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Western Mirror: California and the American Civil War

Presented by : Jay Carlander

Thursday - April 30, 2015

1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Maravilla - Club Room
 5486 Calle Real, Santa Barbara

(Please car pool if possible)

The Western Mirror: California and the Coming of the American Civil War

Before the Civil War, California and the rest of the western territory won from Mexico in 1848 symbolized the future of the Republic. The great question that brought on the Civil War was this: Will slavery remain an integral part of the Republic as it expands west, or will it be put on the road to extinction?

This seminar will examine California's role in the coming of the Civil War. Specifically, we will investigate:

- The tensions and developments that caused the American Civil War
- California's economic and social development in the 1850s
- The politics of slavery in California during the 1850s



Our exploration will reveal that California in the 1850s mirrored the antebellum economic, ideological, and political divisions between northern and southern states back east. California's status as a "free state" – that is, a state where slavery was illegal – was precarious and battled a powerful proslavery vision of the future of California and the West.



While the contest for California heightened the tensions that resulted in armed conflict, California's future, like the rest of the Republic, was decided on the battlefields of the Civil War.

ENROLLMENT FORM: Western Mirror - April 30, 2015

VISTAS Members \$15/per person – Non-members \$22.50 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: April 23rd

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

Biography: Jay Carlander, Ph.D. Jay is currently an instructor in the History Department at Santa Barbara City College where he teaches U.S. history. Jay grew up in Santa Barbara and received his BA, MA, and PhD in History at UCSB where his doctoral research focused on economic thought in the antebellum South.



VISTAS CALENDAR

Seminar/Event	Dates	Time	Venue
Documentary Film Club	3rd Thurs Monthly	10:00 am	Valle Verde Theater
Pharmacology	March 30	9:30 am	Valle Verde Social Room
Climate Change	April 3	9:30 am	Valle Verde Social Room
Gutenberg Revolution	April 9	1:30 pm	Maravilla Club Room
Theodore Roosevelt	April 14, 21,28, May 5	9:30 am	Valle Verde Social Room
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
Opera	May 20, 27, June 3	1:30 pm	Maravilla Club Room
Dr. Spock for Grown-Ups	June 12	1:30 pm	Maravilla Club Room
British Africa	June 10, 17, 24	9:30 am	Valle Verde Social Room



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