

Serra Lecture Series on the Missions

The Junípero Serra Museum, built atop the first European settlement in what is today the State of California in Presidio Park, will host a series of four lectures in 2016 to help provide greater context to the Spanish colonial period (1769-1821).

The four lectures will focus on the San Diego Presidio District's four missions: San Diego, San Luis Rey, San Juan Capistrano, and San Gabriel, and will feature a changing roster of lecturers, each bringing his or her expertise to bear on the lecture topic. Two historians and descendants of coastal Southern California indigenous peoples, Abel Silvas and Larry Banegas, will provide insight into life prior to European arrival and the impact of European presence on the Indian populations. Author and travel writer Maggie Espinosa (*On A Mission: An BOO-Mile Walk to Discover California's El Camino Real*) will describe the landscape that greeted those traveling between missions. Spanish southwest scholar Dr. Iris Engstrand will provide the viewpoints of the Spanish missionaries and explorers.

The 2016 Lecture Series is scheduled for March 24, July 14, September 15, and December 8.

For more information, or to sign up for an event, call (619) 232-6203 ext.129 or email Matthew Schiff, Marketing Director

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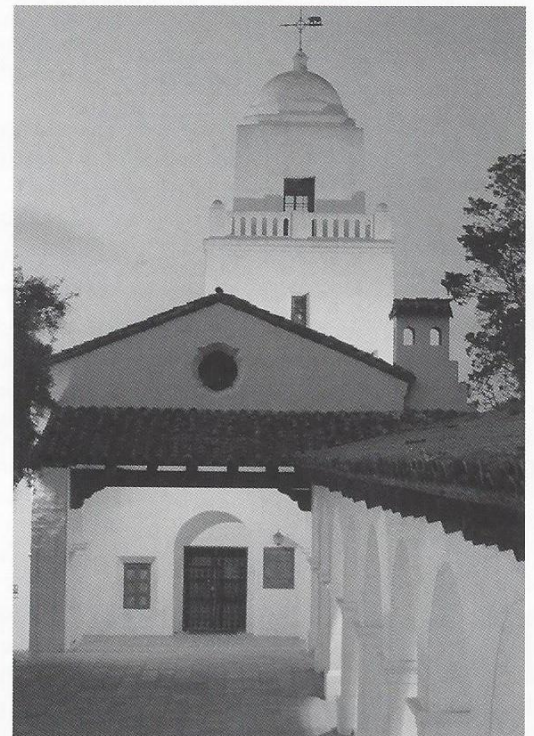


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