



VIRGINIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Story of Virginia

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 8, 2016

Lizzie Oglesby, Senior Officer for Public Relations and Marketing
loglesby@vahistorical.org 804.342.9665
Maryan Smith, VHS/GMU NoVA Banner Lecture Series Manager
maryans2@aol.com 703.625.6565

Virginia Historical Society is Sharing the Wealth of History Across the State of Virginia

Richmond, VA – A drive through a Civil War battlefield, a walk in the footsteps of a founding father, a bike ride on a strategic railroad line, and a dinner in a colonial warehouse are all experiences that northern VA residents take for granted on a daily basis. When it comes to the richness of our national and regional history, the Virginia Historical Society (VHS) has long been devoted to sharing the wealth. In the last decade, thousands of Fairfax public school students visiting the *Story of Virginia* in the VHS museum galleries in Richmond have experienced 16,000 years of time travel in two hours in this one of a kind exhibition.

For nearly thirty years the VHS has enriched the knowledge of Richmond residents who regularly attend the VHS Banner Lecture Series. However, in 2015 the VHS decided that their mission, “Connecting people to America's past through the unparalleled story of Virginia, by collecting, preserving, and interpreting the Commonwealth's history,” could be better accomplished with geographic expansion of these educational opportunities that would serve a broader spectrum of its 7000 members.

This year the VHS in partnership with the George Mason University Department of History and Art History will bring selected speakers from the Richmond series to northern Virginia for some “free to the public” lectures. Working in collaboration with regional historical societies, institutions, municipalities and individuals the Virginia Historical Society/GMU History Department NoVA Banner Lecture Series will present the following four events in northern Virginia in 2016.

1. Speaker/Topic: David O. Stewart, author of *Madison's Gift Five Partnerships that Built America*

Date/Time/Location: Wednesday, April 13, 7:30 PM Old Town Hall, 3999 University Dr, Fairfax, VA 22030, reception and book sales and signing following

Co-sponsor: *Historic Fairfax City, Inc*

Free to the public

2. Speaker/Topic: Scott Stroh, VA Declaration of Rights and Suffragist movement

Date/Time/Location: Friday, June 24, 8 AM – 3 PM BUS TOUR to Historic Fairfax Courthouse, Gunston Hall, Workhouse Arts Center, and Pohick Church,

Co-sponsor: *Friends of the Historic Fairfax Courthouse* and *Osher Lifelong Learning Institute*

Open to VHS and OLLI members only

MAILING ADDRESS
Post Office Box 7311
Richmond, Virginia 23221
www.vahistorical.org

STREET ADDRESS
428 North Boulevard
Richmond, Virginia 23220
804.358.4901





VIRGINIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Story of Virginia

3. Speaker/Topic: Edward G. Lengel, author of *The First Entrepreneur: How George Washington Built His---and the Nation's--Prosperity*

Date/Time/Location: Tuesday, September 27, 7 PM Sherwood Center, Fairfax, VA

Co-Sponsor: *Fall for the Book Festival*

Free to the public

4. Speaker/Topic: Jeff Broadwater, author of *Forgotten Founder George Mason*

Date/Time/Location: Wednesday, November 9, 12:00, Dewberry Hall, George Mason University

Free to the public

Plans for the 2017 season are already under way. VHS CEO, Dr. Paul Levengood, has applied his deep passion for history to cultivating a collection of rich historical resources and more importantly to making these available to as many Virginians as possible.

Dr. Levengood's enthusiasm is the driving force behind this 2016 series and plans for the 2017 NoVA Banner Lecture Series are already under way.

The Virginia Historical Society (VHS)—a privately funded nonprofit organization—collects, preserves, and interprets the Commonwealth's history, linking past with present to inspire future generations. The VHS is located at 428 North Boulevard in Richmond's Museum District. Hours are Monday – Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. for the galleries and museum shop, Monday – Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. for the library. For more information about the VHS call (804) 358-4901, visit vahistorical.org, or connect with the VHS on Facebook and Twitter.

###

MAILING ADDRESS

Post Office Box 7311
Richmond, Virginia 23221
www.vahistorical.org

STREET ADDRESS

428 North Boulevard
Richmond, Virginia 23220
804.358.4901

