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Will Bagley to Speak about Overland Trail Stories

Well-known historian Will Bagley will give a Brown Bag lecture at noon on Wednesday, November 15, at the Rio Grande Depot (300 S. Rio Grande Street, SLC). Bagley has found a surprising number of first-hand narratives about the Mormon and Oregon-California trails not listed in Merrill Mattes's classic bibliography, "Platte River Road Narratives."

His presentation, "A Legacy of Stories: Utah's Trail Narratives," looks at how new technology has helped bring to light an explosion of new sources. He will share some of these remarkable stories and what they reveal about the ordinary men, women, and children who experienced this extraordinary journey. Bagley's presentation, sponsored by State History and the Utah Humanities Council, is free and open to the public.

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