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UCSB Historian to Discuss Stone Architecture in Santa Barbara

In the 1870's, as Santa Barbara was evolving into the vibrant city it is today, people sought a symbol that would express both permanence and an extraordinary confidence in the future. They found it in the region's most abundant resource -- stone -- and established the tradition of building with local sandstone.

In a talk titled "A Legacy Set in Stone: Santa Barbara Stone Architecture, 1870-1940," Richard Oglesby, professor emeritus of history, will examine the tradition carried on by both private and public entities, and embellished by the hands of artistic stonemasons from many parts of the world.

Sponsored by the UCSB History Associates, Oglesby's talk will take place on Sunday, March 8, at 2 p.m. in the Comedor Room at Casa de la Guerra, 15 E. De La Guerra St. in Santa Barbara.

The cost is \$10 for UCSB History Associates and Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation members, \$15 for non-members, and \$5 for students. Advance registration is recommended, and can be arranged by calling the UCSB Office of Community Relations at (805) 893-4388.

Oglesby is a specialist in the history of California and the American West. He is the author of several publications, including "Plaza de la Guerra Reconsidered," "The Shirley Letters," "Manuel Lisa and the Opening of the Missouri Fur Trade," and the

forthcoming "Images of America: Stone Architecture in Santa Barbara"

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