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Title

Sundays on Saturdays, Thursday on Wednesday: Sabbath-keeping in the Pacific Rim, 18th-19th c.

Description

How did breadfruit, a trans-Pacific package, and a practice from the fourth century come together to make a story about sacred time? This research talk examines how "Sabbath-keeping," what has been perceived as an Anglo-American Protestant practice from the eastern seaboard of the United States, traveled west to the Pacific Rim in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. More specifically, how did this form of sacred timekeeping fare in a place with no historic Protestant establishment?