



You are invited to attend the inaugural session of the Forksville Philological Society, an online discussion forum for any and all topics related to languages, linguistics, and literatures.

D. Barbara Rumbinas will be the featured session leader and will be talking about

Hiding in Plain Sight: James Fenimore Cooper's Dire Warning to America

Despite modern characterizations of James Fenimore Cooper as being out of touch in his depictions of Native Americans, Cooper had more contact with and awareness of Native Americans than any other nineteenth century author. In this presentation and discussion, I will illustrate how Cooper used some of the cultural stereotypes associated with Native Pacific Islanders to warn readers about the dangers of depending on generalizations about our Native American neighbors. Participants will be invited to consider and comment upon both Cooper's ideas and how ideas have changed, or failed to change, since the time of his writing.

Dr. Barbara Rumbinas holds a Ph.D. in English literature from Jagiellonian University in Kraków, Poland. She has published extensively on James Fenimore Cooper's writings, historical context, and cultural considerations. She has taught English language and literature to thousands of students around the world. She is also a certified Reiki practitioner and lives in Winooski, Vermont, USA.

Saturday, 15 October, 2022, at 0900 Eastern Time (1300 GMT), via Google Meet

General instructions:

- Entire this URL into your browser: <https://meet.google.com>
- Enter this meeting code into the box next to the blue, "New Meeting" box: <https://meet.google.com/mgw-pazo-isp>. If your computer is set up for other video-conference programs, Google will be able to access your speaker and microphone. If not, you might need to configure your video and speaker settings to be accessible for online conferencing.

This invitation can also be found on the FPS website at <https://forksphil.org>. Any other questions/comments should be sent to Marla Perkins, Ph.D., at forksphil@gmail.com.

Please feel free to send this invitation to your language-loving friends and colleagues.