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### Discoveries of Chumash Use of Santa Cruz Island

Ventura, CA — Dr. Jennifer Perry will discuss recent findings about the settlement of the interior regions of Santa Cruz Island by the Island Chumash during the September From Shore to Sea lecture.

Perry will reveal new insights into surprising differences between early and later settlements on Santa Cruz Island. Compared to the later, more permanent coastal settlements that were focused on fishing and trade between the islands, early settlements seasonally moved between the coast and the interior of island. The change in location depended on the availability of resources along the shore (mainly shellfish) or on land (fresh water, plants and chert).

Her research is unique in that it has encompassed data from enough sites on the island to allow her to evaluate the patterns of an entire region. Previous research into early settlements focused more on individual sites rather than wider areas, resulting in different interpretations.

Perry is an Assistant Professor of Anthropology at California State University, Channel Islands. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology from the University of San Diego, and a Master of Arts degree and Ph.D in Anthropology from the University of California, Santa Barbara. Prior to her current position, Perry taught anthropology and environmental analysis at Pomona College for ten years.

The talk will be held on Thursday, September 10, 2015. The From Shore to Sea lecture series is sponsored by Channel Islands National Park to further the understanding of current research on the Channel Islands and surrounding marine waters. The lectures occur at 7:00 pm on the second Thursday of March, April, May, September, October, and November at the Channel Islands National Park Robert J. Lagomarsino Visitor Center, 1901 Spinnaker Drive in Ventura Harbor. The programs are free and open to the public.

This lecture can also be viewed live online at:

<http://www.nps.gov/chis/planyourvisit/live-programs.htm>.

Lectures are recorded and posted at:

<http://www.nps.gov/chis/learn/photosmultimedia/from-shore-to-sea-lecture-videos.htm>

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