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## Workshop Announcement

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### Looking Forward Along the Anza Trail An Interactive Workshop for Historic Interpretation

Saturday, Jan. 31, 2015  
Los Angeles, CA  
9:30AM – 5PM

Hellman/Quon Building  
El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historic Monument  
125 Paseo De La Plaza  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Register by January 9, 2015 at <http://goo.gl/forms/OKsmlI8OsQ>

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Get charged up to share our country's history in a whole new light!

The National Park Service and the Santa Monica Mountains Fund invite you to plug into the vibrant heart of Downtown Los Angeles as we explore innovative methods for historic interpretation along the [Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail](#).

The late 1700s saw families, soldiers, and priests from present-day Mexico push into the Native homelands of *Alta California*. Our country's Spanish colonial history is woven into issues that continue to shape our communities today: migration, multiculturalism, displacement, our relationship to the land, and many more.

This one-day, interactive workshop will engage and challenge participants to think of history programs in new ways, including:

- Presenting multiple perspectives of history
- Finding relevance within the past for a present-day audience
- Engaging youth and new communities as active participants in historic interpretation

#### Who is this workshop intended for?

This workshop is designed for volunteers at cultural, natural, or historic sites and organizations along the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail. Those with

experience and/or an interest in [interpretation](#) of the 18th century history of the American West—including Native American, *Californio*, or youth interpreters—are welcome.

As a train-the-trainer opportunity, we are seeking one representative per organization who can bring the skills, concepts, and ideas presented at this workshop back to his/her peers. Additional representatives and non-volunteers will be given wait-list consideration.

This workshop will not focus on the “how-to” of period re-enactment. The long-term goal for this gathering is to create a network of volunteer interpreters who will continue to serve as advisors and liaisons for the National Park Service along the 1,200-mile Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail.

### **Cost**

Free. While there is no cost to attend the workshop, all associated meals, parking, transportation, etc., will be at the participants' expense.

### **Pre-Work**

Participants may expect about one hour of reading as a pre-workshop activity.

### **Optional Multi-Day Activities**

Friday, Jan. 30 Evening outing and dinner (details TBD)

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Sunday, Feb. 1 Morning Buzz Session: the National Park Service Centennial  
Now that you're energized to interpret the past, let's plan for the future. The NPS centennial is coming in 2016! Learn the important role our VIPs (Volunteers-in-Parks) play in the National Parks, including some of the updated procedures and benefits of the NPS volunteer program.

### **About the Trainer**

**John Matthew Rudy** is a Park Ranger and Interpretive Trainer with the National Park Service's Interpretive Development Program in Harpers Ferry, WV, creating interpretive training materials for park rangers and interpreters across the entire park system. Rudy holds a Master of Arts in Applied History from Shippensburg University and a Bachelor of Arts in History, with a minor in Civil War Era Studies from Gettysburg College. He also teaches undergraduate courses as an adjunct professor in the Civil War Era Studies Department at Gettysburg College.

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