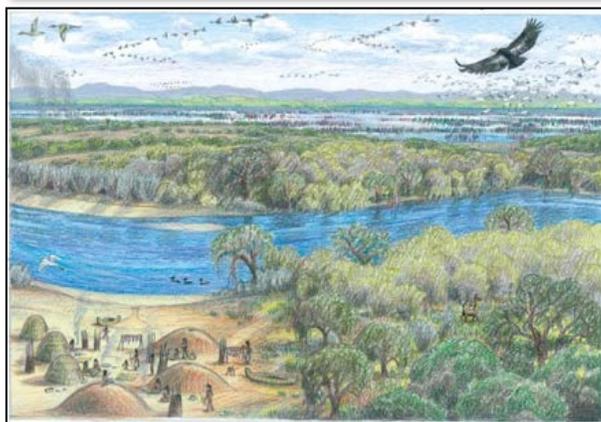


A Series on the "Delta Narratives" Project
The Delta as Place: Yesterday and Today

Monday Nov. 9, 2015
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Park Tower Building
2nd Floor Conference Room
980 Ninth St., Sacramento, CA 95814



Part One: Human Visioning of the Delta as Place

Dr. Robert Benedetti

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Dr. Benedetti will discuss the changing vision of the Delta in the minds of its inhabitants and neighbors from 1800 to the present. He will suggest how the way residents had imagined "place" influenced settlement patterns and relationships with other Californians. His overview will begin with the Miwok Indians and end with today's environmental and water resource communities.

Part Two: Building and Leaving Delta Communities

Dr. Jennifer Helzer

*Professor of Cultural Geography
California State University, Stanislaus*

Dr. Helzer will describe settlement patterns in the Delta, focusing on post-1850. She will explore the interrelationship between the ethnic heritage of immigrants to the Delta and the economic realities that greeted them. She found that the practice of establishing "edge cities" echoed the way urbanization occurred in the 19th and early 20th centuries' Delta. Such instability of initial urban formation might have prefigured its future change and, in some places, demise.

This presentation is a product of the Delta Protection Commission's "Delta Narratives" project.

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