

The WWU Libraries, The Ray Wolpov Institute for the Study of the Holocaust, Genocide, and Crimes Against Humanity, and the Department of History present:

An American Genocide: The United States and the California Indian Catastrophe, 1846-1873

presented by Prof. Ben Madley, UCLA

Between 1846 and 1873, California's Indian population plunged from perhaps 150,000 to 30,000. In his talk, Benjamin Madley will describe precursors to the genocide before explaining how the Gold Rush stirred vigilante violence. He will then narrate the rise of a state-sanctioned killing machine and the broad societal, judicial, and political support for genocide. Besides evaluating government officials' culpability, Madley will consider why the slaughter constituted genocide and how other possible genocides within and beyond the Americas might be investigated using the methods presented in this groundbreaking book.

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West (AW) 204, WWU**

Free and open to the public

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Born in Redding, California, Benjamin Madley is a historian of Native America, the United States, and genocide in world history. He earned a B.A. at Yale University, an M.St. at Oxford University, and a Ph.D. at Yale. He then served as an Andrew Mellon Postdoctoral fellow at Dartmouth College before joining the faculty at UCLA where he is now Associate Professor of History and Interim Chair of American Indian Studies. Ben has authored a dozen journal articles and book chapters. *An American Genocide* is his first book. It recently won the 2016 Heyday Books History Award.

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