

TAMÁSTLIKT CULTURAL INSTITUTE



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Chinese Oregon Speaker Series to visit Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute

Pendleton, Oregon
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The Chinese Oregon Speaker Series will visit Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute on April 30 at 1pm for a public program with historian [R. Gregory Nokes](#). Nokes will give a free presentation entitled "Chinese in Eastern Oregon: The Forgotten Population".

The Chinese American population that began immigrating to Oregon during the mid-nineteenth century made, and continues to make, a profound impact on the fabric of our state and our nation. From building infrastructure through the railroad and mining industries, to establishing restaurants and laundry businesses, to initiating advancements in pharmaceutical care, the stories of Chinese Americans are rich and reach all borders of the state.

In an illustrated presentation, Nokes will discuss the history of Chinese emigration to the mining and railroad communities throughout eastern Oregon, how they built thriving communities, and why they disappeared, including stories of violence and bias against Chinese, such as the 1887 Hells Canyon massacre.

Over the next several months, the Oregon Historical Society will sponsor over thirty programs at local historical societies and libraries across Oregon, where audiences will have the opportunity to learn about some of the many ways Chinese Americans have shaped our state. These programs are offered in association with two groundbreaking exhibits on national and local Chinese history currently on view at the Oregon Historical Society's downtown Portland museum: [Beyond the Gate: A Tale of Portland's Historic Chinatowns](#) and [Chinese American: Exclusion/Inclusion](#).

The next speaker in the series to visit Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute will be Helen L. Ying who is speaking on "The Untold Story: Chinese American History in Oregon" on May 21 at 1pm.

For more information on OHS and museum hours, visit www.ohs.org/museum.

For more information, go to www.tamastslíkt.org.

About Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute

Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute is owned and operated by the [Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation](#). A Blue Star museum, Tamástslíkt is one of the many museums across the nation that offers free admission to families of active duty servicemen and women year-round.

In addition to the museum and interpretive center, Tamástslíkt operates a museum store, café, and offers meeting room rentals. Tamástslíkt is open six days a week, 10am-5pm, Monday-Saturday; closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Kinship Café is open from 11am to 2pm on the same days the museum is open.

Tamástslíkt is located at 47106 Wildhorse Boulevard at the far end of the main driveway of the Wildhorse Resort & Casino, 10 minutes east of Pendleton, Oregon. Tamástslíkt can be reached via Exit 216 off Interstate I-84 or by following the "Mission-LaGrande" sign south off Highway 11 onto Highway 331.

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