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## **Ramapo College's Gross Center Virtual Event: Author to Discuss Book on Removal and Destruction of Native Americans**

MAHWAH, N.J. – On Tuesday, September 22 at 2 p.m., Jeffrey Ostler, Ph.D., will discuss his recent book, *Surviving Genocide: Native Nations and the United States from the American Revolution to Bleeding Kansas* (Yale University Press). Ostler, the Beekman Professor of Northwest and Pacific History at the University of Oregon, will be in conversation with Ramapo Professor Sarah Koenig, who teaches Native American history, and whose book, *Providence and the Invention of American History*, will be published by Yale University Press in Spring 2021.

The program will take place under the auspices of The Gross Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies and will be delivered remotely via WebEx. Gross Center Director Michael A. Riff will serve as moderator for the event. All wishing to participate may register at:

<https://ramapo.webex.com/ramapo/onstage/g.php?MTID=e6e80af753c40966b5830172c23072b76>

The first of two volumes on the consequences of U.S. settler colonial expansion, *Surviving Genocide* is based on a body of interdisciplinary scholarship that increasingly views the settlement of the early United States against the backdrop of the “elimination,” if not willful destruction, of its native peoples. In addition to outlining the political and legal history behind this expansion and its genocidal consequences, Ostler gives voice to the Native American leaders forced to deal with the survival of their people.

A specialist in the history of the American West with a particular focus on American Indian history, Ostler also is the author of *Prairie Populism: The Fate of Agrarian Radicalism in Kansas, Nebraska, and Iowa, 1880-1892*, *The Plains Sioux and U.S. Colonialism from Lewis and Clark to Wounded Knee*, and *The Lakotas and The Black Hills*.

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