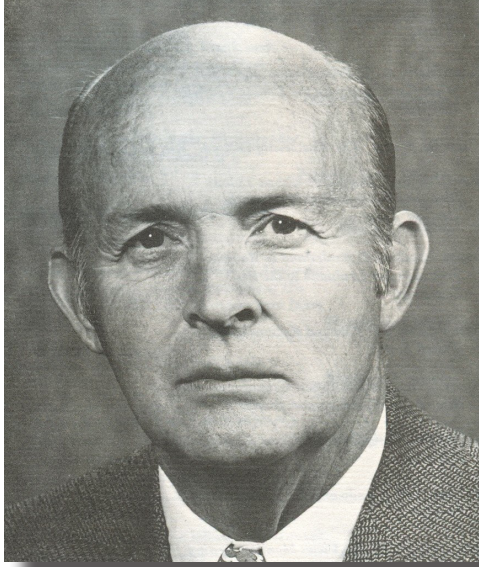


Donald C. Cutter (1922-)



Western American Historian Donald C. Cutter was the 14th historian to serve as President of the Western History Association, 1975-1976. Dr. Cutter became assistant and then associate professor of history at the University of Southern California (1951-1961). He spent the bulk of his teaching career as Professor of History at the University of New Mexico (1962-1982) and is now Emeritus Professor. After retiring from the University of New Mexico, Dr. Cutter was Distinguished Chair of Spanish History and Texas Borderlands at Saint Mary's University, San Antonio (1982-1989) and was named O'Connor Professor Emeritus.

Born in Chico, California on January 9, 1922, Dr. Cutter received his A.B. in Spanish from the University of California (1945), and spent three years in the Pacific Theater during WWII aboard the U.S.S. Pecos. He returned to California at the end

of the war, and earned an M.A. in History (1947), and a Ph.D. in History with a minor in Anthropology (1950), both from the University of California.

The author of numerous articles, book reviews, and more than a dozen books, Dr. Cutter is best known for *The Writings of Mariano Payeras*, published by the Academy of American Franciscan History (1995) for which he received the Norman Neuberg Award for Distinguished Research and Writing in Early California History. Other books include, *Malaspina in California* (J. Howell, 1960), *California in 1792: a Spanish naval visit* (University of Oklahoma Press, 1990), and *Malaspina & Galiano: Spanish voyages to the Northwest Coast, 1791 & 1792* (University of Washington Press, 1991). Most recently, Dr. Cutter contributed "Recuerdos de mi Museo Favorito" to the *NAVIGARE NECESSE EST Estudios de Historia Marítima en honor de Lola Higuera Edición*, Fundación Alvargonzález, 2008.

Dr. Cutter was director of the American Indian Historical Research Project (1967-1970), acting editor of the *New Mexico Historical Review*, a Del Amo Foundation Fellow, the chief historical consultant for the Council of California Indians, the Social Science Research Council faculty resident fellow (1956 and 1959), a Fulbright research fellow and member of the University of Maryland Overseas Division, Spain (1962-1970). Dr. Cutter was historical consultant for the Jicarilla Apache Tribe (1964-65), a fellow of the American Philosophical Society (1965-1966), and lecturer-consultant in history at the University of Guadalajara, Mexico (1971-1972).

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