



Onk akimel-Va shly'ay Huhugam Ki Museum

presents

3 NIGHTS IN THE FALL

With Guest Speaker, David DeJong

Author of

“FORCED TO ABANDON OUR FIELDS: The 1914 Clay Southworth Gila River Pima Interviews”

Thursday, October 20th, 2011, 6pm

Mesa Historical Museum Auditorium

234 N. Horne Rd., Mesa, AZ. 85201

(the old Lehi School)

FORCED

The 1914 Clay Southworth

TO ABANDON

Gila River Pima Interviews

OUR FIELDS



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During the nineteenth century, upstream diversions from the Gila River decreased the arable land on the Gila River Indian Reservation to only a few thousand acres. As a result the Pima Indians, primarily an agricultural people, fell into poverty. The interviews cover decades of Pima history and reveal the nexus between upstream diversions and Pima economy, agriculture, water use, and water rights.

In *Forced to Abandon Our Fields*, DeJong provides the historical context for these interviews; transcripts of the interviews provide first-hand descriptions of both the once-successful Pima agricultural economy and its decline by the early twentieth century.

A light supper will be served, everyone welcome. For more information call the Huhugam Ki Museum at 48-362-6320

