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## Barry Gough: *Fortune's a River*

AMRC is delighted to note the publication of Barry Gough's latest book, *Fortune's a River*, by Harbour Publishing. As a long-time friend of the Centre and professor emeritus of history from Wilfrid Laurier University, Barry has seen fit to contribute to our activities in many ways. This historical work on the clashing of empires, British, Spanish and Russian, on the Northwest Coast in the eighteenth century will make a major contribution to scholarly and public understanding of our themes.



Further details of the book can be found at:

<http://www.harbourpublishing.com/title/FortunesaRiver>

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## Personnel News

We at AMRC are very pleased to welcome Maria Guadalupe Soto de Podriske to our team of student research assistants. A BA graduate of the Escuela Nacional de Antropología e Historia in Mexico City, Maria wrote her undergraduate thesis on the social history of mining in northern Mexico. She studied educational philosophy and taught history for three years before moving to Canada.

Maria has begun taking courses at Malaspina with a view to following up on her interest in research, developed in 1998-9

at the Centro de Investigación y Estudios Superiores de Antropología Social.



She will work with Lorill Ireland on the translation of historical newspaper articles and letters for the research archive on our website.

The project is well underway, and the first translations have started to appear online. These will form an important resource for English-speaking scholars who are investigating the history of the Spanish Empire in the eighteenth century, including of course the life and works of Alexandro Malaspina.

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