



Exploring the Sutro Library's Treasures: Lecture Series

Romanticizing the Frontier: Anglo-European encounters with Native American peoples

September 24, 2014

2 pm – 3 pm

5th Floor Reading Room

J. Paul Leonard Library – Sutro Library

San Francisco State University

1600 Holloway Avenue

San Francisco 94132



Nineteenth century European explorers and artists sought to document, immortalize and romanticize America's indigenous people and the landscapes they inhabited at a time when the frontier was disappearing.

Historian Gary Kurutz will discuss the significance of the illustrated works of artists such as [Karl Bodmer](#) and [George Catlin](#), who devoted their lives to recording the customs, clothing and manners of Native American tribes, some on the brink of extinction.

Gary Kurutz is the emeritus special collections curator for the California State Library and is an author and lecturer on California history and Western Americana. He also serves as Executive Director of the California State Library Foundation.

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