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California Missions Foundation

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A JOINT LETTER FROM THE CMF CHAIRMAN AND THE CMF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

By Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA, and David A. Bolton

So much has happened this year and it seems to have happened so quickly. On the heels of the successful merger with CMSA, CMF was honored to welcome into the family everyone who has been so passionate about California Missions Studies. We look forward to continuing to work together to further this effort and also to team up in the area of preservation and conservation of our historical sites throughout California.

One month after the ink on the merger was official, CMF hosted the 33rd Annual California Missions Conference at Mission San Juan Bautista. Father Jerry Maher and his staff were excellent hosts for this three-day event that featured a variety of speakers, historic food and tours of not only the Mission but surrounding Native sites as well as the vast State Park that surrounds and spreads from the center Plaza.

CMF is also continuing to work with our counterparts in Mexico on an exciting Bi National Initiative to seek an UNESCO World Heritage Nomination for El Camino Real de las Californias. This monumental effort brings together the two Californias again on a Cultural Route that dates back to the Spanish and Mexican periods, and even prior during Native American times. Today these Caminos Reales are important thoroughfare stretching from Los Cabos in the south to Sonoma in the north. We look forward to sharing more on this fascinating project with you as we progress forward with our Mexican counterparts, CAREM and INAH.

Finally, speaking of projects, CMF staff has successfully completed its school 4th grade Missions visit program (All Aboard the Bus) and is nearing the end of its process to see completion to the preservation grants issued in 2015. More on these preservation grants, plus before and after pictures, can be found in our CMF Annual Report due out this month. Please keep your eye out for the Annual Report, and thank you to everyone that continues to support CMF and most importantly, our Missions and related historical sites throughout our state.

Kindest regards,

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33rd ANNUAL CALIFORNIA MISSIONS CONFERENCE IS A HUGE SUCCESS

Annual Gathering Hosted In San Juan Bautista

Mission San Juan Bautista and San Juan Bautista State Historic Park hosted this year's recent California Missions Conference. These venues served as a perfect backdrop for three stimulating days of Presentations, Tours, and the Awards Banquet.



Book vendors at the 2016 California Missions Conference. Photo: Tom Simondi

Taking place over the Presidents' Day Weekend, the conference started with the first annual CMF institute, which included a half day session on the Bi-National initiative to nominate the El Camino Real de las Californias as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and roundtable discussion on best practices in interpreting California Indian experiences at the California Missions. The institute was followed by the opening reception and a Keynote Address in the

historic Mission church by Carla Rahn Phillips, a world-renown scholar of Spanish maritime history.



CMF Chairman Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA, (above) and (below) Executive Director David A. Bolton address Conference attendees. Photos: Tom Simondi



A total of 17 scholars delivered research papers at Saturday's paper sessions and in the late afternoon, the session went mobile with roving sessions featuring San Juan Bautista State Park, the Mission, and an update on the Native American Family Housing project

located on State Parks property. Saturday's Awards Banquet honored the top scholars and those who have dedicated their professional lives to CMF and to the preservation of the California Missions and related sites.



More than 20 presenters and panelists took part in the three-day Conference. Photo: Tom Simondi



The 2016 Keynote Address was given by Dr. Carla Rahn Phillips, noted historian and expert on Spanish maritime history. Photo: Tom Simondi

As attendees traveled home on Sunday, many took advantage of special tours at Mission Santa Clara, The Castro Adobe (the former home of Edna Kimbro and now a California State Park), and of the town of San Juan Bautista.

Annually, the California Missions Conference rotates between northern and southern

California, with a different site chosen each year to host the upcoming conference. The Conference is held every Presidents' Day Weekend and features researchers, scholars, docents, mission employees, and aficionados of the history, art and architecture, and culture of the Missions and related historical sites. Everyone is welcome to register and attend.



Dr. Jarrel C. Jackman receives the 2016 CMF Chairman's Award. Photo: Tom Simondi



CMF PRESENTS PRESTIGIOUS HONORS AT THE 33rd ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Ruben G. Mendoza Receives Neuerburg Award; David A. Bolton Receives Kimbro Award; and Jarrell C. Jackman, Phil Hudner Receive Chairman's Awards

Four long-time CMSA members and CMF supporters, dedicated to uncovering and keeping alive various aspects of the California Mission story were honored at the recent 2016 CMF Annual Awards Banquet.

The CMF Awards Committee presented Ruben G. Mendoza with the Norman Neuerburg Award, David A. Bolton with the Edna Kimbro Award, and Jarrell C. Jackman and Phil Hudner with Chairman's Awards. The awards are given as tributes to individuals that have been critical in the success of CMF, mission preservation and in the continuing effort to explore the studies of California's missions, presidios, ranchos, and pueblos.

"I am delighted to see David receive the Kimbro award. I can think of no one who has worked as hard for so long for CMSA and in helping to bring CMSA and CMF together under one roof, he has ensured the guiding visions of both organizations will continue well into the future," said former CMSA President and current CMF Vice Chair, Ty Smith. "I am also excited that CMF will honor Dr. Jackman, Dr. Mendoza, and Mr. Hudner. Their commitment to the study, preservation, and interpretation of early California history is matchless. These individuals are each legends in their own ways and they are each highly deserving of such recognition."



Norman Neuerburg and Edna Kimbro

2016 NORMAN NEUERBURG AWARD RECIPIENT RUBEN G. MENDOZA

University professor Dr. Ruben G. Mendoza, a groundbreaker in solar geometry church altar revelations and a dedicated scholar covering

many Missions-related historical fields, is the 2016 Norman Neuerburg Award recipient. Dr. Mendoza is an archaeologist, writer, photographer and founding faculty member of the California State University, Monterey Bay. Professor Mendoza has directed major investigations at San Juan Bautista, San Carlos Borromeo, San Miguel Arcangel, and La Soledad.



His work at the Royal Presidio of Monterey resulted in the discovery of the Serra Chapels of 1770 and 1772. He has over one-hundred and twenty-five publications, including those documenting the solar geometry of the California and Southwest missions, and was previously awarded the first ever National Endowment for the Humanities Landmarks of American History and Culture Workshop devoted to the study of the California missions, and titled *The Fourteenth Colony: Native Californians, Missions, Presidios, and Colonists on the Spanish Frontier, 1769-1848*.

2016 EDNA KIMRBO AWARD RECIPIENT

DAVID A. BOLTON



Long-time CMSA member, supporter, and former CMSA President, and current CMF Executive Director and CEO, David A. Bolton, who has worked tirelessly for the study, preservation, and interpretation of Mission era sites in California, Mexico, and beyond and whose leadership has helped to unify CMF and CMSA as one, strong organization is the recipient of the 2016 Edna Kimbro Award.

He has spent the past 20 years studying and documenting many features of the vast Mission Trails of the Americas. He has produced four documentaries, including the first hour-long summary of the California missions, *Inside the California Missions*, as well as works on *North America's Mission Trails*, *Junípero Serra: His Life, his Legacy and the Missions*, and *Inside Mission Santa Barbara*. He has filmed most of the missions of the Americas from the vast Jesuit chain in South America, to mission regions in the current U.S. Southwest, and much of Mexico. He has focused the past ten years studying closely the former Jesuit missions of Sinaloa, Mexico and continues to investigate and uncover their importance on later mission expansion into Arizona (Sonora), New Mexico, and las Californias. He is the current Executive Director and CEO of the California Missions Foundation.

2016 CHAIRMAN'S AWARD RECIPIENT

JARRELL C. JACKMAN

Recently-retired Dr. Jarrell C. Jackman, a leading force during a stellar 35-year career in rebuilding the Royal Presidio of Santa Barbara into the best example of a Spanish American colonial fort, is a recipient of a 2016 CMF Chairman's Award.

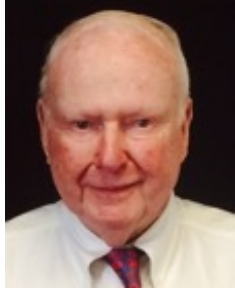


Dr. Jackman earned a B.A degree in German at UCLA, an MA in American Studies at CSU Los Angeles and a PhD in history at UCSB. He wrote his dissertation in Germany as a German Academic Exchange Fellow and taught for the University of Maryland European Division for three years. He coedited *The Muses Flee Hitler*, a series of papers delivered at and published by the Smithsonian Institution. He authored *Santa Barbara: Historical Themes and Images*, and a biography of Presidio

Comandante Felipe Goicoechea.

He is currently researching two projects, *The Price of Genius: Norman Neuerburg and the Creation of the Getty Villa* and *Thomas Mann: Thinking about God and Germany in Los Angeles*. He served as CEO since 1987 of the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation which operates El Presidio de Santa Barbara, a California State Parks, and the Santa Ines Mission Mills.

2016 CHAIRMAN'S AWARD RECIPIENT



PHILIP HUDNER

Pioneer-family descendant and Bay Area attorney Philip Hudner, whose vision, passion and interest in bettering Mission San Juan Bautista has led to the successful implementation of several meaningful preservation projects, is a recipient of a 2016 CMF Chairman's Award.

A San Francisco lawyer specializing in trusts and estates, Mr. Hudner also manages farm and ranch properties in San Benito County, where his family has been engaged in agriculture and the legal profession since their arrival in San Juan Bautista in 1847. In 1849, his great, great grandfather Patrick Breen, a survivor of the Donner Party, bought General Castro's adobe on the plaza across from Mission San Juan Bautista. The adobe stayed in the Breen family until 1933 when its acquisition by the State of California began the San Juan Bautista State Historic Park. Through Mr. Hudner's role as President of the Louise M. Davies Foundation and the Charles D. and Frances K. Field Fund, more than \$750,000 has generously been donated to Mission San Juan Bautista preservation work.

[Click here to see of complete list of previous California Missions award winners.](#)

APPLICATION WINDOW OPENS TO HOST 2017 CMF CONFERENCE

Looking ahead to Presidents' Day Weekend 2017, CMF is now accepting applications to host the 34th Annual California Missions Conference. As is tradition, the annual conference rotates between North and South, with the Monterey-San Luis Obispo County line serving as the halfway point - 10 missions to the north, 11 to the south.

Applications to host the 2017 conference are limited to Missions from San Miguel to San Diego, and should include:

- An overview of the facilities to be used for the three day conference
- Location for the Saturday Papers and the Friday CMF Institute
- Location for the Saturday Night Banquet - including capacity and cost per person
- Option for Friday Evening Reception and Keynote Address
- Options for Sunday tours

- Hotel Options, including group rates and proximity to proposed venues
- Lunch options and costs for Friday and Saturday

Deadline to submit applications to host the 34th Annual California Missions Conference is Tuesday, May 31, 2016. Please either email your application and supporting material to Conference@californiamissionsfoundation.org or mail to CMF at P.O. Box 23035, Santa Barbara, CA 93121. Upon review of all applications, a decision will be made by June 30.

Please keep in mind that the Conference location can be a Mission or 'related historical site'. Attendance ranges from 125 to 250.

CMF COMPLETES 10TH YEAR OF SENDING 4TH GRADERS ON IMPORTANT MISSION FIELD TRIPS

For the 10th consecutive year, the California Missions Foundation recently completed its annual All Aboard the Bus Program, teaming with a variety of Foundations statewide to send 4th grade students on field trips to their local mission. In many cases, without the All Aboard the Bus Program, these students would not be able to take these field trips and learn valuable lessons about early California history.

In all, CMF, thanks to support from its partner foundations, was able to send 54 schools, and nearly 4,500 students on field trips to visit and learn about the California Missions.

"We would like to thank our partnering Foundations: William H. Hannon Foundation, The Upjohn California Fund, Nancy Buck Ransom Foundation and the Monterey Peninsula Foundation - host of the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am," said Gabriela Gonzalez, CMF's Director of Administration and AATB Program Director. "These Foundations played a key role in allowing so many students to learn first hand about California history."



Students from Lincoln Elementary in Ontario

"This was the best field trip I have been on!" said a 4th grade student from Lincoln Elementary in Ontario after visiting Mission San Gabriel

Andrea Gordon, a 4th grade teacher at Palm Vista Elementary in 29 Palms added, after taking her students to Mission San Luis Rey: "We at Palm Vista are quite grateful for the 'All-Aboard-the-Bus' Grant Program. For many of our students, this was a first in so many ways...the first time away from home for an entire day, the first time out of the desert, and the first time to see something so beautiful and rich in history."



Students from Cesar E. Chavez Elementary School in Salinas

CMF's All Aboard the Bus Program also allowed 4th grader Ashley to visit Mission San Juan Bautista with her classmates from Cesar E. Chavez Elementary School in Salinas. "I loved playing the Mission Game with Laurie", said Ashley. "You learn more about how the mission and buildings are laid out and why certain buildings are close or far away from each other. It helped me understand how the mission was built."



Students from Village Elementary in Victorville

Applications are currently being accepted by CMF until October 31 for elementary schools wishing to apply for the 2016-17 school year's All Aboard the Bus Program. Please visit www.californiamissionsfoundation.org for application details.

[Click here to see a complete list of all 2015-16 CMF AATB Grant Recipients.](#)

CMF JOINS MEXICAN OFFICIALS TO LEAD EFFORT AT GAINING AN UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE NOMINATION FOR EL CAMINO REAL DE LAS CALIFORNIAS

A Bi-National Initiative announced this past fall by CMF and leaders of both CAREM and INAH is gaining strength as key representatives from both countries met recently in Tecate, B.C. to continue the process of seeking an UNESCO World Heritage Site Nomination for El Camino Real de las Californias as a Cultural Route.

Stretching from Los Cabos in Baja California, to Sonoma in Alta California, El Camino Real de las Californias includes a variety of historic elements both from the Spanish and Mexican periods as well as from countless Native American groups who have called the two Californias home for thousands of years.

This Bi National Initiative is an effort between these two Californias historically linked as a Cultural Route and boasting picturesque landscapes, monuments and other historically significant fabric. Please [click here](#) to read more about UNESCO Cultural Route criteria.

On the U.S. side, CMF officials will be meeting with representatives of the National Park Service, California State Parks, Dioceses, Religious Orders, Native Americans and community leaders throughout California. Public input and updates are key to the process, according to CMF staff.

For additional information on this exciting Bi National Initiative, please visit the CMF web page at www.californiamissionsfoundation.org



CMF Chairman Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA, (right) CMF Executive Director David A. Bolton (left) and INAH's Director of World Heritage, Dr. Francisco Javier López Morales, during the recent *El Camino Real de las Californias* Conference in Tecate, B.C.



Members of CAREM, outstanding hosts for the two-day El Camino Real event.

CMF SEEKS INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS TO HELP WITH THE BI-NATIONAL UNESCO NOMINATION EFFORT

CMF officials continue to put together a working group that will represent the organization at the local level. CMF is currently looking for individuals that are interested in being a Captain for a specific section of El Camino Real in Alta California. This individual would be an official member of the "Bi National Effort" and would help to identify the exact route of the original and subsequent Caminos through their specific area as well as be a representative for the effort with the respective local communities. CMF will be breaking down the Caminos between Missions, and is currently looking for individuals that would like to head up a specific section, ie. Mission San Diego to San Luis Rey; Mission San Luis Rey to San Juan Capistrano, San Juan Capistrano to San Gabriel and so forth.

If you are interested in joining this exciting Bi National effort involving the two Californias, please email us by May 31 with a brief overview of your background and interest level to ElCaminoReal@californiamissionsfoundation.org. Please [click here](#) to read more criteria for being selected as an ECR Captain. This will be a historic effort, benefitting not only El Camino Real in both Californias but also all of the historic sites, communities and people found along this Cultural Route.

Call For Articles for the Boletín, The Journal of the California Missions Foundation

The publications committee is now accepting articles and article proposals for the 2016 Boletín. The journal is a peer-reviewed academic journal that features the best of California Mission Studies from a wide variety of disciples. The committee is especially interested in articles that reflect the theme of the 2016 California Missions Conference: El Camino Real de las Californias. (CMF is currently spearheading a Bi-National effort to receive an UNESCO Nomination to Name El Camino Real de las Californias a World Heritage Site).

The Boletín committee is also willing to entertain articles/proposals on any topic related to California's pre-statehood history.

Generally, the committee is committed to accepting as many articles as possible, but there are restrictions on time and space for which the committee must account. In all cases, decisions to accept or deny an article/proposal will be based on the following criteria:

- Relevance to the conference theme.
- The Article's timeliness and/or distinctiveness
- The Article's relationship to other articles (the Boletín should showcase the diversity of the field of mission studies. The committee will try to achieve balance by not accepting too many articles related to a particular region, discipline, or subject).

Interested authors should submit paper proposal by May 31, 2016. A timeline for completion of the articles will be established between the committee and selected authors.

Questions can be directed to the Committee at: Boletin@californiamissionsfoundation.org
[Click here](#) to see the style guide.

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CMF THANKS ITS SUPPORTER'S CIRCLE

With so many projects on the arisen, CMF would like to personally thank its growing list of Supporter's Circle who have all individually and generously contributed to help support CMF and its on-going goals and programs. Thanks to the efforts of so many, CMF continues with its important tasks at hand. For more information regarding CMF membership, please visit our web site, www.californiamissionsfoundation.org

[Please click here to see a list of the 2016 CMF Supporter's Circle](#)

CMF LAUNCHES NEW COMBINED WEB SITE

With the successful merger of CMF and CMSA occurring this past January, the combined new CMF organization has launched a comprehensive and state-of-the-art web page with a goal of making its site the destination for anyone seeking information about the California Missions, related historical sites, as well as the culture and people that make up the fascinating stories of early California.

The CMF web site will continue to be updated and expanded, and soon will feature a 3-D reconstruction of the Native American Housing Wing at Mission San Miguel, long demolished but not forgotten. Please continue to check out the CMF web site, at www.californiamissionsfoundation.org for further updates and reports and please email us at web@californiamissionsfoundation.org with any suggestions on how we can make this exciting site better.

<http://californiamissionsfoundation.org>

CMF OFFERS PLANNED GIVING

For more information, please contact CMF's Director of Administration Gabriela Gonzalez at 805.963.1633.

CMF OFFERS NEW STOCK DONATION OPTION

The California Missions Foundation is pleased to offer a new way to show your support, by donating stock. When you donate stock to CMF you will not be responsible for paying taxes on said stock, however you will still receive full tax credit for the amount of the stock on the day you contribute. To donate please have your broker call UBS Financial Services at (201) 352-6300, with the following information:

Account Name: California Missions Foundation
DTCC Clearing Number: 0221
Account #: XN04920

As always please call Executive Director David A. Bolton at the CMF office with any questions at
(805) 963-1633.

You can help us to preserve California's historic missions and all their cultural treasures!

Please call our office at (805) 963-1633 to donate by credit card, or click the button below to [donate](#)
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About California Missions Foundation

Nothing defines California's heritage as significantly or emotionally as do the 21 missions that were founded along the coast from San Diego to Sonoma. Their beauty, stature, and character underlie the formation of California. All 21 missions are California Historical Landmarks; many have also been designated National Historic Landmarks. The missions are among the most popular tourist destinations in the state, attracting millions of visitors each year.

Founded in 1998, the California Missions Foundation was established with the objective of preserving and protecting the missions. The Foundation is the only statewide organization dedicated to the long-term preservation and restoration needs of all California missions and their associated historic and cultural resources for public benefit.

Visit us online at www.californiamissionsfoundation.org.

