The UCSB Center for Black Studies Research presents the 2014 Shirley Kennedy Memorial Lecture

COUNTER-REVOLUTION or 1776
Slave Resistance and the Origins of the United States of America

Gerald Horne
Author, historian, and Moores Professor of History and African-American Studies at the University of Houston

Thursday, May 8, 2014
4:00 p.m.
MultiCultural Center Theater
Book signing and reception at 5:30

Former UCSB professor Gerald Horne, the award-winning author of more than thirty books, will discuss his newest book, “The Counter-Revolution of 1776: Slave Resistance and the Origins of the United States of America.” This book argues that the American Revolution was fought in part as a reaction against the rising tide of abolitionism in Britain and its colonies, a trend fueled by the insurrection of enslaved people. Revising the foundational myths of the United States, Horne argues that for the country’s forefathers, “freedom” meant the right to keep others enslaved—and that the consequences of this definition continue into the present.

Additional book signing and discussion event:
Friday, May 9, at 7:00 p.m.
Granada Books
1224 State St., Santa Barbara
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