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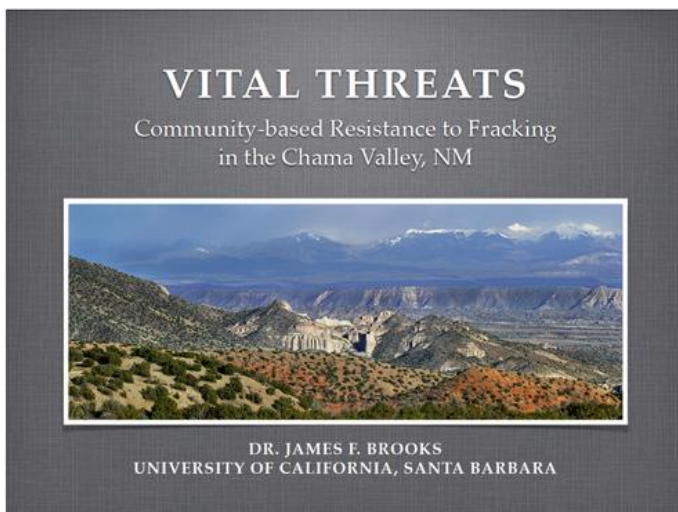
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When Worlds Collide: Fracking and Community in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico **Lecture by Professor James Brooks**



(SANTA BARBARA, CA) – The Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) and UCSB History Associates are pleased to present *When Worlds Collide: Fracking and Community in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico* on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the Presidio Chapel (123 East Canon Perdido Street, Santa Barbara).

In July 2012, the Bureau of Land Management announced a two-week public scoping period for its decision to fulfill its mandate under the Mineral Leasing

Act of 1920 to “explore for and develop oil and gas resources on public lands through a competitive leasing process” on 343,439 acres in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Included in these lands were 13,300 acres on the Cebolla Mesa, in the heart of the 2 million acre Rio Chama Basin. As a result of community responses, the BLM deferred action in February 2014, “pending further analysis.” Professor James Brooks will discuss his

work with more than 100 citizens, largely organized from the historic village of Abiquiu, who have mounted a “cultural defense” of water rights in the region.



An award-winning historian, Professor Brooks has rejoined the UCSB faculty in the History and Anthropology Departments after serving as President of the School for Advanced Research in Santa Fe. He has held appointments at the University of Maryland and UC Berkeley, and currently serves as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Western National Parks Association, which supports research, preservation and education in 67 National Parks, including Channel Islands National Park.

CALENDAR LISTING

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Date: Thursday, May 14, 2015

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: Presidio Chapel, 123 East Canon Perdido Street, Santa Barbara

Cost: \$5 Admission Non-members; UCSB History Associates and SBTHP Members Free

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ABOUT Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP)— For over 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. The State has purchased the 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. In 2009, 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 distinctive history. **Learn more at www.sbthp.org.**

ABOUT UCSB History Associates— The UCSB History Associates was created in 1987 with the dual purpose of bringing members of the community interested in history together with UCSB faculty through an annual program of lunches and lectures, and raising money to support graduate training in History at UCSB.