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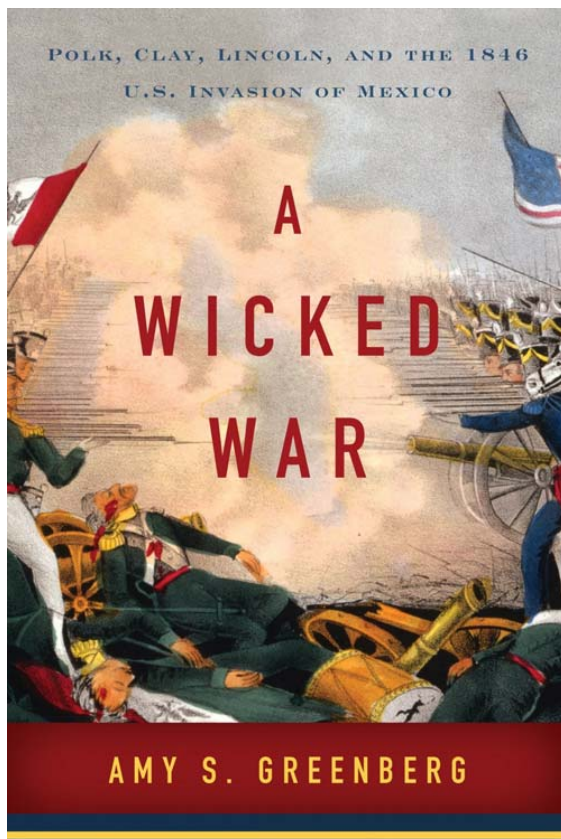
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A Wicked War: Polk, Clay, Lincoln and the 1846 U.S. Invasion of Mexico

Lecture by Author-Historian Amy Greenberg, Ph.D.



(SANTA BARBARA, CA)—The Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) is proud to present ***A Wicked War: Polk, Clay, Lincoln and the 1846 U.S. Invasion of Mexico***, a lecture by Author-Historian Amy Greenberg, Ph.D. on August 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Presidio Chapel at El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park (123 East Canon Perdido Street).

Penn State University Professor Amy Greenberg provides skilled storytelling and rigorous scholarship as she brings the U.S.-Mexican War to life with memorable characters, plotlines, and legacies. This war featured false starts, atrocities, and daring back-channel negotiations as it divided the nation and paved the way for the Civil War a generation later.

In her recent book, *A Wicked War*, Dr. Amy Greenberg offers a view into the world that the war made, a war that brought the

United States more than one-third of its territory, a new border and a Mexican American population that would come to demand equal rights. It was a defining moment in America's past, and she reminds us of this with her gripping account.

The United States' conquest of Mexican California began in May 1846 with the annexation of Texas, and proceeded to Santa Barbara in August 1848 when the U.S. Army raised the American Flag at the Presidio and over Santa Barbara for the first time. Significantly, Dr. Greenberg's lecture on the topic of the war will be held in the Chapel of the Santa Barbara Presidio



Amy S. Greenberg is Edwin Erle Sparks Professor of History and Women's Studies at Penn State University. She is a leading scholar of Manifest Destiny and has held fellowships from the Huntington Library, the New-York Historical Society, the Guggenheim Foundation, and the American Philosophical Society. Her previous books include *Manifest Manhood and the Antebellum American Empire* and *Cause for Alarm: The Volunteer Fire Department in the Nineteenth-Century City*. She is a native of Santa Barbara and a graduate of Santa Barbara High School, 1986.

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CALENDAR LISTING

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TIME: 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Presidio Chapel at El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park
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COST: Free for [SBTHP Members](#), \$10 Non-Members, \$5 Students

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Visit www.sbthp.org or call (805) 965-0093

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ABOUT Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP)— For fifty years the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) has worked to *protect, preserve, restore, reconstruct, and interpret historic sites in Santa Barbara County*. Founded in 1963 by Dr. Pearl Chase and other concerned community leaders, SBTHP operates El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park—Santa Barbara’s 18th century birthplace—under a unique agreement with California State Parks and purchased the neighboring building that housed Jimmy’s Oriental Gardens, providing an opportunity to interpret the history of Santa Barbara’s Asian American community in the Presidio Neighborhood. SBTHP owns and operates Casa de la Guerra, the 1820s home of Presidio Comandante José de la Guerra and his family—the restored home is now a museum featuring original furnishings and rotating exhibits. SBTHP signed an agreement with State Parks to manage and develop the Santa Inés Mission Mills, located near the town of Solvang, as a future California State Park. In 2011, SBTHP was awarded the Trustees’ Emeritus Award for Excellence in the Stewardship of Historic Sites by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. With the help of continuing education programs and exhibits, SBTHP strives to encourage community involvement and foster an appreciation for Santa Barbara County’s distinct history.

Learn more at www.sbthp.org.