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The OE History Night at the Mission in September

The Oregon Encyclopedia (The OE) adds to its monthly series of History Nights at McMenamins pubs with new programs at the Mission Theater in partnership with the *Northwest Examiner*. At each History Night, The OE will look back at the seminal people and events that have shaped our communities. Visit www.oregonencyclopedia.org for History Night locations and more details.

“How Southern Oregon Got Its Ornerly Streak: The Politics of Dissonance and Resentment.”

Presented by Dr. Jeff LaLande

Monday, September 26, 2011

7:00 pm, doors open at 6:00 pm

McMenamins Mission, 1624 NW Glisan, Portland

Free and open to the public

“What’s the matter with Southern Oregon?” Why are residents of the Portland area so often surprised—even shocked—by the politics to the south?

Dating from before statehood to the present day, Southern Oregon’s conservative-populist politics have made for a distinctive and often “ornery” reputation.

Jeff LaLande’s illustrated talk will explore the reasons for this tradition—from the region’s pro-Southern attitudes during the Civil War, its support for populist third parties (including the 1920s Ku Klux Klan), to a dramatic political insurrection during the Great Depression and the State of Jefferson “secession” movement of the 1940s.

Dr. Jeff LaLande attended Georgetown University, Oregon State University (MA in archaeology), and the University of Oregon (PhD in History). For over thirty years, he was archaeologist and historian for the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest. The author of numerous articles and several books, he enjoys learning and writing about a wide range of Northwest history topics and is an active board member of several statewide and community organizations. He has been a resident of southern Oregon for over forty years.

The OE is an online resource for information on the state’s significant people, places, events, institutions, and biota. Over 800 entries and essays have been published online and new entries are added every day. For more information visit www.oregonencyclopedia.org.

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