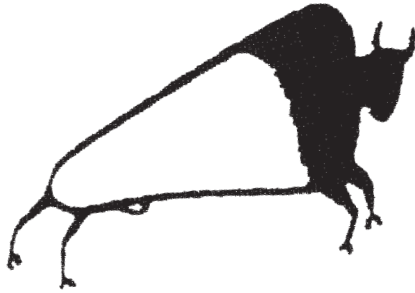


SOUTH SUBURBAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
PRESENTS A *FREE* ILLUSTRATED LECTURE



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IN THE MIDDLE OF EVERYTHING

The Power of Indigenous Illinois in Early America

The native people of Illinois are not often regarded as key actors in early American history; they are frequently cast as desperate victims, beleaguered peoples whose challenges in the face of colonization were so great as to reduce them quickly to a status of dependency.

Historian Robert Morrissey will tell a new and different story about the Illinois Indians in the colonial period. He will explain how they followed a long-term trajectory of pragmatism and innovation, exploiting special opportunities made possible by their location to build power and exercise enormous agency not just in their region, but throughout the Great Lakes and Plains, and even in the European power



George Catlin Buffalo Chase 1846

centers of Quebec, Louisiana and Charleston. This presentation will examine why the Illinois Country—and particularly the tall-grass prairie environment that the Illinois

occupied in the colonial period—was such an important place in early America. The speaker will revisit the Native American past of our region, as well as the often-ignored significance of the Illinois people in the pre-colonial and colonial era

Dr. Morrissey is currently Associate Professor of History at the University of Illinois/Champaign-Urbana, specializing in the history of early America and the Atlantic world, American frontier and borderlands history, ethnohistory and environmental history.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2019 AT 7:30 PM

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