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Napoleon and the French Intellectuals

Lecture by UC Berkeley History Professor

Roger Hahn

5:30pm Reception, 6 pm Lecture, Wednesday, April 15, 2009

Mechanics' Institute

57 Post Street, San Francisco, Ca

Join UC Berkeley History professor Roger Hahn for an evening lecture on Napoleon Bonaparte's interaction with and influence on French intellectuals after the Revolution. Napoleon was well-informed about science and technology and supported its contemporary practitioners. Although he also supported institutions for the promotion of the arts, philosophy and literature, he ran into problems with independent thinkers who criticized his actions. As an absolute ruler he became a master at indirect censorship, while pretending to follow a liberal persuasion.

This program complements **Confronting Napoleon: European Culture at the Crossroads*, Humanities West's two-day program of lectures, discussions, and musical presentations exploring Napoleon Bonaparte's far-reaching influence following the French Revolution. The program takes place on Friday, April 17, from 8 pm to 10:15 pm and Saturday, April 18, from 10 am to 4 pm, at Herbst Theatre, 401 Van Ness Avenue in San Francisco. (*see additional news release)

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