

# HISTORIOGRAPHICAL REVIEW:

## 100+ Years of the *Southern California Quarterly*

To celebrate publication of Volume 100 of the *Southern California Quarterly* in 2018,<sup>1</sup> the Historical Society of Southern California invited graduate students at universities in the region to “present historiographical essays that trace the conversations that scholars have engaged in throughout the journal’s 100 [actually 100-plus] volumes, regarding some of the region’s most compelling and iconic topics.” Three responded with thoughtful papers on the topics of Native Americans in the mission era, mission history, and race and ethnicity. They presented their papers at the Pacific Coast Branch/American Historical Association conference at Santa Clara University in August 2018 to positive audience comments. Then they were invited to revise their essays for publication, after peer review, in the *Southern California Quarterly*.

Unlike most historiographies, the three essays that follow were, according to the Society’s original instructions, not expected to address the current state of their respective scholarly fields but only to review the changing treatment of those fields within the pages of the journal over the course of its 134 years of publication. Within that constraint, each essay uncovers major shifts in the scholarship

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1. Publication of the *Quarterly* under its current and earlier names actually goes back 134 years; a new numbering system resulted in 2018’s issues being labeled Volume 100.

reflected in the *Southern California Quarterly* over that time period. While each author reveals a more complex, balanced, and multilayered treatment in recent articles, they also found the earlier narratives a useful way of comprehending the constricted world views available to readers and authors of past decades, while also tracing the widening perspectives, richer databases, more critical analyses, and more humanistic and multilayered understandings of the region's past and peoples as the decades passed.

- I. Digging through the Old and Unearthing the New: The Native American Peoples of California during the Mission Era in the *Southern California Quarterly*, by Corey D. Blanchard (University of Southern California), pp. 7–21
- II. From Following in Padres' Footsteps to Confronting Sugar Cubes: Alta California Missions through 100 Volumes of the *Southern California Quarterly*, by Mary Casey (California State University, Northridge), pp. 22–33
- III. From Single-Stranded to Braided Histories of Race and Ethnicity in the *Southern California Quarterly*, by Yesenia Navarrete Hunter (University of Southern California), pp. 34–44