Diversity in the Western Expansion

OSHER 721-001
Dates: Thursdays, 9/24/15-11/5/15, no class 10/15
Times: 9:30AM-11:00AM
Location: Commander’s House, Fort Douglas
Instructor: Denice Wheeler

Course Overview
Most people know little about the diversity of cultures that impacted the settling of the American West. This course will begin with the stories of the Chinese who migrated from Canton, China to San Francisco and westward. China Mary will be recalled with her fascinating mystery about coming to America.

Personal items and artifacts will be shown (2 weeks)

The next culture will be African American. Were they all slaves that came in 1847? What are their stories? What was prejudice like in the 1800s in the west? (2 weeks)

Native Americans had a great impact on the settling of the west but do you really know them as individuals or tribes? Ms. Wheeler has worked on the Indian reservations in the west for over 40 years. She will tell you their stories and show their magnificent creative arts. (2 weeks)