



OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Meeting Saturday October 17th

Our long anticipated speaker will be Coll Thrush speaking on: *From Native Seattle to Aboriginal London: Thoughts on Urban Indigenous Histories*

In 2007, the University of Washington Press published *Native Seattle: Histories from the Crossing-Over Place*. In the book, which was given the Washington State Book Award for History/Biography, Coll retold Seattle's story through the experiences of local Indigenous people and Native migrants from other places, and looked at the way Seattleites, both Native and settler, told stories about local places to craft narratives of belonging and dispossession.

Now, Coll is writing a sequel of sorts to *Native Seattle*, telling the story of another city through the experiences of Indigenous people. However, the city in question is not Vancouver, where he is a member of the UBC faculty. Rather, Coll is turning to the center of empire: London, England and history is told from the perspectives of Indigenous travelers who came to the city - willingly or otherwise - from territories that became the US, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. Please join us to share stories from this work in progress which makes links between Northwest places and the bigger stories of world history.

IMPORTANT: The meeting is on Saturday--not our usual day and it is at 3pm to accommodate our speaker. The place is our usual room in the Seattle Library's University Branch at 5009 Roosevelt Way N.E.

EVENTS OF NOTE

Prof. Moon-Ho Jung informed us that the Center for the Study of the Pacific Northwest will hold a symposium on the AYP on Friday, October 16, the day before our meeting. The symposium is from 1:30 to 4:30 at the Petersen Room in the Allen Library, UW. You can find information at <http://www.washington.edu/uwired/outreach/cspn/Website/News%20&%20Events/AYP%20Symposium.html>. Speakers will include Prof. John Findlay, Jon Olivera and Coll Thrush. Please RSVP cspn@u.washington.edu.

The fall of 2009 sees the publication of two books that will interest Guild members: one from Chuck LeWarne and one from Lorraine McConaghy. The long awaited book by Chuck about the well-known Seattle guru-led society of Love Israel has arrived and received very positive comments by reviewers. *The Love Israel Family: Urban Commune, Rural Commune* was just published by the UW Press. The UW Press website notes the availability of this book has no additional information at this time.

This is also true of Lorraine's book. Her research has shown that the legend of the Navy's presence in very early Seattle is actually strikingly different from the events she has uncovered. The book is titled *Warship Under Sail: USS Decatur in the Pacific Northwest*. The UW Press will bring it out in October and on November 19, 2009, MOHAI will host a private reception followed by a presentation.

Carla Rickerson has an article in the Spring *PNQ* issue on *Discovering the AYP in the University of Washington's Special Collections*. She, of course, knows what's in the collections since she heads the department. Anyone interested in AYP should look at that issue and subsequent *PNQ* issue. The great exposition of 1909 has "had legs" that almost no one could imagine. It is the subject of further articles in WSHS' *Columbia* magazine.

You will also find in *Columbia's* fall issue Paul Spitzer's article, *The Gilded Age on Ice*, of a 1916 voyage from Seattle to find the last undiscovered land on earth.

The University of Washington Libraries has recently completed a project to identify and preserve early Washington State agriculture, forestry, and fisheries literature in cooperation with Washington State University and other institutions. The project covered books and journals between 1820 and 1945. Bibliographies are now available online at: <http://www.lib.washington.edu/preservation/projects/washag/index.html>

Historians Guild Board

With the end of the year, the Guild will be replacing several trustees on its board. We ask now that regular members who have not yet served on the board volunteer to fill one term. Terms begin in January. Most duties are light and the trustees meet approximately four times a year. The board's present composition is:

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