antarctic.



Our Guest Speakers:

Alex Morrice CBE MSc was born in 1940 in Aberdeen, Scotland, and educated at Robert Gordon’s College and Aberdeen University. He joined the British Royal Navy in 1963, leaving in 1992 at rank of Captain. As a Commander he served in HMS ILLUSTRIOUS at the end of the Falklands War; as a Captain held appointments as Director Naval Oceanography Meteorology, Director of Service Education, and Director of Manpower & Training. He also served at the National Defence College and the Royal College of Defence Studies. After leaving the Navy he has worked as a consultant in marine science and technology, but has retained a keen interest in current affairs. Captain Morrice has participated in U.S. lifelong learning classes, leading seminars on the political background to the Falklands War and the Suez Crisis and delivering a lecture “The US-UK Special Relationship – Help or Hindrance?”

Robert Headland has had a lifelong career with the Scott Polar Research Institute in Cambridge, England. After years as Archivist and Curator, he is now a distinguished Fellow of the Institute. He is the foremost lecturer in the world on ice-breaker cruise ships both to the North Pole and to Antarctica. No one knows of more stories of polar explorers with which to regale an audience than Mr. Robert Headland.

Continued from front: And then there was Franklin, Nansen and Shackleton. Neither saints nor supermen, ruthless yet insecure, they were eccentric, petty, paranoid and passionate. They were complex men with strong filial devotion and unabashedly romantic sentiments. Bribes, death threats and sexual impropriety were all parka and parcel.

With the help of two expert guests from the United Kingdom, the class will discuss and compare inspirational and implacable men with unrelenting wills to reach intangible and impossible goals. With your help, psychological portraits to understand, if not admire, each individual will be developed.

VISTAS Calendar			
Seminar/Event	Inclusive Dates	Time	Venue
Documentary Film Club	3rd Thurs Monthly	2:00 pm	Maravilla Theater
Damming Colorado River	Wed, Jan 13	9:30 am	Goleta Library
Victory & Defeat WWII	Wed, Jan 20,27, Feb 3 & 10	9:30 am	Goleta Library
Presenting for Vistas	Thur, Jan 28	1:30 pm	Maravilla, Valencia Rm
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Victory & Defeat Part 2	Thurs, Mar 17, 24, & 31	9:30 am	Goleta Library
Old Testament	Mon, Feb 8	1:30 pm	Maravilla Club Room
Women’s Politics	Mon, Feb 15	1:30 pm	Maravilla, Club Room
Political Polarization	Thurs, Feb 18, 25 & Mar 3	9:30 am	Goleta Library