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Indigenous Hinterlands in Colonial San Francisco Bay Area, California

From 1776 to the 1830s, Native people throughout California entered or resisted Spanish missions. For the San Francisco Bay area, resistance often involved running away, approved furloughs administered by some padres, and other thoughtful departures that reactivated threatened places and practices. Following the mission period, Native people continued to meaningfully construct places while also contributing to new economic opportunities emerging across a shifting colonial landscape. This talk presents ongoing archaeological, historical, and collections-based research directed at identifying and investigating such places and practices, including sites of refuge and the opportunities that emerged along coastal Marin County during the 1840s and afterward.