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September PCAS Speaker

Don Laylander

*Old Site Records and a New Perspective
on Prehistoric Settlement Stability*

**In-Person and Zoom Meeting
September 8, 7:30 pm**

Archaeologists approach the problem of reconstructing the prehistoric past with a variety of strategies and methods. Among these are intensive site excavations, the restudy of curated archaeological collections, archaeological surveys of sizeable areas, and the analysis of a region's previously collected site records. Each of these approaches has both advantages and drawbacks.

September's talk will address the last of these methods, focusing specifically on a study of 2,319 prehistoric site records that were previously documented for the 420 mi² McCain-Jacumba-Ocotillo area in southeastern San Diego County and southwestern Imperial County. Out of results on a variety of topics arising

from this study, the talk will consider the question of prehistoric stability or change in the locations of habitation sites and what their implications may be concerning prehistoric demography and mobility strategies.

Don Laylander received a BA in history from UCLA and an MA in anthropology from San Diego State University. Now retired, he has participated in archaeology throughout most parts of California, including working extensively for the U.S. Forest Service, Caltrans, and, most recently, ASM Affiliates. His talk will be based on a study done for the BLM in 2013–2015. Don has been a frequent contributor to the *PCAS Quarterly* and has published dozens of articles in various publications that have delved into diverse aspects of the prehistory of Alta and Baja California.

In-Person Meeting

Location: IRWD Community Room
15500 Sand Canyon Ave., Irvine

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Zoom Meeting

- Email a **new** Zoom registration request by **noon on Thursday, September 8**, to membership@pcas.org. You will receive an emailed link to the Zoom meeting.
- Guests (non-PCAS members) are welcome with registration.
- When the presentation starts, please **mute your microphone and turn off your webcam**.

PCAS host **Steve Dwyer** will open the Zoom meeting at 7 pm to allow time to resolve any technical problems prior to the beginning of the PCAS General Meeting and lecture at 7:30 pm.



**This is the combined
August/September Newsletter.**

June Speaker Notes

Patriotic Footprints:

*José Francisco Ortega, Frontier Diplomat,
with Maria Antonia Carrillo de Ortega,
Frontier Presidio First Lady—stories of
Spain's Alta California early frontier*

By Megan Galway

Dr. Paul G. Chace brought us the story of José Francisco Ortega, a significant figure in the early settlement of Alta California.

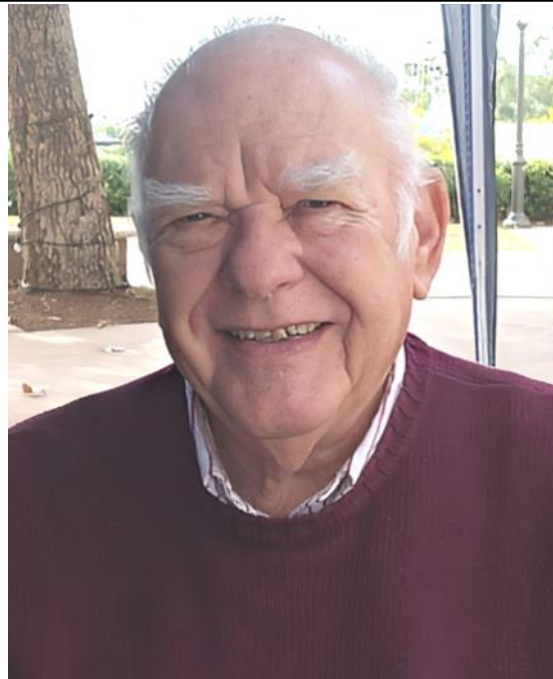
Ortega was born in a silver mining center in central Mexico in January 1734. Four generations of Ortegases had lived in the area, and although no birth records exist, he was understood to have had an Indian grandmother. He was an educated man and grew up to practice law. In 1754 he left his family and enlisted and was assigned to the Loreto Presidio where he rose from corporal to sergeant in two years.

Until 1767 the Spanish missions had been run by Jesuits who were then outlawed and exiled and replaced with Franciscans. During this time Ortega was appointed *alcalde* for the silver miners. He was then granted an audience with the Viceroy of Mexico, José de Galvez, who was planning to organize expeditions to Alta California. Four expeditions were planned, two by land and two by sea. Ortega was to lead a land expedition with Fr. Serra and establish missions in Velicata and San Diego in 1769.

In July 1769 San Diego became the first mission in Alta California. The local Kumeyaay people were originally peaceful, but when the land expedition arrived, that relationship changed. When the expedition moved north, leaving only eight soldiers at the mission, the Kumeyaay attacked. Both sides suffered casualties, but the Spanish prevailed, and the Kumeyaay left the area.

Ortega acted as chief scout on the Portola expeditions to Monterey and San Francisco and was said to have maintained peace with the local tribes through whose lands they passed, gifting beads to the people he met. In July 1770 he returned to San Diego and then to Mission San Gabriel with Fr. Serra. In Sept 1770 the mission was threatened by Natives, but their Tongva guide translated and helped maintain the peace with the aid of bead gifts. In January 1771 a group of soldiers were sent to the tar pits to collect tar for the ships and were attacked. They had no gifts and shot and killed the Natives.

In 1772–1773 San Diego was transitioned from a garrison to a full Presidio, and Ortega was promoted to lieutenant and was Presidio Commandante from



PCAS June speaker, Dr. Paul G. Chace.

1774 to 1781. His wife, Maria, and three children traveled the 400 miles from Loreto to join him, and Maria became the first lady of Alta California. She was in charge of organizing the women of the Presidio to provide the food and day-to-day needs of the Presidio. She handled the importation of food staples, fabrics, and other necessary items. Records show her as godmother to 40 children.

In 1775 Ortega again traveled north to establish Mission San Juan Capistrano and in 1782 was made Commandante of the Santa Barbara Presidio followed by Monterey in 1784 and a return to Loreto in 1792. The 1794 Santa Barbara Presidio Military Roster records that he was granted the Rancho Nuestra Señora del Refugio, and this is where he retired in 1795 after 40 years of service. He died two years later in a fall from his horse. He and Maria are buried at Mission Santa Barbara.

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Lectures

A Human and Ecological History of the Northern Channel Islands, by Dr. Todd J. Braje (San Diego State University). A Zoom lecture of the San Diego Archaeological Center, September 1, 6:30 pm. Free—pay what you want. Information and registration: sandiegoarchaeology.org/channel-islands.

Funerary Papyri as Social Reflections of the Living and the Dead, by Dr. Marissa A. Stevens (UCLA). An ARCE/Bowers Museum lecture, September 10, 1:30 pm. Recorded lecture available for 24 hours. Fee: \$13 in-person, \$10 online; Bowers and ARCE members free. Ticket purchase and information: www.bowers.org.

Excavation of Early Chinatown and Stingaree in San Diego, by Douglas Mengers (Pangis, San Diego) and Linda Bentz (Chinese Historical Society of Southern California). Zoom lecture of the Ventura County Archaeological Society, September 13, 7 pm. Request Zoom registration: vcas.arch@gmail.com. Information: www.venturacountyarchaeologicalsociety.com.

Indigenous Music and Instruments of South America, by Jim Berenholtz. Bowers Museum, September 17, 1:30 pm. Onsite fee: \$15, members \$10. Recorded fee: \$10, members \$5. Information and ticket purchase: www.bowers.org.

Framing Victory: Salamis, the Athenian Acropolis and the Agora, by John Papadopoulos (Department of Classics, UCLA), a lecture of the AIA, Orange County Chapter. DeNault Auditorium in Grimm Hall, Concordia University, 1530 Concordia West, Irvine, September 25, 2 pm. Fee: \$10; members and current students free. Information: www.aia-oc.org.

Classes, Meetings, and Events

Practical Uses of Native California Plants, by Yantina Aldao Galvan, will teach participants about the plants historically harvested by the Native people of southern California for food, medicine, and utilitarian purposes. A Desert Institute class, September 17, 8:30 am–4 pm. Fee: \$95, JTNP member \$85.

Classes, Meetings, and Events (continued)

Information and ticketing: www.joshuatree.org/desert-institute/field-classes.html.

Moompetam American Indian Festival will celebrate indigenous California maritime cultures with traditional craft demonstrations, storytelling, music, and dance. Aquarium of the Pacific, September 17–18, 9 am–5 pm. Fee: included with aquarium admission. Advance online reservations required for admission. Information: www.aquariumofpacific.org.

The SCA Northern Data Sharing Meeting will be held at the California Statewide Museum Collections Center, 4940 Lang Ave., McClellan Park, September 24. For information and registration about the ***Southern Data Sharing Meeting*** and registration for both meetings: sca-home.org/2020-sca-data-sharing-meetings.

Archaeopalooza, sponsored by the Copper Mountain Community College District and in honor of the late Daniel McCarthy, is a free, family friendly program to celebrate California Archaeology Month with hands-on activities, demonstrations, and information tables. Speakers will include Joan Schneider on "The Life and Legacy of Elizabeth Warder Crozier Campbell," Hayley Elsen will present "What's in a Circle? Exploring Rock Circles in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park," and MacKenzie Hitchcock on "Bringing Death Valley to Life: The Archaeology of the Hottest Place on Earth." Copper Mountain College, Bell Center, Community Room, Joshua Tree, October 1, 9 am–2 pm. Free.

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Editor's Note: Please confirm time and place of listing prior to the event. Submit items for Dig This to newsletter@pcas.org.



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The following principles have been adopted by the PCAS:

1. Professional methods and forms will be used on all archaeological field surveys, excavations, and laboratory sessions.
2. A complete record of field and laboratory work will be filed with the PCAS Curator and stored at a facility approved by the Society's Board of Directors.
3. No archaeological materials will be removed without proper permits, landowner permission, and a field research design.
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PCAS Speaker Calendar

October 13, 2022

Dr. Gabriel Sanchez

November 10, 2022

Brian Barbier

Shell Bead Production and Exchange

December 8, 2022

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