

All lectures will take place in Orchestra Hall and are scheduled to last 90 minutes.

U.S. Founding Fathers

10:30 a.m., Monday: The Story of a Great Man: The Life of George Washington with Edward Lengel, PhD

What makes a great leader? This lecture provides an overview of the life of George Washington – not as a man born to lead or frozen in time as a general and president, but as a human being continually changing. As a teenage surveyor, a young husband, the leader of the Continental Army, a farmer, the President of the U.S. and a retiree, Washington trod a difficult path that ultimately led to distinction.



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Edward G. Lengel is the Chief Historian of the White House Historical Association. He holds a bachelor's degree in history from George Mason University and a doctorate in history from the University of Virginia. For several years, he was Professor and Director of the Washington Papers project at the University of Virginia. Lengel has written several award-winning books including *First Entrepreneur: How George Washington Built His – and the Nation's – Prosperity*; *Thunder and Flames: Americans in the Crucible of Combat, 1917-1918*;

To Conquer Hell: The Meuse-Argonne, 1918; and *General George Washington: A Military Life*. He writes regularly for *Military History Quarterly*, *American History*, and other periodicals, and has made television and radio appearances on The History Channel, Fox News, and National Public Radio.

1:30 p.m., Monday: Declaring Independence with Denver Brunzman, PhD

What drove American colonists to declare independence from Britain? This lecture will feature the latest research in answering this question. The colonists were much more “British” than commonly appreciated and the American Revolution was not inevitable. It took 12 years of controversial British policies during the 1760s and 1770s for Americans to begin forging a separate identity. Even then, it was not until the start of the war in the spring of 1775 that American colonists began to contemplate independence seriously. Once King George III made war on his subjects, American colonists felt they had no choice but to set their course.



Denver Brunzman is an associate professor in the history department at George Washington University. He completed his bachelor's degree at St. Olaf College and both his master's and doctorate degrees at Princeton University. His book, *The Evil Necessity: British Naval Impressment in the Eighteenth-Century Atlantic World*, received the Walker Cowen Memorial Prize for outstanding work in 18th century studies in the Americas and Atlantic world. He is also a co-author of a leading college and advanced placement U.S. history textbook, *Liberty, Equality, Power: A History of the American People* as well as the e-book, *Leading Change: George Washington and Establishing the Presidency*. He is the recipient of numerous teaching honors and was inducted into the George Washington University Academy of Distinguished Teachers in 2016.

10:30 a.m., Tuesday: The Revolutionary War: Opening Stages (1775-1778) with Edward Lengel, PhD

American victory in the war for independence was not certain. In this lecture, explore the conflict's dramatic and sometimes tragic opening stages, including Benedict Arnold's heroic march to Quebec; Washington's defeat at Long Island and stunning turnaround at Trenton and Princeton; the disastrous summer campaign of 1777 that resulted in the loss of Philadelphia; and the turning points at Saratoga and Valley Forge.

1:30 p.m., Tuesday: The Revolutionary War: The Road to Victory (1779-1783) with Edward Lengel, PhD

In 1779, the focus of the Revolutionary War turned to the South, where a different kind of conflict, one that foreshadowed the Civil War, took place. This lecture highlights some of the War's most remarkable figures, including Daniel Morgan, Henry “Light Horse Harry” Lee, Francis Marion, Nathanael Greene, Patrick Ferguson, and Banastre Tarleton; and considers the great battles of Cowpens, King's Mountain and ultimately Yorktown.

10:30 a.m., Wednesday: Women, African Americans & American Indians in the Revolution with Denver Brunzman, PhD

In the past generation, scholars have focused attention on previously marginalized groups in the American Revolution: white women, African Americans and American Indians. Each group experienced the Revolution differently. Although mostly excluded from new political rights, white women enjoyed a unique role in the early American republic as “republican mothers.” They were expected to educate their sons to be productive citizens, which required women to be educated. For African Americans, the Revolution failed to abolish slavery in the South, but it did instigate a process of gradual emancipation in the North. Meanwhile, if white women and African Americans realized some limited gains from the Revolution, nothing was redeeming about American independence for Native Americans. They sided overwhelmingly with Britain and, as a result, lost claim to their lands with America's victory.

1:30 p.m., Wednesday: Compromises in Adopting the Constitution with Denver Brunzman, PhD

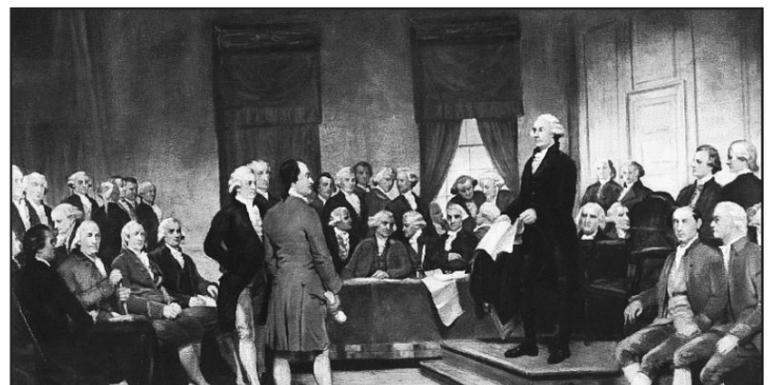
As Americans, the Constitution is often taken for granted, but it almost did not happen. This lecture will describe the grueling process of negotiation and compromise that ultimately resulted in a new frame of government for the American people. From the current perspective, the most controversial issue at the Constitutional Convention of 1787 appears to be slavery or the creation of a powerful new executive office. But at the time, the hot issue for delegates at the Convention was allocating representation among the different states. The allegiance that early Americans felt for their respective states proved to be the biggest hurdle to creating a new and lasting national union.

10:30 a.m., Thursday: Washington, Hamilton & the Federalist Era with Denver Brunzman, PhD

As the musical *Hamilton* has made clear, it was crucial for Alexander Hamilton to have George Washington “on his side.” This lecture will explore the collaboration between Washington and Hamilton in creating the American federal government. More than 20 years Washington's junior, Hamilton acted as both a surrogate son and equal to the nation's first president. Together, they made history, shaping America as we still know it. Washington used his prestige and standing with the American people to build public support for the new government under the Constitution. Impressively, Washington managed to invent the presidency, a powerful executive office, in a country that won independence without an executive. As the nation's first treasury secretary, Hamilton improbably created America's financial system in the image of its vanquished British foe. In the case of each founder, we live today in the world they made.

1:30 p.m., Thursday: George Washington Slept Here: Myths & Legends of the Founder with Edward Lengel, PhD

Who was George Washington? What is often considered common knowledge is often wrong. In this lecture, take a light-hearted look at the legends and stories that have surrounded the founder from his lifetime to the present day, including the cherry tree myth, the ‘Washington slept here’ stories, spy dramas, the Valley Forge “vision,” present-day misquotations, ghost stories, and the claim that he met with space aliens.



A Look Ahead: Week 8 Lecture Highlights

Seeking Peace in a Multi-Faith World
Focus: *Interfaith (morning theme)*

Monday, Aug. 6:

10 a.m., Approaches to Interfaith Dialogue & Peacebuilding with Rev. Dr. Deanna Ferree Womack

Tuesday, Aug. 7:

10 a.m., Jewish-Christian-Muslim Relations: Historical Models with Rev. Dr. Deanna Ferree Womack

Wednesday, Aug. 8:

10 a.m., Islam in America: Learning from the Past, Confronting Prejudice with Rev. Dr. Deanna Ferree Womack

Thursday, Aug. 9:

10 a.m., Imagining the Future: Games for Peace, Games for Dialogue with Rev. Dr. Deanna Ferree Womack

Seeking Peace in a Multi-Faith World
Focus: *Peace with Justice (afternoon theme)*

Monday, Aug. 6:

1:30 p.m., The Role of Reconciliation, Memory & Theology in Shaping the Public Stage (Part I) with Rev. Dr. Gary Mason

Tuesday, Aug. 7:

1:30 p.m., The Role of Reconciliation, Memory & Theology in Shaping the Public Stage (Part II) with Rev. Dr. Gary Mason

Wednesday, Aug. 8:

1:30 p.m., From Extremism to Inclusion: What Hardliners Joining the Peace Process in Northern Ireland Can Teach a Post-Election U.S. with Rev. Dr. Gary Mason

Thursday, Aug. 9:

1:30 p.m., Redirecting the Church Outwards with Rev. Dr. Gary Mason

Supplemental Lecture Materials

To promote further learning, speakers participating in the Chautauqua Lecture Series are asked to provide recommended reading lists, handouts and lecture PowerPoint slides for posting on the Lakeside Chautauqua Education Department webpage. To request resources for a particular theme or speaker, please email education@lakesideohio.com. Please note that the Education Department is not able to videotape or audiotape the lecture.

Mark Your Calendars

Gibraltar Island Field Trip on Tuesday, July 31

The Lakeside Education Department is coordinating a Field Trip to Stone Laboratory on Gibraltar Island. The program is scheduled for 1:15-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 31. Pre-registration and fee required. Contact the Education Department at education@lakesideohio.com or (419) 798-4461, ext. 239 for registration details or questions.

