



Howard Russel Butler
Mountains of the Sun (detail)
1926
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Left to Rot on the Hillside: Intercultural Death on the Western Frontier

Historian W. Paul Reeve, *University of Utah*

Friday, March 29 at 7:30 pm

Canyon Community Center

W. Paul Reeve's presentation, "Left to Rot on the Hillside: Intercultural Death on the Western Frontier" is taken from a chapter in his recent book, *Making Space on the Western Frontier*. His lecture will explore the death rituals of Southern Paiutes, Mormons, and silver miners in southwestern Utah and southeastern Nevada. Members of these three disparate groups lived in each others worlds, but they also died there too.

Reeve's presentation investigates the challenges of death and dying on the frontier, especially when it took place across the cultural divide. In the end, the stories of death that he uncovers underscore the distinctive qualities of each community. They also serve as evidence of the expansive gap separating Southern Paiute, Mormon, and miner world views.

The Zion Canyon Field Institute's Fern and J. L. Crawford Lecture Series is a collaborative presentation between ZCFI and the Division of Resource Management in Zion National Park. This year, the lectures aim to broaden our understanding of our shared heritage within southern Utah, and to encourage and foster a continued culture of preservation. Lectures are hosted monthly and are free and open to the public. The next lecture, "Fremont Rockart," will be held on Thursday, April 18, 2013 at 7:30 pm.