



George Washington: Visionary Leader

Friday, October 1, 2010
The Springfield Museums

Program Schedule

- 9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
- 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. *First in War: George Washington, Commander in Chief*
Andrew Robertson, City University of New York
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. *Realistic Visionary: George Washington and the Presidency*, Peter Henriques, Professor Emeritus, George Mason University
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. *Granary to the World: George Washington, Visionary Farmer and Entrepreneur*, Dennis Pogue, Vice President for Preservation, Mount Vernon
- 2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. *Washington's Leadership: Panel Discussion*
Andrew Robertson, Peter Henriques, Dennis Pogue
- 3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. *Straight to the Source: Using Primary Documents to Reveal History*, Sandra Trenholm, The Gilder-Lehrman Collection

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Speaker Biographies

Peter Henriques received his Ph.D. in history from the University of Virginia in 1971 and is Professor of History, Emeritus, from George Mason University. He taught American and Virginia history with a special emphasis on Virginia and the American Revolution and the Virginia Founding Fathers. His current book, *Realistic Visionary: A Portrait of George Washington*, published by the University of Virginia Press (2006) came out in paperback in January of 2008. His other books include *The Death of George Washington: He Died as He Lived* and a brief biography of George Washington written for the National Park Service. Dr. Henriques was also editor of the local history journal, *Northern Virginia Heritage*, where his numerous articles on Washington regularly appeared. He is a member of both the Editorial Board for the George Washington Papers and of the Mount Vernon committee of George Washington Scholars and regularly conducts Leadership Institutes at Mount Vernon for various government and private groups.

Dennis Pogue is in charge of all preservation-related activities at George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens. His most recent projects include restoring the Gardener's House, the last original outbuilding on the estate to be returned to its 18th-century appearance, and a 10-year effort to reconstruct Washington's whiskey distillery. He has published extensively and lectured widely on topics relating to early American history, George Washington, and his Mount Vernon plantation. Dr. Pogue's articles have appeared in journals like *Historical Archaeology*, *Winterthur Portfolio*, and the *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, and in popular outlets like *American History*, *Early American Life*, and *The Magazine Antiques*. He received his BA in history from the University of Iowa, his MA in American Studies from the George Washington University, and his PhD in Anthropology with a focus in Historical Archaeology from the American University. He has worked at Mount Vernon since 1987.

Andrew Robertson is a history professor in the Ph.D. Program at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York. He also teaches at Herbert H. Lehman College, CUNY. He earned his D.Phil. from Oxford University in 1989. Professor Robertson is the author of *The Language of Democracy: Political Rhetoric in the United States and Britain, 1790-1900*. He is the co-editor of *Beyond the Founders: New Approaches to the Political History of the Early American Republic* and the colonial editor of the *Encyclopedia of American Political History*. His forthcoming book, "The Second American Republic," focuses on politics in the United States from 1787 to 1825.

Sandra Trenholm is the Director and Curator of the Gilder Lehrman Collection. Housed at the New York Historical Society, the collection contains more than 60,000 documents detailing the political and social history of the United States.