

The 21 Club
Social, Dinner and a Talk
Tuesday February 14, 2012

The first meeting of the Spring Semester will begin with a wine and beer social at 6:00 PM in the UNM Student Union Building ([Sandia room](#) #3019). A Mediterranean buffet will follow at 7:00 PM in the adjacent [Scholars room](#) (#3018) with an after dinner talk by Russell Goodman (map and abstract on [page 2](#)).

The Mediterranean buffet consists of Chicken souvlaki (Σουβλάκι), lemon rice pilaf, ratatouille, pita bread, green salad with Ranch or Italian dressing, bread and butter, coffee, iced tea and red velvet Valentine cupcakes for dessert. Wine and beer will be available until 7:30 p.m in the Sandia room.



Go to <http://21club.unm.edu/organization/SUB.html> or mail your check (\$21 per reservation) to:

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Note: to guarantee your reservation(s) your online payment or your check (payable to “The 21 Club”) must be **received** on or before Tuesday, February 7, 2012.

Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, and American Slavery

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The pragmatist philosopher John Dewey wrote that “every evil is a rejected good.” In this presentation I will explore ways in which slavery both appeared as a good to, and was rejected as evil by, two great American writers and statesmen: Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson. Franklin’s rejection of slavery was gradual and by the end of his life quite clear, as he served as President of the Pennsylvania Society for the Abolition of Slavery. Jefferson condemned slavery early on and throughout his life, while continuing to run a slave plantation at Monticello and, after the 1780s, fostering a slave family with Sally Hemings.

