Voice professor is first in Author Lecture Series

Robin Fisher, a Sacramento State professor of voice, kicks off the 2013-14 Friends of the Library’s Author Lecture Series with a talk Thursday, Sept. 26.

All lectures in the series – two this fall, two in spring 2014 – are free, open to the public and begin at 3 p.m. in the University Library Gallery.

Fisher will discuss her latest work, *American Art Song and American Poetry*, which is the second edition of Ruth C. Friedberg’s three-volume study published in the 1980s. Friedberg, who taught at Duke University, the New School of Music in Philadelphia, and several Texas universities, was one of the first to examine the musical settings of American poetry.

A few years ago, Friedberg approached Fisher about collaborating on a fourth volume of her landmark *American Art Song*. Fisher suggested instead that they revise Friedberg’s previous work, update it with additional composers and poets, and publish it in a single volume. Fisher and Friedberg previously worked together on *The Selected Writings of John Duke: 1917-1984*.

Historian Tony Platt’s lecture topic for Tuesday, Nov. 12, is “Bitter Legacies: Genocide, Grave Looting and Culture Wars in California.” He is a visiting professor of justice studies at San Jose State and taught social work at Sac State from 1997 to 2007. He often writes about issues of race, inequality and social justice in American history, and is the author of *Grave Matters: Excavating California’s Buried Past*.

Robin Burcell leads off the lecture series next spring. She makes an appearance Wednesday, Feb. 5, to discuss *The Black List*, the latest in a series of novels featuring her popular protagonist, FBI special agent and forensic artist Sydney Fitzpatrick. Burcell is an FBI-trained forensic artist and, for the past 30 years, has worked as a police officer, detective, hostage negotiator and criminal investigator.

The Author Lecture Series concludes Thursday, April 17, with an appearance by Anthony Barcellos, author of the novel *Land of Milk and Honey*. Barcellos grew up on his grandfather’s San Joaquin Valley dairy farm and has worked as journalist, computer columnist and legislative aide. He currently teaches mathematics at American River College.
For more information about the 2013-14 Author Lecture Series, contact Sally Hitchcock, the Library’s coordinator for community outreach, at 278-5954 or hitchcoc@saclink.csus.edu. The series is sponsored by Friends of the Library, University Library, University Library Gallery and Hornet Bookstore.

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