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# **“The Hidden Influence of French on the English Language”**



## **Lecture by Fred Brengelman**

Professor Emeritus of Linguistics, CSU Fresno

**Saturday, March 25, 4pm**  
**California Stage, 1725 25<sup>th</sup> St.**

followed by reception with light refreshments

**\$4 members; \$6 nonmembers**

It is obvious that English owes considerable vocabulary to French. What English word can take the place of resume, expose, detente, debris, touche, cliché, and countless others? Far less obvious is how French shaped the morphology and sentence structure of English. This presentation will describe some of these lesser understood influences.

Professor Brengelman has taught linguistics at California State University and other U.S. universities for more than 40 years. He has also taught in Greece and the Netherlands. Dr. Brengelman has published a range of books, monographs, and articles in his specialization—the history and structure of English.

Please join us for this stimulating talk, followed by a question period, and refreshments.

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