

A History of Native CA Lunch Series

Ch. 4: Working the Land: Entrepreneurial Indians and the Markets of Power, 1811-1849

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Takeaways and Resources

The following resource(s) were shared during the webinar:

- [Register here](#) for the next lunch session on April 24: Chapter 5: Indigenous People and the California Gold Rush, 1846-1873
- Here's more information about the Kashia Russian treaty: [Notes to the 1817 Treaty between the Russian American Company and Kashaya Pomo Indians](#)
- To learn more about the differences (and similarities) of impacts of Russian and Spanish colonization in California here: [Indians, Missionaries, and Merchants by Kent Lightfoot - Paper - University of California Press](#)
- Learn more about the ranchos and Native survival during this time here: [Indian Survival on the California Frontier](#)
- To learn more about traders and raiders of this time period and how it is interconnected with trade across the Colorado Basin here: [Traders and Raiders](#)
- To learn more about the secularization of the missions and land grants check out this book: [Saints and Citizens by Lisbeth Haas - Paper - University of California Press](#)
- Learn more about the Chumash Uprising of 1824 here: [Fight for Freedom: The Chumash Uprising of 1824 - The Santa Barbara Independent](#) and [Mission Santa Inés: Site of the Chumash Revolt \(U.S. National Park Service\)](#)
- Learn more about the Plan of Iguala here: [Plan of Iguala - Wikipedia](#)

Selected resources relating to this chapter for additional reading:

- *Violence over the Land: Indians and Empires in the Early American West* by Ned Blackhawk (Harvard University Press, 2006).
- *Traders and Raiders: The Indigenous World of the Colorado Basin, 1540—1859* by Natale A. Zappia (University of North Carolina Press, 2016).
- *Indians, Missionaries, and Merchants: The Legacy of Colonial Encounters on the California Frontiers* by Kent Lightfoot (University of California Press, 2006).
- *Bad Indians: A Tribal Memoir* by Deborah Miranda (Heyday, 2012).
- *Fugitive Poses: Native American Indian Scenes of Absence and Presence* by Gerald Vizenor (University of Nebraska Press, 2000).