



Old Pueblo Archaeology Center presents:

Epics of the American Southwest: Hopi, Diné and Hispanic Narratives of Heroes and Heroines in Mythic Literature

Guest Speaker Sharonah Fredrick, Ph.D.



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December 15, 2016 – 6 to 8:30 PM

At the “Third Thursday Food for Thought” Dinner
Karichimaka Mexican Restaurant, 5252 S. Mission Rd., Tucson

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Too often the claim is heard that there is very little ancient history or literature in the United States. Nothing could be further from the truth. Whether it is the Hopi epics of the wanderings of Long Sash and the exploits of the Koshare twins; the Navajo legends that connect the cultures of the Southwest with the great late-Medieval stories of Toltec-Aztec Mexico; or the adventures of Spanish men and women who deserted Francisco de Coronado’s expedition in protest over Coronado’s treatment of the Native peoples, Arizona and the whole American Southwest are a treasure trove of epic narratives. This lecture stresses the social and moral messages transmitted in these oral and written texts.



Guests may select and purchase dinner at the restaurant. There is no entry fee.

Donations will be requested to benefit Old Pueblo Archaeology Center’s educational efforts.



This month’s presenter: Dr. Sharonah Fredrick is Assistant Director of the Arizona Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies at Arizona State University. An anthropologist specializing in folklore and archaeology, she speaks, reads and writes four languages: Spanish, English, Portuguese and Hebrew. She received her BA degree in Latin American anthropology from the State University of New York (SUNY) at Buffalo, her MA in renaissance and medieval history from Tel Aviv University, and her Ph.D. in Latin American colonial and indigenous literature from SUNY Stony Brook. Her fields of expertise include the Native American and Spanish colonial archaeology and history of the Southwest; Native American philosophy and folklore, and oral literature; Judeo-Spanish history and literature; and the chronicles of Conquests in the New World, and indigenous resistance. Sharonah has also researched and spoken about the Irish in the colonial Caribbean, and the effects of slavery on the development of New World culture. She does comparative programs paralleling Celtic, Native American, Biblical and Hispanic epics in literature, and is interested in cross-cultural communication and synthesis.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED by 3 p.m. on the Wednesday before the program because the Fire Code limits meeting room capacity and the restaurant needs advance notice to schedule sufficient staff for our event.

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