

Dear Colleagues of Dixie State University,

We hope you had a great summer, and we welcome you to the 2016-2017 Academic Year!!

Our first Colleagues meeting of this new year will be held on **Monday, October 3, 2016 at 12:00 noon in Lecture Hall 156 of the Taylor Health Science Center**, located at 1526 East Medical Center Drive (south of Lowe's and east of River Road). Our special guest speaker will be **Professor Steven Heath**, who will share insights with us on ***"The History of the Old Spanish Trail through Utah and Arizona."***

Steven Heath was born and raised in Utah and is a graduate of the University of Utah, with master's degrees in mathematics and history. He taught mathematics at Southern Utah University for 34 years. In addition to his mathematics studies, Steven has written on the life of scientist, Dr. Henry Eyring, a physical chemist at Princeton and the University of Utah. Steven also did a major study on the life and works of Yale geologist, Dr. Herbert E. Gregory, for the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. Herbert E. Gregory made pioneering studies in geology in the southern Utah and northern Arizona areas.

Professor Heath has studied and traveled the historic Old Spanish Trail for more than 40 years. He is past president of the Old Spanish Trail Association (OSTA) and has recently served as Utah Director of OSTA. He is co-author of "Driving the Old Spanish Trail through Utah and Arizona," and has published studies on Old Spanish Trail travelers Antonio Armigo, William Knight, and Jefferson Hunt. His most recent paper was "Mexican Trade Trail to Anglo Road, 1848-1857."

Steven and his wife Donna have lived in Washington, Utah for seven and a half years, are the parents of four children, have sixteen grandchildren, and one great grandchild. Along with mathematics, Steven has special interest in the history of Utah's national parks and monuments, the history of baseball, the history of Mormonism, and the history of mathematics.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this great presentation on Monday, October 3rd.

Sincerely,

DSU President, Dr. Richard B. Williams and former DSU President, Dr. Douglas D. Alder

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