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2014 PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGY SPEAKER SERIES



JUNE 26

*Rediscovering the Diverse History of Fort Vancouver:
French Canadians and Native Hawaiians*

Jean Barman

Fort Vancouver's central role in the Pacific Northwest fur trade was due not only to a handful of Scots and Englishmen in charge, but even more so due to the far larger numbers of French Canadians and Native Hawaiians whose everyday labor was fundamental to its success. These men, women, and families led real lives. Jean Barman tells their stories and highlights their significance to Fort Vancouver and the early history of Washington and Oregon.



JULY 10

*Comparing the Fur Trade Ceramics of Chinookan and Early-19th
Century Fur Trade Sites Along the Columbia River*

Robert J. Cromwell

National Park Service excavations of the Middle Village at the mouth of the Columbia River resulted in an extraordinary late-19th century British and Chinese ceramic assemblage in an otherwise traditional Chinookan plank house setting. Robert Cromwell shares the results, and conclusions from subsequent research that show how European and Chinese ceramics became part of Columbia River archaeology sites.



JULY 17

*Current Trends in Aviation Archaeology: What's Going on in the
Field and Where is it Taking Us?*

Megan Licklitter-Mundon

Archaeologists are constantly exploring new ways to understand and preserve our history, which in some cases includes our recent past. Archaeologist Megan Licklitter-Mundon presents an introduction to terrestrial and underwater aviation archaeology and discusses recent projects in documentation, recovery, conservation, and display, including the search for Amelia Earhart's plane.



JULY 24

World War I in the Pacific Northwest

Gerald W. Williams

During the summer of 1917, while America was preparing to enter World War I, the U.S. Army's Spruce Production Division was established as a nationalized effort to provide lumber to build aircraft needed for the war effort. By 1918, the Division sent 30,000 Army soldiers into the forests of Washington and Oregon to begin logging. In Vancouver, Washington, on the site of Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, a massive Spruce Mill processed the raw material. Historian Gerald Williams discusses this fascinating moment in time. **Starting at 5:30 p.m., join us at Pearson Air Museum for family-friendly activities, living history, and live music to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the start of World War I!**



JULY 31

Military Families at Mid-19th Century Fort Vancouver

Beth Horton

American military posts were physically, socially and economically intricate landscapes. Between 1849 and the mid-1870s, Fort Vancouver was no exception. Drawing upon data derived from archaeology and documents, Archaeologist Beth Horton explores how the military system and Victorian notions of gentility structured the social lives of military personnel and their families at Fort Vancouver.

All talks will begin at 7 p.m. at the Tex Rankin Theater
at Pearson Air Museum

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