**TRILOGY:** "**Modern People, Modern Pathways"**

 2017: Westward Passage - Corps of Discovery (1803-1806)

2018: Southwestern Pathways - Trail of Tears (1812-1839) & Santa Fe Trail (1821-1880)

 2019: West Coast Pathways - Oregon, California & Mormon Trails (1836-1869)

**2st OF TRILOGY:** "Southwestern Pathways - Trail of Tears & Santa Fe Trail"

SENIOR UNIVERSITY – proposed class & fieldtrip for Spring 2018

**ABSTRACTS**

**6-Week Class:** "Southwestern Pathways - Trail of Tears & Santa Fe Trail"

 The Vagabonds, Rocky and Sandi, are back with the 2nd segment of their Trilogy: "Modern People, Modern Pathways"! We started our travels with the Corps of Discovery adventures of Lewis and Clark in 1803-1805. This semester we'll travel the pathways of native peoples and settlers from the southeastern states across the Mississippi River and into the area of Texas beyond the Pecos River. Learn about the geology, history, cultures, and people of the Trail of Tears, the Santa Fe Trail, and the 'Last Texas Frontier' west of the Pecos. Share stories of Fernando DeSoto, Pushmataha, Sequoyah, Major Ridge, Elias Boutinott, John Ross, Cabeza De Vaca, Henry O. Flipper, Gilberto Luna, Lilia Falcón, and others who struggled to survive in this land of geologic wonders, harsh climate, and dramatic historical events.

 For class participants who want to see the geology, visit the places, and meet some of the people introduced in this class, consider participating in our field trip ‘West of the Pecos’ led by Rocky and Sandi at the end of the semester.