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The Long Lost SCU Campus

Let this image of Nobili Hall and the Mission Gardens bring back fond memories of the SCU campus, which we are all missing a lot right now! Putting aside a few rare exceptions, Archives & Special Collections staff have been working from home for 18 weeks while we continue to shelter in place per Santa Clara County health orders. We hope to have news next week about resuming limited remote reference services from on-site, meaning staff would be able to do research with the physical materials on behalf of patrons. We intend to bolster our digitization services in the coming months once allowed to resume some on-site work, offering scans of archival collections at the highest capacity we can muster.

In an attempt to recreate the synergy of being on campus learning together, this coming Tuesday, July 21, we will host a [virtual book talk with SCU Anthropology Professor Lee Panich](#), who will speak about his new book, [Narratives of Persistence: Indigenous Negotiations of Colonialism in Alta and](#)

[Baja California](#). We hope to see you there!

Should you have an inquiry about SCU history or a question regarding your research pop up, please do reach out to SpecialCollections@scu.edu and we'll service your request as quickly as possible. It's amazing what we can do with the extensive materials currently in the [Digital Collections](#); that which we cannot, we will be happy to put in the queue for topics to check once we're back on-site.

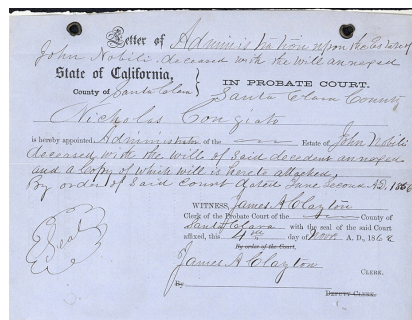
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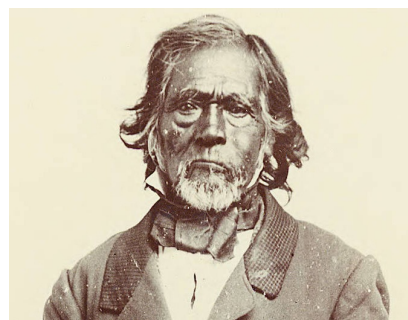
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Nobili Papers

The papers of Father John Nobili, S.J., are now completely available online! Our newest digital collection, the Nobili papers have been digitized at high resolution, offering increased access and insight to the issues faced by the founder and first president of Santa Clara University.

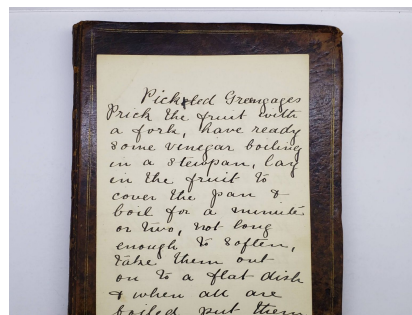
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Inigo of Rancho Posolmi

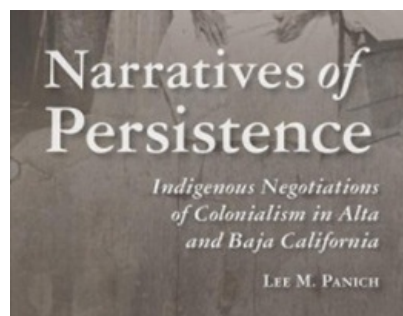
Inigo of Rancho Posolmi is probably the most well-known 'Mission Indian' from Santa Clara, and the way in which scholars have been able to study his life tells us a lot about the affordances and limits of Indigenous research in the SCU Archives.

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New Acquisitions

Although COVID-19 has slowed down our ability to acquire new materials in Special Collections, we have made some noteworthy purchases in the



Online Event

July 21 @ 12 noon: Join us for the 2020 Archives & Special Collections Summer History Talk featuring SCU Anthropology Professor Lee M. Panich.

area of Women's Studies, including this 19th century Women's recipe book.

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The event will be held on Zoom. Please RSVP by July 20 to receive the Zoom link via email.

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- If you're missing the sensation of being surrounded by the stuff of book arts, we recommend checking out the San Francisco Center for the Book's [Shelter in Studio Series](#). Past visits are available on their [Vimeo](#) page.
- [Tell your Representative and Senators to cosponsor the Library Stabilization Fund Act](#), which would allow libraries across the country to retain staff, maintain services, and safely keep communities connected and informed. [Read more about the Library Stabilization Fund Act](#).
- The SCU Archives may be famous for holding the Mission Santa Clara Manuscripts collection, but it's important to think about the Indigenous cultures that were here before the Mission. The [Peninsula Open Space Trust \(POST\) recently hosted a 3-part series on Indigenous history in the Bay Area, which is available on their YouTube](#) page.

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