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THE RISE AND FALL OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

Organized by : **Gerry Corrigan**

Three Wednesdays

June 10, 17, 24, 2015

9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Goleta Library - Multi Purpose Room
 500 N. Fairview, Goleta

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Our Great Explorers Series continues with a course on “Brits in Africa” and will cover a 150-year period, roughly 1800 into the 1960’s. The focus is on Sub-Saharan Africa and some of the British explorers, missionaries, colonists and warriors who risked life and health to open up that part of the so-called Dark Continent for commerce and colonialism.

Four of the six presentations will be devoted to those who journeyed to the area, in some cases never to return. Who were they-Where did they go-Why did they go? People such as Mungo Park, Gordon Laing, Richard Burton, John Speke, David Livingstone, Henry Stanley, and Mary Kingsley will be discussed.

In addition, one class session will include the conflict between the Boers and British forces ending in a British victory in 1902 to be followed by the formation of the Union of South Africa. We will have one session dealing with European Powers taking control of almost all of Africa by the early 1900s, a period of massive colonization that lasted some 60 years. The final session will be followed by a discussion of the pros and cons of colonialism in Africa.

Suggested Reading: *The Decline and Fall of the British Empire, 1781-1997.* Piers Brendon (2008).

ENROLLMENT FORM: *British Africa* - June 10, 17, 24 2015

VISTAS Members \$30/per person – Non-members \$45.00 per person

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

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Name(s): _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Mail registration form to:

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Deadline for registration: June 3rd

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

Specific Topics and Presenters are:

- **Looking for Timbuktu and the Niger River:** **Gerry Corrigan**
- **The Boer Experience in South Africa:** **Hjalmar Pompe van Meerdervoort**
- **Burton & Speke Search for the Source of the Nile:** **Sue Mellor**
- **“Dr. Livingstone, I Presume”:** **George Eskin**
- **The Scramble for Africa and Decolonization:** **Ted Anagnoson**
- **Mary Kingsley: Explorer, Writer, Critic** **Gerry Corrigan**

VISTAS CALENDAR

Seminar/Event	Dates	Time	Venue
Documentary Film Club	3rd Thurs Monthly	10:00 am	Valle Verde Theater
Western Mirror	April 30	1:30 pm	Maravilla Club Room
Vichy France	May 4 & 11	1:30 pm	Maravilla Club Room
Hospice	May 18	1:30 pm	Maravilla Club Room
Katz -Suppressed Music	May 20, 27, June 3	1:30 pm	Maravilla Club Room
British Africa	June 10, 17, 24	9:30 am	Goleta Library
Write About Your Life	June 11,18, 25	1:30 pm	Vista del Monte Sierra Madre



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