Dear Friends,

History Matters has long been New-York Historical’s motto, but if ever there were a time when this motto rang particularly true, it would be our launch this fall of two landmark exhibitions. The first, Black Citizenship in the Age of Jim Crow, takes as its starting point the terrible injustice of the Supreme Court ruling in the Dred Scott case that no black person—free or enslaved—could ever be a U.S. citizen. The exhibition traces the story of African Americans’ struggle for citizenship, including not only the right to enjoy legal protections and privileges but also the right to be accepted and to feel safe. The second exhibition, Harry Potter: A History of Magic, draws on the global phenomenon of J.K. Rowling’s Harry Potter novels while dramatizing the historical context indispensable to the books’ success. Both exhibitions underscore the importance of institutions like ours, whose great repositories enable a better understanding of the past as they illuminate the present.

Reflecting these exhibitions’ themes, our Bernard and Irene Schwartz Distinguished Speakers Series features discussions of citizenship, race, history, and law, with speakers including Eric Foner, Harold Holzer, U.S. Senator Doug Jones, Martha Jones, Randall Kennedy, Edna Greene Medford, Manisha Sinha, Brent Staples, and Sean Wilentz. The Mathew “Mike” Gladstein Lecture in Biography features New-York Historical Trustee David Blight in conversation with Eddie Glaude Jr. on Frederick Douglass. For Harry Potter, our Schwartz Series features Jim Dale, the narrator and voice of all of the Harry Potter characters in the American audiobooks.

Leadership is another key topic at New-York Historical this fall-winter, with Doris Kearns Goodwin in conversation with David M. Rubenstein; Michael Beschloss in conversation with Lesley Stahl; Joseph Ellis and Stacy Schiff featured in our Sandra and Richard Rippe Lecture on American History; and Distinguished Lehman Fellow Andrew Roberts speaking on Churchill. New-York Historical Presidential Historian Douglas Brinkley will be in conversation with Peter Baker and John Farrell on Presidents George W. Bush and Richard Nixon, respectively. This season’s Petraeus/Hertog Lecture on Leadership will feature Brett McGurk, in conversation with David Petraeus, on the global fight against ISIS, and Harold Holzer will reflect on Lincoln’s legacy in this winter’s President Bill Clinton Lecture in American History.

Our fall-winter season also brings a celebration of American icon Billie Jean King’s 75th birthday, with a new exhibition drawn from our Billie Jean King Archive that shows how, over her long career, Ms. King leveraged her role as a public figure and no. 1-ranked tennis player to champion human rights, challenge discrimination, and fight for equality on a global stage. An inspiration to us all!

With very best wishes,

Louise Mirrer, Ph.D.
President and CEO

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Exhibition Highlights

**Harry Potter: A History of Magic**

October 5, 2018 – January 27, 2019

Capturing the traditions of folklore and magic at the heart of the Harry Potter stories, *Harry Potter: A History of Magic* unveils rare books, manuscripts, and magical objects from the collections of the British Library, New-York Historical Society, U.S. Harry Potter publisher Scholastic, and other special collections. Visitors can explore the subjects studied at Hogwarts and see original drafts and drawings by J.K. Rowling and Harry Potter illustrators Mary GrandPré and Jim Kay.

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Timed-entry tickets for *Harry Potter: A History of Magic* are required. Tickets are on sale now and include entrance to the exhibition as well as all-day admission to the New-York Historical Society. For detailed information and to purchase tickets, please visit [harrypotter.nyhistory.org](http://harrypotter.nyhistory.org). Tickets can also be purchased by calling the ShowClix Call Center at (888) 718-4253 for an additional fee. Please note that tickets are non-transferable, and the ticket purchaser will be required to show ID upon arrival.

**Billie Jean King: The Road to 75**

October 19, 2018 – January 27, 2019

Visionary. Pioneer. Legend. Celebrate Billie Jean King’s 75th birthday with photographs of her extraordinary life, including her journey to achieve 39 Grand Slam titles and the world no. 1 ranking in women’s tennis. Today—as both a sports icon and a lifelong advocate for gender equality and social justice—Billie Jean King is an American legend, on and off the court.

Tennis star Billie Jean King is carried to the court by four men for the Battle of the Sexes tennis match with 55-year-old aging tennis star Bobby Riggs. 1973. Photo: Getty Images/Bettmann

**Black Citizenship in the Age of Jim Crow**

September 7, 2018 – March 3, 2019

Though slavery ended in 1865, the struggle for full citizenship and racial equality unfolded over 50 years after the Civil War amidst the “separate but equal” age of Jim Crow. On the 150th anniversary of the ratification of the 14th Amendment, explore the central role African Americans played in advocating for their rights.

*Young girls* Photograph from *The Crisis*, May 1918. Indiana University Libraries

**Betye Saar: Keepin’ It Clean**

November 2, 2018 – May 27, 2019

Betye Saar: *Keepin’ It Clean* features the washboard assemblages of artist Betye Saar (b. 1926). The ongoing series explores the washboard as a crossroad of race, gender, class, and labor and an emblem of America’s unresolved legacy of slavery and oppression. Until America is fully cleansed of this history, Saar will “wash and repeat,” as if to ask, “America, will you ever clean up your act?”

Exhibitions at New-York Historical are made possible by Dr. Agnes Hsu-Tang and Oscar Tang, the Saunders Trust for American History, the Seymour Neuman Endowed Fund, the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs in partnership with the City Council, and the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature. WNET is the media sponsor.
Calendar Highlights

**Lectures & Conversations**

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  - An Evening with Barry Lewis: Harlem Law

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  - Racial Terrorism in the Jim Crow South: Manisha Sinha, Brent Staples

- Wednesday, September 26, 6:30 pm
  - Antietam: The Battle for Freedom: Harold Holzer

**October**
- Monday, October 1, 7 pm
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- Wednesday, October 3, 6:30 pm
  - The Road to Unfreedom: Russia, Europe, America: Timothy Snyder

**November**
- Saturday, November 10, 9:30–11 am

- Tuesday, November 20, 6:30 pm
  - An Evening with Barry Lewis: London

- Monday, November 26, 6:30 pm
  - The Gilder Lehrman Prize for Military History at the New-York Historical Society: Andrew Roberts (moderator)

**December**
- Monday, December 3, 6:30 pm
  - The Field of Blood: Violence in Congress and the Road to Civil War: Joanne Freeman, Carol Bankin

**Friday Night Films**

**Saturday, September 28, 7 pm**
- Hobson’s Choice (1954): Ron Simon, Dale Gregory

**February**
- Friday, February 1, 7 pm
  - The Story of Qiu Ju (1992): Thelma Schoonmaker

- Thursday, February 21, 7 pm
  - The Field of Blood: Violence in Congress and the Road to Civil War: Richard Brookhiser, Akhil Reed Amar

- Tuesday, February 26, 6:30 pm
  - Civil Rights in the Age of Trump: Khalil Gibran Muhammad

**March**
- Friday, March 1, 7 pm
  - Cabin in the Sky (1943): Gail Lumet Buckley, Bob Herbert

- Friday, March 8, 7 pm
  - Pat and Mike (1952): Annette Gordon-Reed, Robert R. Reed, Ron Simon, Dale Gregory

**Gallery & Walking Tours**

**October**
- Saturday, October 13, 9 am
  - Owl Walk and Talk: Alan Messer

- Saturday, October 20, 9 am
  - Owl Walk and Talk: Alan Messer

**November**
- Saturday, November 3, 2–6 pm
  - Historical Hallowe’en Family Party

**Family Programs**

- Monday, December 17, 11 am
  - Black Citizenship in the Age of Jim Crow Gallery Tour: Marci Reaven
An Evening with Barry Lewis: Harlem
Monday, September 24, 6:30 pm | $48 (Members $38)

With its rich history in African American politics, journalism, athletics, and culture, Harlem has evolved into one of the world’s most celebrated neighborhoods. To complement the exhibition Black Citizenship in the Age of Jim Crow, Barry Lewis discusses the neighborhood’s enduring architecture, from its classic Victorian brownstones to its renowned ballrooms.

Barry Lewis, an architectural historian who teaches at Cooper Union Forum, is the former co-host of a popular walking tour series on PBS.

Racial Terrorism in the Jim Crow South
Tuesday, September 25, 6:30 pm | $38 (Members $24) | 35 and under $10

In conjunction with New-York Historical Society’s groundbreaking exhibition Black Citizenship in the Age of Jim Crow, historian Manisha Sinha and journalist Brent Staples discuss the methods through which the South sought to reinstate slavery—including lynching, disenfranchisement, sharecropping, convict lease labor, and segregation—during the Jim Crow era, as well as how the African American population resisted.


Antietam: The Battle for Freedom
Wednesday, September 26, 6:30 pm | $38 (Members $24)

The crucial Civil War Battle of Antietam in 1862 not only pitted General Robert E. Lee against General George B. McClellan in bitterly contested Union territory, it unleashed the bloodiest single day of combat in American history. Most consequentially of all, it was fought with the very future of the American Union and black freedom at stake. Acclaimed Civil War scholars discuss and debate the military, political, humanitarian, and historical perspectives of this pivotal fight.

John F. Marszalek is executive director and managing editor of the Ulysses S. Grant Association. Craig L. Symonds is Ernest J. King Professor of Maritime History at the U.S. Naval War College. Harold Holzer (moderator), the author, co-author, or editor of more than 50 books on Lincoln and the Civil War era, is Jonathan F. Fanton Director of the Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute at Hunter College.
The Mathew “Mike” Gladstein Lecture in Biography

Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom

Monday, October 1, 7 pm | $44 (Members $32)

Historians delve into the life of one of the most important Americans of the 19th century. Journey with Frederick Douglass as he escapes slavery to become the greatest orator of his day and one of history’s leading writers and abolitionists.

David W. Blight is Class of 1954 Professor of American History at Yale University and the author of Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom. Eddie S. Glaude Jr. (MODERATOR) is chair of the Center for African American Studies at Princeton University.

Presented in conjunction with the exhibition Black Citizenship in the Age of Jim Crow

Young Benjamin Franklin: The Birth of Ingenuity

Tuesday, October 2, 6:30 pm | $38 (Members $24)

Author Nick Bunker, in conversation with Carol Berkin, explores Benjamin Franklin’s early life as a complex, driven young man who would go on to become the archetype of American ingenuity. Discover how the brilliant but flawed Founding Father got his start.

Nick Bunker is the author of Young Benjamin Franklin: The Birth of Ingenuity. Carol Berkin (MODERATOR) is Presidential Professor of History Emerita at Baruch College and the Graduate Center, CUNY.

The Road to Unfreedom: Russia, Europe, America

Wednesday, October 3, 6:30 pm | $48 (Members $38)

Acclaimed historian Timothy Snyder delves into the story of Russia’s interference in the United States and Europe since the end of the Cold War, uncovering how the drive to dissolve Western institutions has influenced events from “Brexit” to the election of Donald J. Trump and emerged as a threat to democracy and law.

Timothy Snyder is Richard C. Levin Professor of History at Yale University and author of The Road to Unfreedom: Russia, Europe, America.

An Evening with Michael Beschloss: Presidents of War

Tuesday, October 9, 6:30 pm | Ticket & Book Combo $65 (Members $55)*

Renowned historian and author Michael Beschloss explores how American presidents have waged war from Lincoln’s controversial military leadership, to Wilson’s idealistic but authoritarian approach to World War I and Lyndon B. Johnson’s quagmire in Vietnam.

Michael Beschloss is NBC News presidential historian and the author of nine books on American history, including his latest, Presidents of War. Lesley Stahl (MODERATOR) is a correspondent for 60 Minutes and a former CBS News White House correspondent.

*Ticket price of this program includes a copy of Michael Beschloss’s new book, Presidents of War, and NYS sales tax (8.875%). All sales are final. Program tickets and books are nonrefundable, nonreturnable, and nonexchangeable.

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The Presidency and Impeachment

Thursday, October 11, 6:30 pm | $38 (Members $24)

“Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors…” The framers established standards for impeachment of a sitting United States president, but how has the text of the Constitution been interpreted and enforced throughout American history? Leading constitutional scholars debate what constitutes an impeachable offense.


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Slavery and Antislavery at the Nation’s Founding

Tuesday, October 16, 6:30 pm | $44 (Members $32) | 35 and under $12

What shaped the most contentious and enduring issue in all of American history? Esteemed historian Sean Wilentz illuminates the strident political and constitutional struggle over slavery that began during the Revolution and concluded with the Confederacy’s defeat.

Sean Wilentz is George Henry Davis 1886 Professor of American History at Princeton University and the author of No Property in Man: Slavery and Antislavery at the Nation’s Founding. Moderator to be announced.

Putin, Trump, and the Russian Enigma

Thursday, October 18, 6:30 pm | $48 (Members $38)

Join leading historian Stephen Kotkin for a riveting talk on the current ties between the United States and Russia—with a special focus on the relationship between Vladimir Putin and Donald J. Trump. Learn how the current moment stands apart from recent history since the Cold War.

Stephen Kotkin is John P. Birkelund ’52 Professor in History and International Affairs at Princeton University, 2018 Eurasia Fellow at the Foreign Policy Research Institute, and the author of Stalin: Waiting for Hitler, 1929–1941.

Presented in collaboration with the Foreign Policy Research Institute
Sandra and Richard Rippe Lecture on American History

The Founders and Us
Monday, October 22, 6:30 pm | $48 (Members $38)

What would Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, George Washington, and James Madison think about the myriad of divisive issues facing the United States today? Historians present the Founding Fathers’ views respectively on racism, economic inequality, American imperialism, and the doctrine of original intent. Discover how the nation’s founding ideals remain relevant today.

Joseph J. Ellis, a Pulitzer Prize-winning historian, is the author of the new book American Dialogue: The Founders and Us. Stacy Schiff (moderator) is a Pulitzer Prize-winning author and historian.

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The Constitution, the Courts, and Donald Trump
Wednesday, October 24, 6:30 pm | $48 (Members $38) | 35 and under $15

Leading experts uncover the consequences of major legal issues triggered by the Trump administration’s policies, including controversies over Dreamers, citizenship, and the U.S. Census, as well as the relevance and meaning of the Emoluments Clause of the Constitution.

Akhil Reed Amar is Sterling Professor of Law and Political Science at Yale University. Jeffrey Rosen is president and CEO of the National Constitution Center.

America in the Age of Trump
Wednesday, October 31, 6:30 pm | $48 (Members $38)

What is the fate of the American Republic? From the future of the Republican Party to the status of fundamental democratic principles including freedom of speech, a free press, and the rule of law, Americans are questioning what the future holds for our democracy in these tumultuous times.


SATURDAY PROGRAM

Wilson and the Armistice: Ending World War I
Saturday, November 10, 9:30–11 am | $44 (Members $32)

On the centennial of the signing of the First World War Armistice, join historian John Maurer for a unique event reflecting on the agreement and illuminating President Woodrow Wilson’s role in negotiating the Treaty of Versailles, the peace treaty that ended the war.

John H. Maurer, a senior fellow at the Foreign Policy Research Institute, is Alfred Thayer Mahan Professor of Grand Strategy and Sea Power and Distinguished University Professor at the Naval War College.

Please note there will be no continental breakfast preceding this program

Presented in collaboration with the Foreign Policy Research Institute

Distinguished Lehman Fellow at N-YHS Lecture
Churchill and America
Tuesday, November 13, 6:30 pm | $38 (Members $24)

Winston Churchill had a deep connection to the United States: His mother was born in Brooklyn, he visited the United States more often than any other senior British politician, he forged what he termed the “special relationship” with Franklin Roosevelt, and at one point he even hoped for a joint Anglo-American citizenship that would foster a union of the English-speaking peoples. He took abuse from British politicians for being so profoundly pro-American. Yet was there a limit? Andrew Roberts examines Churchill’s reactions when the interests of the United States he admired clashed with those of the British Empire he loved.

Andrew Roberts, Roger and Martha Mertz Visiting Fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University, is the author of Churchill: Walking with Destiny.

Ann and Andrew Tisch Supreme Court Lecture
John Marshall: The Man Who Made the Supreme Court
Thursday, November 15, 6:30 pm | $38 (Members $24)

Discover how Founding Father and Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court John Marshall shaped American law and democracy and established the Supreme Court as a pillar of American life.

Richard Brookhiser is a senior fellow at the National Review Institute and the author of John Marshall: The Man Who Made the Supreme Court. Akhil Reed Amar (moderator) is Sterling Professor of Law and Political Science at Yale University.
The Final Months of World War I: 100 Years Later
Monday, November 19, 6:30 pm | $38 (Members $24)
In commemoration of the centennial of the World War I Armistice, signed in November 1918, discover the major battles—and the stories of those who fought in them—leading up to the Great War’s end.

Patrick K. O’Donnell is the author of The Unknowns: The Untold Story of America’s Unknown Soldier and WwI’s Most Decorated Soldiers Who Brought Him Home.

An Evening with Barry Lewis: London
Tuesday, November 20, 6:30 pm | $48 (Members $38)
London and its metropolitan area are the sources of much of our own American modern architectural and interior design. Whether Arts and Crafts or metallic modernist, London’s designers of the 19th century paved the way for our 20th-century ideals of design. Join Barry Lewis on a journey through one of the world’s greatest cities.

Barry Lewis is an architectural historian who specializes in European and American architecture from the 18th to 20th centuries.

The Gilder Lehrman Prize for Military History at the New-York Historical Society
Monday, November 26, 6:30 pm | FREE*
Celebrated historian Andrew Roberts moderates this special program featuring the winner of the 2017 Gilder Lehrman Prize for Military History at the New-York Historical Society. Jointly administered by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History Foundation and the New-York Historical Society, this prize seeks to engage public discourse in wartime studies, international relations, and diplomacy. Nominees to be announced.

Andrew Roberts. Roger and Martha Mertz Visiting Fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University, is the author of Churchill: Walking with Destiny.

*Admission is free, but reservations are required. For more information or to reserve a ticket, please visit nyhistory.org/programs or call (212) 485-9268.

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The Bonnie and Richard Reiss Lecture in Constitutional History and Law
The Presidents: James Madison: Genius, Partisan, President
Tuesday, November 27, 6:30 pm | $44 (Members $32)
James Madison indelibly changed the United States by designing the Constitution, leading the struggle for its ratification, and drafting the Bill of Rights. Discover how Madison, the first Founding Father to recognize the importance of public opinion, gave the United States its distinctive form of government and how Madison’s legacy continues to resonate with contemporary American leaders.

Noah R. Feldman is Felix Frankfurter Professor of Law at Harvard Law School and the author of The Three Lives of James Madison: Genius, Partisan, President. Samuel Issacharoff is Bonnie and Richard Reiss Professor of Constitutional Law at NYU School of Law. Jeffrey Toobin (moderator) is a staff writer at The New Yorker and chief legal analyst at CNN.

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The Field of Blood: Violence in Congress and the Road to Civil War
Monday, December 3, 6:30 pm | $38 (Members $24) | 35 and under $10
Today, disagreements in Congress seem heated and polarized, but historian Joanne Freeman reveals an era when tensions were even worse. Join us for the epic story of Congress in the decades leading up to the Civil War, when legislative sessions were often punctuated by mortal threats, flipped desks, and drawn pistols.

Joanne Freeman is professor of history and American studies at Yale University and the author of The Field of Blood: Violence in Congress and the Road to Civil War. Carol Berkin (moderator) is Presidential Professor of History Emerita at Baruch College and the Graduate Center, CUNY.

An Evening with Fran Lebowitz
Tuesday, December 4, 7 pm | $38 (Members $24) | 35 and under $10
Author Fran Lebowitz, in conversation with Antonio Monda, artistic director of the Rome Film Festival, discusses her life and prolific career and examines the state of American society and culture.

Fran Lebowitz, an acclaimed writer and public speaker, is the author of several works including Metropolitan Life and Social Studies. Antonio Monda (moderator) is artistic director of Le Conversazioni literary festival and artistic director of the Rome Film Festival.

Presented as a part of Le Conversazioni in partnership with Dazzle Communications and CPW Conversations. Presented in collaboration with the Center for Women’s History at New-York Historical Society

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To purchase tickets online visit nyhistory.org/programs
Petraeus | Hertog Lecture on Leadership
The Fight Against ISIS
Wednesday, December 12, 6:30 pm | $48 (Members $38)

In an in-depth conversation, Brett McGurk, appointed by President Barack Obama as special presidential envoy for the Global Coalition to Counter ISIS, joins General David Petraeus to discuss United States policy in the global fight against ISIS.

Brett H. McGurk is a former deputy assistant secretary of state for Iraq and Iran and currently serves as special presidential envoy for the Global Coalition to Counter ISIS. General (Ret.) David H. Petraeus (MODERATOR) commanded coalition forces during the Surges in both Iraq and Afghanistan and served as director of the CIA. He is now a partner in the global investment firm KKR and chairman of the KKR Global Institute.

The Desegregation of the United States Armed Forces
Tuesday, December 18, 6:30 pm (Members $24)

Prior to World War II, racial discrimination in the armed forces was severe, official, and widespread. The Army imposed a quota to keep the number of African Americans low and effectuated a policy that attempted to avoid situations in which a black service member could dictate orders to whites. The Navy limited African Americans to menial positions. The Marines excluded them altogether. However, by the mid-1950s, the desegregation of the armed forces was well underway, considerably ahead of similar developments in other sectors of society.

Discover this important but oft-neglected chapter in American history.


History with David M. Rubenstein
Leadership: In Turbulent Times
Tuesday, January 8, 6:30 pm | $48 (Members $38) | 35 and under $15

Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Doris Kearns Goodwin joins philanthropist David M. Rubenstein for a conversation on what qualities make a truly great leader. What can modern leaders learn from the many iconic American presidents—Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Lyndon B. Johnson?

Doris Kearns Goodwin is the author of Leadership: In Turbulent Times. David M. Rubenstein (MODERATOR) is a co-founder and co-executive chairman of The Carlyle Group.

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Fugitive Slaves and the Struggle for America's Soul from the Revolution to the Civil War
Tuesday, January 15, 6:30 pm | $38 (Members $24)

In the decades following the American Revolution, the new nation was deeply divided. As countless enslaved people risked their lives to seek refuge in the free North, Congress struck a deal—the Compromise of 1850—to soothe the mounting tensions between Northerners who opposed slavery and Southerners who demanded the return of their human “property.” That tenuous balance finally collapsed with the eruption of the Civil War in 1861. Experts examine how fugitive slaves shaped the American story.

Distinguished Lehrman Fellow at N-YHS Lecture
Churchill’s Sense of Humor

Thursday, January 24, 6:30 pm | $44 (Members $32)

Winston Churchill had easily the best sense of humor of any British politician of his day—and perhaps any prime minister in history. He made regular, funny jokes at even the most perilous moments of his life and his country’s. Andrew Roberts, author of the new biography Churchill: Walking with Destiny, examines Churchill’s extraordinary wit and the political use to which he put it. From Wildean quips to English High Irony to ruthless ridicule, Churchill’s capacity to joke was a powerful weapon in his political armory.

Andrew Roberts, Roger and Martha Mertz Visiting Fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University, is the author of Churchill: Walking with Destiny.

Memorializing the Civil War in 21st-Century America

Tuesday, January 29, 6:30 pm | $38 (Members $24)

In recent years, monuments commemorating the Confederacy have created enormous controversy. Hundreds of memorials honoring Confederate leaders such as General Robert E. Lee and President Jefferson Davis were constructed not immediately following the Civil War, but during the height of the Jim Crow era between the 1890s and 1950s. In the wake of the 2017 white nationalist march in Charlottesville, VA, experts ponder how memory and the ongoing battle for racial equality continue to shape modern America.

Edna Greene Medford is interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and professor of history at Howard University. Eric Foner is DeWitt Clinton Professor Emeritus of History at Columbia University. Harold Holzer (MODERATOR) is the author of the forthcoming book Monument Man: The Life and Art of Daniel Chester French.

The Rule of Law

Saturday, February 2, 9:30–11 am | $48 (Members $38)

Following a Friday night screening of The Story of Qiu Ju, legal scholars discuss the complicated nature of the rule of law—exploring how norms, culture, and community tradition are often pitted against or left unrecognized by formal legal doctrine and policy.

Linda Greenhouse is Knight Distinguished Journalist in Residence and Joseph Goldstein Lecturer in Law at Yale Law School. Robert Post is Sterling Professor of Law and former dean of Yale Law School. Kenji Yoshino is Chief Justice Earl Warren Professor of Constitutional Law at NYU School of Law.

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American Foreign Policy in the Age of Trump

Monday, February 4, 6:30 pm | $48 (Members $38)

Esteemed foreign policy experts return for an update on the current state of global affairs from North Korea and Iran to the European Union. Join us for a discussion on where America stands among its allies and enemies in the world today.


The Bonnie and Richard Reiss Lecture in Constitutional History and Law
Immigration and the Constitution

Tuesday, February 5, 6:30 pm | $38 (Members $24) | 35 and under $10

Join leading legal scholars for a talk on the First Amendment—uncovering why the basic constitutional right has been subject to so much controversy and misunderstanding as well as the continued vital importance of free speech today.

Amy Adler is Emily Kemper Professor of Law at NYU School of Law. Nadine Strossen. John Marshall Harlan II Professor of Law at New York Law School, served as president of the American Civil Liberties Union from 1991–2008 and is the author of Hate: Why We Should Resist It with Free Speech, Not Censorship. Akhil Reed Amar (MODERATOR) is Sterling Professor of Law and Political Science at Yale University.

Monday, February 4, 6:30 pm | $48 (Members $38)

Coinciding with the 102nd anniversary of the sweeping, restrictive Immigration Act of 1917, legal scholars delve into the history of immigration law in the United States. Discover how constitutional interpretations of immigration law and policy have shaped the fabric of American society for generations and continue to spark heated political debate today.

Cristina Rodriguez is Leighton Homer Surbeck Professor of Law at Yale Law School. Akhil Reed Amar is Sterling Professor of Law and Political Science at Yale University.

Denny Chin (MODERATOR) is United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.
The President Bill Clinton Lecture in American History

**The Lincoln Legacy**

**Tuesday, February 12, 6:30 pm | $38 (Members $24)**

Almost immediately following his assassination, Abraham Lincoln was transformed from the embattled wartime leader and the Great Emancipator into somewhat of an American saint. More than 150 years since his death, conservatives, liberals, and independents alike continue to find inspiration and guidance from the 16th president’s wisdom and steadfastness. Beginning with Lincoln’s funeral tour and the creation of Daniel Chester French’s memorial—a story ironically fitted with incredible racism—up through the present day, Lincoln Prize winner Harold Holzer explores the iconic leader’s enduring presence within the American consciousness.

**Harold Holzer**, the author, co-author, or editor of more than 50 books on Lincoln and the Civil War era, is Jonathan F. Fanton Director of the Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute at Hunter College.

**Birthright Citizens: A History of Race and Rights in Antebellum America**

**Wednesday, February 13, 6:30 pm | $38 (Members $24)**

In conjunction with the exhibition *Black Citizenship in the Age of Jim Crow*, historians uncover the history of how free African American activists fought for their status as citizens before the Civil War. Explore the constitutional challenges—including the U.S. Supreme Court case *Dred Scott v. Sandford*—and successes along the road to the passage of the 14th Amendment and expanded citizenship for all Americans.

**Martha S. Jones** is Society of Black Alumni Presidential Professor and professor of history at Johns Hopkins University and the author of *Birthright Citizens: A History of Race and Rights in Antebellum America*. **Eric Foner** (moderator) is DeWitt Clinton Professor Emeritus of History at Columbia University.

**Saturday Breakfast Program**

**The Outbreak of World War II: 80 Years Later**

**Saturday, February 16, 9:30–11 am | $48 (Members $38)**

World War II stands out as the deadliest and perhaps most infamous conflict in human history. But how did the War begin, and could the massive bloodshed have been avoided? In commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the war’s outbreak, historian John Maurer revisits the origins of fighting in Europe in 1939 and illuminates how Western democracies came to confront Adolf Hitler and the threat of global fascism.

**John H. Maurer**, a senior fellow at the Foreign Policy Research Institute, is Alfred Thayer Mahan Professor of Grand Strategy and Sea Power and Distinguished University Professor at the Naval War College.

Presented in collaboration with the Foreign Policy Research Institute

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**Nationalism in the Modern Era**

**Tuesday, February 19, 6:30 pm | $38 (Members $24)**

What safeguards exist to protect liberty in our rapidly changing world? Reflecting on historic nationalist movements—from 16th-century Europe and America to the more recent “Brexit”—author Yoram Hazony discusses the role nationalist ideals have played in bringing independence to people throughout history and how love of country can promote the virtues of personal and collective freedom.

**Yoram Hazony** is president of the Herzl Institute in Jerusalem and the author of *The Virtue of Nationalism*. **Roger Hertog** (moderator) is president of the Hertog Foundation, chairman of the Tikvah Fund, and chairman emeritus at the New-York Historical Society.

**The Presidents: Richard Nixon**

**Thursday, February 21, 7 pm | $38 (Members $24)**

John A. Farrell, who discovered the evidence that Richard Nixon interfered in President Johnson’s peace efforts in Vietnam during the 1968 presidential election, in conversation with Douglas Brinkley, discusses the life and career of a man who led America in a time of turmoil and left the country in a darker age.


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**Civil Rights in the Age of Trump**

**Tuesday, February 26, 6:30 pm | $38 (Members $24) | 35 and under $10**

In conjunction with New-York Historical Society’s exhibition *Black Citizenship in the Age of Jim Crow*, Khalil Gibran Muhammad discusses how the legacy of Jim Crow continues to reverberate throughout American society today and illuminates how much work is still left to be done on the path towards racial equality and civil rights for all.

**Khalil Gibran Muhammad** is professor of history, race and public policy at Harvard Kennedy School and the Suzanne Young Murray Professor at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study.

**Hamilton’s Best Friend: Love, Marriage, and the Duel**

**Thursday, February 28, 6:30 pm | $38 (Members $24) | 35 and under $10**

Join us for the final installment of our five-part series on Gouverneur Morris, Alexander Hamilton’s best friend. Learn how Morris spent his later years—falling in love with the sister-in-law of Thomas Jefferson’s daughter, a disgraced member of the prominent Randolph family—and follow him to the days after the infamous Hamilton-Burr duel, when he gave the eulogy at Hamilton’s funeral and established a fund for his fallen friend’s family.

**Richard Brookhiser** is a senior fellow at the National Review Institute and the author of *Gentleman Revolutionary: Gouverneur Morris, the Rake Who Wrote the Constitution*. **Dale Gregory** (moderator) is vice president for public programs at the New-York Historical Society.

**Women and the White House**

**Wednesday, March 6, 6:30 pm | $38 (Members $24)**

Experts return to survey and celebrate how women have affected the executive branch and how their roles influenced the American republic as a whole.

Carol Berkin is Presidential Professor of History Emerita at Baruch College and the Graduate Center, CUNY. Cokie Roberts is a political commentator for ABC News and NPR and the author of *Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation*. Gil Troy is the author of *The Age of Clinton: America in the 1990s*. Lesley Stahl (moderator) is a correspondent for 60 Minutes and a former CBS News White House correspondent.

Presented in collaboration with the Center for Women’s History at New-York Historical Society.

**The Birmingham Church Bombing That Changed the Course of Civil Rights**

**Saturday, March 9, 9:30–11 am | $48 (Members $38)**

Years before Doug Jones became a household name for his defeat of Roy Moore in a 2017 special election to fill the U.S. Senate seat vacated by Attorney General Jeff Sessions, he was well known for his role as a U.S. Attorney who prosecuted two former Ku Klux Klan members for their role in bombing the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, AL. The 1963 bombing killed four little girls and sparked new momentum for the civil rights movement in the Deep South. Discover how this key moment in American history shaped the long struggle for equality.

Doug Jones is a United States senator from Alabama and the author of *Bending Toward Justice: The Birmingham Church Bombing That Changed the Course of Civil Rights*. Moderator to be announced.

**The Failure of Globalism**

**Monday, March 11, 7 pm | $44 (Members $32) | 35 and under $12**

In a world increasingly defined by political unrest and unpredictability, the coming conflict is between the citizen and the state. Political scientist Ian Bremmer, in conversation with Merit Janow, explores the downsides of globalism, the struggle between the insider and the outsider, between governments and citizens, and the fear that has generated drastic geopolitical shifts.

Ian Bremmer is president and founder of Eurasia Group and GZERO Media as well as a foreign affairs columnist and editor-at-large for *Time* magazine. His latest book, *Us vs. Them: The Failure of Globalism*, is a New York Times bestseller. Merit E. Janow (moderator) is dean of the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) and a professor of practice in international economic law and international affairs at SIPA and Columbia Law School.

**The Diane and Adam E. Max Conference on Women’s History Ninety-Nine Years Since Prohibition**

**Sunday, March 3, 9 am–4 pm | FREE**

The Center for Women’s History is pleased to present the fourth annual Diane and Adam E. Max Conference on Women’s History, the cornerstone of the Center’s suite of public and scholarly programs. This year, the conference explores the history of Prohibition 100 years after the ratification of the 18th Amendment, which banned the sale and consumption of alcohol in the United States. Prohibition began on January 20, 1920. For some women and men, this represented the culmination of decades of struggle for temperance, a movement that promised to protect women and families from alcoholism. Many others challenged the new laws, particularly in New York City, where the patrons of speakeasies and ballrooms not only ignored Prohibition, but also transgressed boundaries of gender, race, and sexuality. The Roaring Twenties also witnessed the dramatic growth of law enforcement, as efforts to control the consumption of alcohol led to new kinds of urban policing which themselves generated new forms of inequality. One thing was for certain—by the time Prohibition was repealed in 1933, it had transformed the nation.

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**Salon Conversations in Women’s History**

Guided by its committee of expert scholars, the Center for Women’s History presents regular “salon conversations” in various spaces throughout the museum. Members of our Women’s History Council are the first to hear about these events, which are planned on a rolling basis during the year. Join us for exciting programs and intimate conversations with scholars, journalists, artists, writers, and businesswomen. To learn more, and to sign up for our mailing list, visit nyhistory.org/womens-history.

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BERNARD AND IRENE SCHWARTZ CLASSIC FILM SERIES

New-York Historical Society’s Pay-as-you-wish Friday Nights!


Entrance to the film series is included with Museum Admission during New-York Historical’s Pay-as-you-wish Friday Nights (6–8 pm). No advance reservations. Tickets are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 6 pm. New-York Historical Society Members receive priority. For more information on our featured films and speakers, please visit nyhistory.org/programs or call (212) 485-9205.

Justice in Film

Explore how film has tackled social strife, morality, and the perennial struggle between right and wrong—conflicts that manifest across cultures and history.

Friday, September 28, 7 pm
Hobson’s Choice | 1954 | 108 min.
Filmmaker Ric Burns, in conversation with Paley Center for Media curator Ron Simon and New-York Historical Society’s Vice President for Public Programs Dale Gregory, introduces this David Lean classic about a gifted shoemaker working for a tyrannical shop owner whose daughter upends his father’s plans for the future. Presented to complement the exhibition Walk This Way: Footwear from the Stuart Weitzman Collection of Historic Shoes.

Friday, February 1, 7 pm
The Story of Qiu Ju | 1992 | 100 min.
Legal scholars Linda Greenhouse, Robert Post, and Kenji Yoshino introduce the Venice Film Festival’s 1992 Golden Lion award winner. A peasant woman living in rural China, Qiu Ju, played by internationally renowned actress Gong Li, decides to travel to the big city in an effort to get justice for her husband after he is beaten up by a local community leader. (Mandarin with English subtitles.)

Friday, February 8, 7 pm
A Matter of Life and Death | 1946 | 104 min.
Thelma Schoonmaker, three-time Academy Award winner and longtime editor of Martin Scorsese, presents a new restoration of this British post-war classic. Co-directed by Schoonmaker’s late husband, Michael Powell, it is considered one of the most elaborate and technologically advanced films of its era. It follows the heavenly trial of bomber pilot Peter Carter, as he defends his right to live against seemingly impossible odds.

Friday, February 22, 7 pm
People Will Talk | 1951 | 110 min.
Legal scholar and author Philip C. Bobbitt introduces this romantic comedy with echoes of the McCarthy era. Join us for the story of a physician, played by Cary Grant, who becomes embroiled in a witch hunt-like misconduct trial by a jealous rival, who questions everything from his work methods to his personal relationships.

Friday, March 1, 7 pm
Pat and Mike | 1952 | 95 min.
Legal scholar Annette Gordon-Reed and her husband, Justice Robert R. Reed, in conversation with Ron Simon and Dale Gregory, introduce this classic Katharine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy film about a star athlete who won’t give up her chance at championship titles despite her fiancé’s insistence that she quit her promising career to marry him.

Friday, March 8, 7 pm
Cabin in the Sky | 1943 | 98 min.
Gail Lumet Buckley, author and daughter of Cabin in the Sky star Lena Horne, and journalist Bob Herbert introduce the musical that follows Little Joe, a chronic gambler killed over his debts who is given a second chance at life as both heaven and hell grapple for his soul.

The screenings of Hobson’s Choice, The Story of Qiu Ju, and Pat and Mike are presented in collaboration with the Center for Women’s History at New-York Historical Society.
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Gallery & Walking Tours
Join us for exciting walks and talks at the New-York Historical Society and beyond. Gallery and walking tours are limited to 30 guests per tour. Please buy tickets in advance.

Owl Walks and Talks
Saturday, October 13, 9 am | $38 (Members $24)
Saturday, October 20, 9 am | $38 (Members $24)
Wildlife artist and illustrator Alan Messer discusses owl populations in New York, North America, and Great Britain. With a little magic and favorable winds, there may even be a sighting of a local Great Horned Owl—or even Northern Saw-Whet or Barred Owls, which are very special visitors to Central Park. Presented in conjunction with New-York Historical’s exhibition Harry Potter: A History of Magic.

Alan Messer, a former president of the Linnaean Society of New York, is a wildlife artist and illustrator of books, field guides, and periodicals.

The Magical World of Plants: Central Park Walks
Sunday, October 21, 9:30 am | $38 (Members $24)
Saturday, October 27, 9:30 am | $38 (Members $24)
For millennia, people have collected and cultivated plants to reap their benefits for healing and wellness. Plants and fungi were often coveted for their supposed magical properties and ability to alter the human consciousness. Join us for a botanical journey and learn about the wondrous plants hiding in plain sight, from their dynamic relationships with their ecosystems to their varied uses throughout human history. Presented in conjunction with New-York Historical’s exhibition Harry Potter: A History of Magic.

Leslie Day is the author of numerous books, including Field Guide to the Natural World of New York City.

Black Citizenship in the Age of Jim Crow Gallery Tour
Monday, February 11, 11 am | $38 (Members $24)
In commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the ratification of the 14th Amendment, explore the central role played by African Americans in advocating for their rights in the decades following the Civil War and its continued relevance today

Marci Reaven is vice president for history exhibitions at the New-York Historical Society and the curator of Black Citizenship in the Age of Jim Crow.

Special Lecture Program
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Tuesday, November 27, 6 pm | FREE*

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Birthday Parties
Give your child a unique celebration at the museum where birthdays are both memorable and meaningful. This fall birthday families can choose an exhibition-focused Harry Potter: A History of Magic event or one of our historically-themed parties. For more information, email birthdays@nyhistory.org or call (212) 873-3400 x580.

Thanksgiving Eve Family Celebration—Wednesday, November 21
Join us to celebrate Thanksgiving by watching the annual Macy’s Giant Balloon Inflation along West 77th Street. Members at the Family level and above are invited to enjoy fun activities and festive treats. For more information, email membership@nyhistory.org or call (212) 485-9279.

Veterans Day Weekend—Monday, November 12, 1–3 pm
Learn about WWII during its 75th anniversary by meeting Living Historians portraying U.S. soldiers and tasting a familiar chocolate candy originally invented for the troops. Visit our interactive station about war and homefront food and check out military uniforms and equipment! Supported by Mars Wrigley Confectionary and American Heritage Chocolate.

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Harry Potter Trivia for Families—Sunday, October 14, 2 pm
Do you know your Wampa Cat from your Bowtruckle? Bring your whole family for a fun afternoon of trivia in our enchanting library to test your knowledge of the Wizarding World with questions from the experts at Pottermore. $25 per person (Members $22).

Harry Potter Family Book Club—Select Wednesdays, 4–6 pm
Families will dig into themes explored in the Harry Potter series such as friendship, competition, rebellion, and power. Then families can experience the exhibition Harry Potter: A History of Magic! Families with children age 14 and under. $15 per person (Members $12).

Writing Historical Fantasy with Writopia Lab—Sunday, October 21, 2–6 pm | Ages 8–10 Saturday, November 3, 2–6 pm | Ages 11–13
Calling all young writers! Hone your writing skills in these lively, engaging workshops led by the award-winning team at Writopia Lab. Kids will explore the world of historical fantasy through fun writing exercises, a visit to Harry Potter: A History of Magic, and in-depth feedback from the instructors. $125 per student (Members $100).

Historical Hallowe’en Family Party—Sunday, October 28, 5–7 pm
Join us for our annual Hallowe’en extravaganza to experience the spookier side of history! Kids and their grown-ups imagine the past through Victorian-era fortune-telling and creepy crafts, and of course, lots of candy. Bring the whole family for a ghoul-i-ously good time—plus, tickets include a visit to Harry Potter: A History of Magic during the party! Families with children age 18 and under. $20 per person (Members $15).

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Harry Potter: A History of Magic
Talk About It—September 2018 – February 2019
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Black Citizenship in the Age of Jim Crow

Harry Potter: A History of Magic
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Reading into History—Select Sundays, 2 pm
Families explore history together—through literature! Each month families gather to discuss a book, meet authors and guest experts, and see original artifacts related to the history behind the story. Featured meetings include September 16’s discussion of The Magician and the Spirits with author Deborah Noyes and December 9’s discussion of Ship of Souls with author Zetta Elliott. Ages 9–12 and their adults.

Hablemos de la Historia y del Arte—Select Saturdays, 2 pm

Living History: The Past Comes to Life—Select Saturdays and Sundays
Join us to meet soldiers, musicians, leaders, and craftspeople from the past—all portrayed by Living Historians from the present. Jump into a historic military training drill, ask a founder how they kick-started the nation, or check out a traditional instrument or skill! This season, don’t miss programs in conjunction with Black Citizenship in the Age of Jim Crow.

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