

Friday November 15, 2019 Welcome Back Luncheon

“Revolutionaries of the South”

Featuring Dr. Brendan Cook

Doors open at 11:00

**Lecture at 11:30
followed by lunch**

Stonebridge Country club

Price \$49

Chairs: Carol Jonson, Ed Giovine



Revolutionaries of the South traces nearly one thousand years of hope and defiance in Italy's Mezzogiorno region. From the apocalyptic prophecies of the twelfth-century Calabrian preacher, Gioacchino da Fiore, to Tommaso Campanella's seventeenth-century Utopia, *The City of the Sun*, from the Carbonari of the nineteenth century, to the Anarchists and Communists of the twentieth century, the lecture presents the grand sweep of resistance and rebellion in the Italian South. Dr. Cook traces the remarkable parallels and echoes between these different revolutionary movements and figures, as religious mysticism mingles with scientific rationality, and the Gospel of Jesus Christ joins hands with Revolutionary Marxism. The backdrop to the lecture is the region itself, with its long history of suffering and injustice, which has nourished these different movements from one era to the next.

Speaker Bio



Dr. Brendan Cook

A native of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Canada, Brendan Cook earned a PhD in History from the University of Toronto in 2009. After teaching at the University of Toronto and Carthage College, Dr. Cook joined the staff of the University of South Florida in 2013. He is a specialist in Latin philology (the study of languages and their history and structure). His translation of the correspondence of the 15th century humanist, Lorenzo Valla, was published by Harvard University Press in 2014.