

Stockton Professor Kate Ogden to Launch New Book on Yosemite Nov. 12 at Kramer Hall

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Galloway, NJ - Stockton University's Professor of Art History, Kate Nearpass Ogden, will be launching her new book, "Yosemite: Art of an American Icon," at Kramer Hall in Hammonton, NJ on **Thursday, Nov. 12**, at 6 p.m.

"Yosemite" is a cultural history of a spectacular scenic location. It begins with the valley's geological origins, the life of the Native Americans who lived there, its discovery by Anglo-Americans in the mid-19th century, and the preservation of the valley, first as a state park and then as one of America's first great national parks.

The book presents 200 works of art along with essays that explore the intersections between art, nature and commerce in the Sierra Nevada. The work of native peoples and Anglo-American immigrants, including painting, photography and basket making, is integrated to illustrate how artists have shaped how the national park is seen and used.

Publishing in time for the 125th anniversary of Yosemite National Park, Ogden's book offers a comprehensive look at both the scientific and cultural history of this remarkable place, exploring everything from its geological origins to the political will it took to preserve it.

The event will begin at 6 p.m. at Kramer Hall, Stockton University's instructional site at 30 Front St. in Hammonton, where Ogden will speak about her book and answer questions.

Guests also may join Ogden at 7 p.m. at Casciano's Coffee Bar and Sweetery, 212 Bellevue Ave. in Hammonton, for a "meet and greet" and to purchase the book and have it signed by the author. Casciano's is significant to the author as she spent a lot of her time writing the book in this coffee bar. The book is also available on Amazon.

Ogden received her Ph.D. in art history from Columbia University, New York. Her research interests revolve primarily around 19th-century landscape painting and photography. Ogden has been a member of the Visual Arts faculty at Stockton University since 1991. # # #