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Civil War Nurses Subject of PGMNH Roundtable



On Saturday July 29, 2006 at 2:00 p.m., the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History will present a free lecture and roundtable discussion about Civil War nursing.

The speaker is Libra Hilde, Ph.D., a political and social historian of 19th-century America whose work focuses mainly on the Civil War, Reconstruction, American slavery, and the Jacksonian period. She studied at Harvard University under the late Prof. William Gienapp, a prominent authority on the Civil War, who supervised her dissertation on the life, experiences, and importance of Union and Confederate nurses. Her thesis is currently being revised as a book project.

Before completing her doctoral work at Harvard in 2003, Dr. Hilde attended UC Berkeley as an undergraduate, majoring in both History and Native American Studies. Following two years of teaching at Stanford University, Dr. Hilde joined the faculty of San Jose State University's history department in Fall 2005. During that semester, she taught only one course, as she completed a fellowship at Stanford's Research Institute for the Comparative Studies of Race and Ethnicity. She began teaching full-time at SJSU in Spring 2006.

This roundtable is part of an ongoing series of Civil War-related events held at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History. The events are facilitated by Thomas Brown, the great grand nephew of Civil War Union General George Thomas. He has entertained audiences in numerous presentations as General Thomas and Confederate General John B. Hood at private and public events throughout Northern California and Nevada, where he shares first-person recollections of the Civil War. He is an active participant of the American Civil War Association and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and frequently appears at Civil War reenactments, parades, and other historical events. Brown is a successful painting contractor in Carmel. He is a graduate of Monterey Peninsula College and of Chapman University, with a BA in social science. Brown is currently a master's degree candidate in history at SJSU.

For more information about this Civil War event, contact Museum Director Paul Finnegan at (831) 648-5716, ext. 12, or e-mail pfinnegan@ci.pg.ca.us

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