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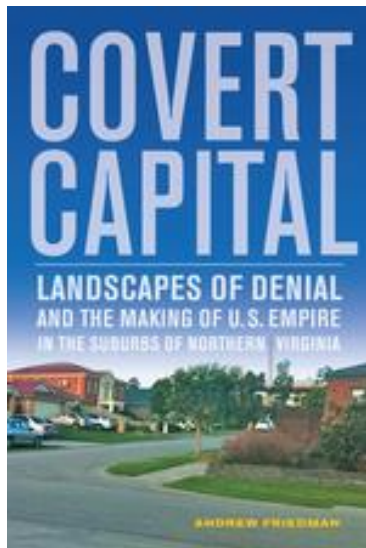
DATE: Wednesday, May 23, 2018

PLACE: The Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street, Alexandria, VA

TIME: 7:30 PM

SPEAKER: Dr. Andrew Friedman, Associate Professor of History at Haverford College

LECTURE: **EXPLORING THE COVERT CAPITOL**



Learn how U.S. foreign policy following World War II played out in the suburbs of northern Virginia—which furnished a cover for clandestine activity—on May 23 with Dr. Andrew Friedman, Associate Professor of History at Haverford College in Pennsylvania. He will base his illustrated lecture on a book he authored, *Covert Capital: Landscapes of Denial and the Making of U.S. Empire in the Suburbs of Northern Virginia*, published in 2013 by the University of California Press.

The capital of the U.S. Empire after World War II was not a city but an American suburb, and Dr. Friedman chronicles how the CIA and other national security institutions created a U.S. imperial home front in the suburbs of northern Virginia. In this covert capital, the suburban landscape provided cover for the workings of U.S. power, which in turn shaped domestic suburban life. The Pentagon and CIA built two of its largest office buildings in the country in northern Virginia, creating anchors for this new imperial culture and social world.

As the U.S. expanded its power abroad by developing roads, embassies and villages, its subjects came to the covert capital as real estate agents, homeowners, builders and landscapers, constructing places and living monuments that both nurtured and critiqued postwar U.S. foreign policy. Tracing the relationships between American agents and the migrants from Vietnam, El Salvador, Iran and elsewhere who settled in the southwestern suburbs of D.C., Dr. Friedman tells the story of a place that re-casted ideas about immigration, citizenship, nationalism, global interconnection and ethical responsibility from the post-war period to the

present. Opening a new window into the intertwined history of the American suburbs and U.S. foreign policy, ***Covert Capital*** also provides a broad interdisciplinary and often surprising understanding of how U.S. domestic and global histories intersected in myriad ways.

Dr. Andrew Friedman's teaching and research interests include the international history of the United States, space and the built environment, race and racism, U.S. empire and migration, American Studies, comparative colonial history and decolonial theory, political technologies and historical materialism and cultural history. He is the winner of the Stuart L. Bernath Book Prize from The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations for 2014, and recipient of Honorable Mention for the Spiro Kostof Book Award from the Society of Architectural Historians for 2015.



Covert Capital will be on sale at The Lyceum for \$29.95 payable by cash, check or charge. The lecture is free to Alexandria Historical Society members and \$5.00 for non-members.

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Next Month's Program

June 27, 2018—Join us next month for **The Stupendous Works of a Great Architect: Exploring the History of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial**, Timothy Winkle, Deputy Chair and Curator, Division of Home and Community Life, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution. The presentation explores the origins of collections at the GWNMN related to George Washington. The program starts at 7:30 PM; visits to the tower observation deck are available at 7:00 PM.

Please Note: This program is at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria, VA 22301 (one block west of the King Street/Old Town metro station).

At the May 23 Program — AHS Election of Officers and Board Directors

AHS' bylaws state, "The annual election of officers of the Society and members of the Board of Directors shall be held at the Annual Meeting of the Society in May. Officers shall serve one year. Directors shall serve three years, beginning July 1 and ending June 30. Directors' terms shall be staggered to ensure continuity on the Board."

The AHS Nominating Committee members (Debbie Ackerman, Katy Cannady, Tal Day and Patrick Ladden) are pleased to submit to AHS members the following slate of officers, renewing and new board directors for your consideration at the May meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the May meeting, providing the nominee has consented to serve.

Officers, one-year term

President — Krystyn Moon

Vice President — Audrey P. Davis

Treasurer — Caroline English

Secretary — Catherine Weinraub

Board of Directors, current term ends 2018, renewing through 2021

Debra P. Ackerman

Katy Cannady

Ginny Hamill

New Board Directors

Francine Bromberg

Severiano Ortiz

Elizabeth Peckham

Recap 2018 Alexandria History Awards



On April 25, 2018 the Alexandria Historical Society presented its 2018 Alexandria History Awards at a special ceremony attended by **MAYOR ALLISON SILBERBERG**.

J. LANCE MALLAMO, former Director of the Office of Historic Alexandria, gave a special presentation on his life as a public historian.

The **High School History Awards** were presented to the following students

Mayor Silberberg congratulates History Awardees at the annual AHS awards program on April 25 at The Lyceum, photo courtesy of Catherine Weinraub.

from each of Alexandria's four high schools. Each student was selected for academic achievement and scholarship, high motivation and sustained interest in American history, awareness of the role of history and the historian in contemporary society and demonstrated citizenship and leadership.

MADELEINE MCDADE, Bishop Ireton High School, Teacher: Marie Markussen

JULIET FARIS, Episcopal High School, Teacher: Michael Reynolds

LILY CADY, St. Stephen's and St. Agnes Upper School, Teacher: Kate Hardwick

JACKSON DUPONT, T.C. Williams High School, Teachers: Steven Bertetti, Michelle Hudgens and Andrew Orzel

The T. Michael Miller History Award was presented to MICHAEL COMMISSO

This award, named in honor of the City's most prolific research historian and former AHS President, recognizes those who have made noteworthy contributions to the preservation of the historic, cultural and artistic heritage of Alexandria.

Congratulations to all the awardees!

Selected History Exhibitions

Freedom House Museum, open Saturdays and Sundays, 1:00 to 5:00 PM, 1315 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314, \$5.00 suggested donation.

See a powerful exhibit in the basement of the building, which was once part of a larger complex used by the slave trading firm, Franklin and Armfield. Through first-person accounts of enslaved men and women and details from the business, encounter the harsh reality of the domestic slave trade and Alexandria's role in it. Please note that most of the exhibit is down a flight of stairs and in the basement of this historic building.

National Building Museum, open Monday—Saturday, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Sunday, 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM, 401 F Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001, admission charge. Please visit www.nbm.org for more information.

Secret Cities—The Architecture and Planning of the Manhattan Project is an exhibition that chronicles the secret construction of three cities charged with building the atomic bomb during World War II. That mystery unraveled on August 6, 1945, when the U.S. dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan, and President Harry S. Truman publicly revealed the purpose of the sites now known as Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Los Alamos, New Mexico and Hanford/Richland, Washington.

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The purpose of the Society shall be to promote an active interest in American history and particularly in the history of Alexandria and of Virginia.

The Society is organized exclusively for educational purposes.

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