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AMRC Welcomes Dee Longenbaugh

This year's annual Malaspina Lecture will be given by Dee Longenbaugh in March. The subject is encounters, which began in the 18th century, between Russia and Spain on the Alaska coast.

Ms. Longenbaugh has written for various magazines on the subject of old maps and Alaska exploration, lectures on Alaska (Russian America) history from time to time, and is in the final stages of editing a manuscript on the history of the exploration and mapping of Alaska. Recently she wrote the articles on Alaska and the Yukon in the *Companion to Exploration* just published by Oxford University Press.

The lecture at Malaspina will take place on Tuesday March 6th at 7 pm in Building 355, Room 203.

The Vancouver Spanish Pacific Historical Society and the Map Society will host the same lecture, on March 5 at 7 pm at the Community History Centre, 3203 Institute Road, North Vancouver.

Ms. Longenbaugh's website:

www.observatorybooks.com

News from the Centre

- The translation of Alexandro Malaspina's essay Meditation on Beauty in Nature by John Black and Oscar Clemotte-Silvero has been submitted to Edwin Mellen Press. The decision on publication is expected soon.
- Lorill Ireland has been hired as student research assistant to participate in the thematic and logistical planning of the inaugural symposium in the April Biosphere Conversation Series (see Issue 18).
- The AMRC has founded an endowment for the Spirit of Malaspina Award for the BA student in Liberal Studies who demonstrates the greatest commitment to interdisciplinary study.

With contributions from members of the Liberal Studies Department, gifts, and matching funds from the University College, the fund should support an annual award of \$500.

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