



# WHAT IS PAST IS PROLOGUE

The Prologue Society Newsletter

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## FROM THE CHAIR

Gregory Bush gave us an extremely interesting review of Miami waterfront development and race relations while discussing his new book ***White Sand Black Beach*** at our February 15 luncheon. Professor Bush has been a wonderful community leader and activist and we're going to miss him dearly as he retires and moves to Maine. Safe travels, Greg!

Please register as soon as possible for our March 15 luncheon with Caitlin Fitz and her book *Our Sister Republics: The United States in an Age of American Revolutions*.

**IMPORTANT:** This will be the only notice you receive to register for this luncheon.

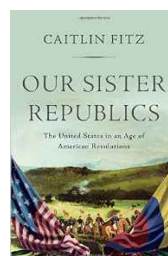
Jim Herron  
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**Please Join Us at Our Next Luncheon**

Wednesday, March 15 at 12:00 Noon

**CAITLIN FITZ**

*Our Sister Republics: The United States in an Age of American Revolution*



Young, breakout historian Caitlin Fitz investigates the oft-neglected period between the Revolution and Civil War in a thrilling reinterpretation of early U.S. history, tracing shifting American attitudes toward revolutions south of the border in *Our Sister Republics: The United States in an Age of American Revolutions*.

The turbulent half-century following the American Revolution led one Kentucky congressman to declare this period “the jubilee of nations” as British, French, Spanish, and Portuguese colonies echoed the United States in quests for independence. At first, these movements were generously (and self-servingly) celebrated as “glorious tropical reprises of 1776.” Americans feted their republican brothers in Mexico, Peru, Colombia, Chile, and Brazil by naming their livestock, their sons, and their towns after Spanish-speaking statesmen; Andrew Jackson even named his prize colt “Bolivar” during the heated 1824 election.

This exhilarating period was cut short in the 1830s when—in the wake of antislavery revolts in Latin America—it became clear these movements were as much antislavery as anti-imperial; in an ominous change of heart, the United States turned southward to discover a foil rather than a mirror. And in becoming a moderate exception to a hemisphere of brazen radicals, the United States justified a growing rhetoric of inequality.

CAITLIN FITZ lives in Evanston, Illinois, where she is assistant professor of history at Northwestern University. She has received numerous honors, including a Fulbright Fellowship, an Andrew Mellon Fellowship, and Yale University’s Egleston Historical Prize.

Publisher: W. W. Norton

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**To register:**

- **The deadline for members to register for this luncheon is Thursday, March 9.**
- **Online:** Go to [www.theprologuesociety.org](http://www.theprologuesociety.org) and follow the instructions;
- **OR by telephone:** Call 305-323-1154 and talk to Debbie Hirshson or leave a voicemail message that you plan to attend;
- **OR by regular mail:** Send note with a check for \$50.00 per person to The Prologue Society, 18495 S. Dixie Highway #373, Miami, FL 33157.
- **Include** the names of your guests.
- **IMPORTANT: IF YOU REGISTER BY MAIL, you must also call Debbie** (or reply to this email) so that she knows to expect you!

**To pay:**

- **Enter your credit card number** on the website;
- **OR mail a check** for \$50.00 per person to The Prologue Society, 18495 S. Dixie Highway #373, Miami, FL 33157;
- **OR bring a check** to the luncheon.

**Note:**

- **IMPORTANT: Remember that all luncheons are held at Riviera Country Club (Ballroom), 1155 Blue Road, Coral Gables, FL 33146.**
- To speed up luncheon check-in and accounting, our preference is that you: 1) pay online, OR 2) mail a check well in advance of the luncheon.
- Mail is taking a while to reach us. (Remember to call or email Debbie right away if you're registering via the mail.)
- **If you haven't yet sent in your membership application**, please do so right away (or activate and pay for your membership online). You will need to be on the membership rolls before we can accept your reservation for this and all future luncheons of this season.

## RECENT LUNCHEONS



Gregory Bush continued to inform during the February 15 Q&A session.

## UPCOMING LUNCHEONS

**Registration is open for the final 2016-2017 luncheon.  
Call, email, or visit us online.**

Thursday, April 6 - Annie Jacobsen  
*Phenomena: The Secret History of the U.S. Government's Investigations into  
Extrasensory Perception and Psychokinesis*  
(registration deadline is March 31)

Riviera Country Club  
1155 Blue Road, Coral Gables, FL 33146  
Doors open at 11:30AM. Luncheons begin at 12:00 Noon.

## MEMBER-TO-MEMBER CORNER

Dear Prologue Members,

Are you looking for a book from a missed luncheon?

How about a carpool option?

Would you like to invite fellow Prologue members to get together after a much-loved book or author and continue the discussion?

We can help with that!

Introducing our Member-to-Member corner – a dedicated spot in our newsletter where you are able to post your Prologue-related message, connecting you with fellow members.

Simply call or email our program coordinator, Debbie Hirshson (305-323-1154 or [theprologuesociety@gmail.com](mailto:theprologuesociety@gmail.com)), with your message and your preferred contact information. If time is of the essence, Debbie will be happy to email your post to our members; otherwise it will appear in the following newsletter.

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