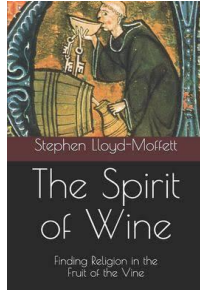


# Newcomers Virtual General Meeting

Wednesday, October 7, 2020

## Webinar Presentation, 1:00 p.m. on Zoom



### Religion and Wine

Stephen Lloyd-Moffett, Ph.D.



Professor Lloyd-Moffett teaches at Cal Poly in the Departments of Religious Studies. His initial research focused on ascetic traditions, particularly hermits and cave-dwellers in Early Christianity and Ancient Hinduism. He has broad interests in religion, publishing or lecturing on the mystical life of César Chávez, religion in modern Greece, Eastern Orthodox Christianity, ignorance of Islam in America, and most recently in the relationship between religion and wine. This led him to write and publish *The Spirit of Wine*, an intriguing and enlightening treatise on the similarities between religion as we know it and the devotees of great wine, which will be the main focus of his presentation. He also authored *Beauty for Ashes: The Spiritual Transformation of a Modern Greek Community*, an engaging story of the spiritual recovery of a rural Greek town after a scandal involving their bishop.

In 2010, Dr. Lloyd-Moffett was named one of the Top 20 under 40 in San Luis Obispo and was awarded the Cal Poly College of Liberal arts teaching award and the President's Community Service Award. He lectures widely in the community on various topics. His interests outside the classroom include communal living, wine making, and spending time with his sons, Basil and Phineas.

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The Board of Directors of SLO Newcomers is continuing to follow the CDC social distancing guidelines while keeping the membership entertained, informed and included. The zoom link for the San Luis Obispo Newcomers meeting will be open at 12:45 please login few minutes early so that we can smooth out any technical difficulties to be able to start the presentation promptly at 1 PM. You will need to download the program from Zoom.us, and have your phone or an active microphone and camera.

Please join us for this timely presentation.

**The Zoom link and password will be provided in an email before the meeting.**

We look forward to 'seeing' you then.