

A Renegade History of the United States

featuring author

Thaddeus Russell, PhD



"Raucous, profane, and thrillingly original, Thaddeus Russell's A Renegade History of the United States turns the myths of the 'American character' on their heads with a rare mix of wit, scholarship, and storytelling flair." - **Steven Johnson, author of *Everything Bad is Good for You* and *The Invention of Air***

"Thaddeus Russell's A Renegade History of The United States is a work of history like no other — a bold, controversial, original view of American history that will amuse, inspire, outrage, and most of all instruct readers. Russell strips away conventional wisdom and explodes many myths. In the process, he sheds new light on ideas, institutions, and people." - **Alan Brinkley, Columbia University, author of *The Publisher: Henry Luce and His American Century* and *American History: A Survey***

In our August program, we will meet our cultural ancestors who are the unacknowledged pioneers of American freedom: drunks, prostitutes, lazy workers, shiftless slaves, and what John Adams called the "vicious," "vile," and "depraved" of early America.

Speaker: Thaddeus Russell is a historian and cultural critic and the author of *A Renegade History of the United States*. He teaches American history and cultural studies at Occidental College and has taught history, American Studies, and the history of philosophy at Columbia University, Barnard College, and the New School for Social Research. Born and raised in Berkeley, California, Russell graduated from Antioch College and received a PhD in history from Columbia University.

He is a frequent contributor to The Daily Beast and has written for The Huffington Post, New York Magazine, The Los Angeles Times, The Boston Globe, The Christian Science Monitor, Salon, and The Atlanta Journal-Constitution. Russell has appeared on the History Channel, Al-Jazeera, Fox News, and The Daily Show with Jon Stewart.

When: Saturday, August 20th, 2011

Where: The Patio Room at Vista del Monte, 3775 Modoc Rd.

Time: Doors open 2:30pm for socializing; meeting starts 3pm

Fee: Optional \$2 student, \$5 general donations appreciated.

Dinner Following: Vista del Monte (**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**)

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