

Sunday at the Master

December 23, 2018

11:00 am

Riverside Lobby

THE HISTORY of NEWS

Don Schwartz, Ph.D., a friend of shareholders here at the Master Apartments, has generously offered to put “Fake News” in historical perspective for us on his upcoming trip to New York City from the West Coast where he now resides.

‘Fake News’ has been in the news ever since the election of Donald Trump in 2016. While exaggerations and hyperbole have always been characteristic of political discourse, the propagation of ‘fake news’ and ‘alternative facts’ in our highly polemic environment has been amplified and intensified by the internet and by social media.

While the term is relatively new, the phenomenon of ‘fake news’ has been around for centuries. Dr. Schwartz will trace the origins and impact of manufactured and altered news reports from ancient Rome to the modern era, with an emphasis on the impact of such misrepresentations on American history.

Don Schwartz, Ph.D., earned his doctorate in modern U.S. and European history from New York University and began his teaching career in New York City high schools, and at Pace University and the New School for Social Research.

He served on the faculty of the History Department at California State University Long Beach from 1987 until his retirement in 2010. Since then he has taught in Shanghai and Phnom Penh as part of the Fulbright Specialist Program, and regularly offers lectures on historical topics in southern California.

He has written scholarly articles on the Holocaust and on the teaching of history, and has been named by the Organization of American Historians to their Distinguished Lecturer Program.

