



## Founding a Nation: The Revolutionary Ideal

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Tuesday, September 28, 2010  
The Massachusetts Historical Society

### Program Schedule

- 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Welcome and Introductions  
*Framing the Day's Discussion – Questions to Consider*
- 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. ***George Washington and John Adams: Ideals of Revolution***, Jim Taylor, Editor in Chief, The Adams Papers, The Massachusetts Historical Society; Ed Lengel, Editor in Chief, The Papers of George Washington
- 10:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. Break
- 10:50 a.m. - noon ***Ideals of Revolution: The Conversation Continues***  
Participating teachers are invited to join Ed Lengel and Jim Taylor in a conversation exploring the ideals and roles of Adams and Washington in the American Revolution
- Noon – 1:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. ***American Insurgents, American Patriots: The Revolution of the People***, T.H. Breen, Northwestern University
- 2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. ***Revolution in Crisis: The Newburgh Conspiracy***, Bill Fowler, Northeastern University
- 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. ***Classroom Connections***, Jayne Gordon, Director of Education and Public Programs and Kathleen Barker, Education Coordinator, The Massachusetts Historical Society

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## Speaker Biographies

**Kathleen Barker** is the Education Coordinator at the Massachusetts Historical Society, where she creates and implements professional development programs for K-12 teachers and their students. Kathleen is currently completing a Ph.D. in world history at Northeastern where she teaches undergraduate courses in American history, oral history, and public history & memory.

**T.H. Breen**, Northwestern University's William Smith Mason Professor of American History, specializes in the history of political thought, material culture, and cultural anthropology. A Guggenheim fellow, he has held appointments at the Institute for Advanced Study and the National Humanities Center as well as the Pitt Professorship of American History and Institutions at Cambridge University and the Harmsworth Professorship at Oxford University. His publications include *Tobacco Culture: the Mentality of the Great Tidewater Planters on the Eve of Revolution* (recipient of the T. Saloutos Prize) and *Imagining the Past: East Hampton Histories* (winner of the Historical Preservation Book Prize), as well as portions of the highly successful undergraduate text, *America: Past and Present*. Breen published *Marketplace of Revolution: How Consumer Politics Shaped American Independence*, with Oxford University Press, and won the Colonial War Society Prize for the best book in 2004 on the American Revolution. A recent recipient of an Alexander von Humboldt Award from the German government and a Fellowship from the Max Planck Institute, he has now completed a book entitled *American Insurgents -- American Patriots: The Revolution of the People* (2010). He is currently serving as the director of the Chabreja Center for Historical Studies.

**William Fowler Jr.**, the former director of the Massachusetts Historical Society is Distinguished Professor of History at Northeastern University and the Massachusetts Society of the Cincinnati George Washington Distinguished Professor. Professor Fowler received his undergraduate degree from Northeastern University and his Ph.D. from the University of Notre Dame. He is the former editor of The New England Quarterly and the author of a number of books relating to American history including: William Ellery A Rhode Island Politico and Lord of Admiralty; Rebels Under Sail: The Navy in the Revolution; The Baron of Beacon Hill: A Biography of John Hancock; Jack Tars and Commodores: The American Navy 1783-1815; Silas Talbot : Captain of Old Ironsides ; Under Two Flags: The American Navy in the Civil War; Samuel Adams: Puritan Radical and Empires at War: The French and Indian War and the Struggle For North America, 1754-1763. He wrote the Introduction and Epilogue to Boston Looks Seaward and he is co-author of America and The Sea: A Maritime History of America.

**Jayne Gordon** is Director of Education and Public Programs for the Massachusetts Historical Society. She has been involved with organizations connecting history, literature and landscape for over thirty years, including the Thoreau Society, the Concord Museum, and the Orchard House. In addition, she has been an educational consultant, interpretive planner and workshop facilitator for dozens of non-profit, academic and government organizations.

**Edward G. Lengel** is Professor and Editor-in-Chief of the Papers of George Washington documentary editing project at the University of Virginia. In addition to editing several volumes of the Papers of George Washington, mostly pertaining to the Revolutionary War, he is the author of several books, including *General George Washington: A Military Life* (Random House, 2005); and *This Glorious Struggle: George Washington's Revolutionary War Letters* (Smithsonian Books, 2008). His next two books, titled *George Washington Slept Here: America's Founder in Myth and Memory* (Smithsonian Books), and *George Washington: A Biographical Companion* (Blackwell), will be published early in 2011. Lengel is a regular contributor to Military History and American Heritage magazines, and has appeared in documentaries about Washington on The History Channel, The National Geographic Channel, and The Weather Channel.

**C. James Taylor** has been Editor in Chief of the Adams Papers at the Massachusetts Historical Society since 2002. From 1980 to 2002 he served as an editor and project director of the Papers of Henry Laurens in the history department at the University of South Carolina.