Elizabeth Cobbs Hoffman to Speak on the History of American Foreign Policy

On Thursday, March 6th, at 4:30PM in Lewis Auditorium, Goldwin Smith Hall, Elizabeth Cobbs Hoffman, Professor of History at San Diego State University, will give a talk entitled "America: Empire or Umpire, and At What Cost?" The talk is part of the Einaudi Center's ongoing Foreign Policy Distinguished Speaker Series.

Professor Cobbs Hoffman earned a Ph.D. in American history at Stanford University, and now holds the Dwight E. Stanford Chair in U.S. Foreign Relations at San Diego State University. Her research interests include U.S., European, Third World, and Latin American history. In 2012-2013, Professor Cobbs Hoffman held her third fellowship at Stanford's Hoover Institution for War, Revolution, and Peace, where she completed a new history of American foreign relations entitled *American Umpire*. In it she questions the idea that the United States is an empire, and argues instead that America has more often played the role of umpire since 1776.

She is the author of several other books, including *The Rich Neighbor Policy: Rockefeller and Kaiser in Brazil* (Yale, 1992), which won the Allan Nevins Prize and the Stuart Bernath Award, and *All You Need is Love: The Peace Corps and the Spirit of the 1960s* (Harvard, 1998). Her novel, *Broken Promises: A Novel of the Civil War*, won the 2009 San Diego Book Award for "Best Historical Fiction" and Director's Mention for the Langum Prize in American Historical Fiction.

Professor Cobbs Hoffman has received fellowships from the Irish Fulbright Commission, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, and the Organization of American States, in addition to research support from the John Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, and Rockefeller Family
Archives. She has served on the editorial boards of Diplomatic History and the Encyclopedia of American Foreign Relations. She is co-editor of *Major Problems in American History* with Edward Blum. She has also served two terms as a member of the Historical Advisory Committee to the U.S. Department of State, and the jury for the Pulitzer Prize in History.

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