

Chevron Retirees Association - Southern Arizona Chapter  
March 20, 2018 – 11:30am Lunch, Meeting and Lecture  
Mimi's Café - 4420 Oracle Rd. Tucson, AZ 85705

**Distinguished Speaker:** Dr. Dale S. Brenneman, Associate Curator of Documentary History, Office of Ethnohistorical Research, Arizona State Museum

**Subject:** “Realities of Mission Life in the Pimería Alta”



Dr. Brenneman's research addresses Native American experiences of Spanish colonialism and Mexican settlement during the seventeenth through mid-nineteenth centuries. She directs the O'odham – Pee Posh Documentary History Project, involving collaborative consultation on the Spanish documentary record with scholars and advisors from the Tohono O'odham Nation Cultural Center and Museum and Tohono O'odham Community College. Dr. Brenneman is guest editor of "O'odham and the Pimería Alta," a special issue of *Journal of the Southwest* (Summer 2014); co-editor of *Moquis and Kastiilam: Hopis, Spaniards, and the Trauma of History, Volume I, 1540 – 1679* (University of Arizona Press, 2015); and edits the annual *SMRC Revista*, published by the Southwestern Mission Research Center.documents.

More than any other aspect of Spanish colonization, the Jesuit mission program that developed following Father Kino's arrival to the Pimería Alta profoundly influenced O'odham communities—it was, after all, a deliberate strategy for religious formation and directed cultural transformation. In this talk Dr. Brenneman will focus on the O'odham experience of the Jesuit program. She will discuss O'odham lifeways prior to the arrival of missionaries; the spiritual, economic, social, and political changes introduced by the Jesuits; the fundamental conflict between O'odham perceptions of their place on the landscape and Jesuit ideals of Christian community; and the power of negotiation, compromise, and respect in making a mission successful.

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