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Upcoming Lectures
at
The Lyceum
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<http://alexandriahistorical.org/events/>

Thinking Big: Lessons from the Washington Metro

March 27, 2019, 7:30 PM

Member Code: ahsmetro2019

Zachary M. Schrag, professor of history at George Mason University, will share his insights about the history and future of the Washington Metro system. Dr. Schrag is the author of *The Great Society Subway: A History of the Washington Metro*, which explores the political, cultural, and logistical contexts of the project of creating a major subway system in a metropolitan area already dominated by the automobile. This talk is sure to be of interest to weary Alexandrian commuters!



Dr. Zachary M. Schrag

Alexandria Historical Society Awards Ceremony

April 24, 2019, 7:30 PM

Gretchen M. Bulova, Director of the Office of Historic Alexandria (OHA), will speak at our ceremony honoring the newest recipients of the T. Michael Miller Alexandria History Award to a person or persons who have made noteworthy contributions to the preservation of the historic, cultural, and artistic heritage of Alexandria. In addition, outstanding history students from each of Alexandria's four high schools will be given an Alexandria High School History Award based on the recommendations of their teachers.

We Cannot Be Tame Spectators: Three Centuries of Virginia Women's History

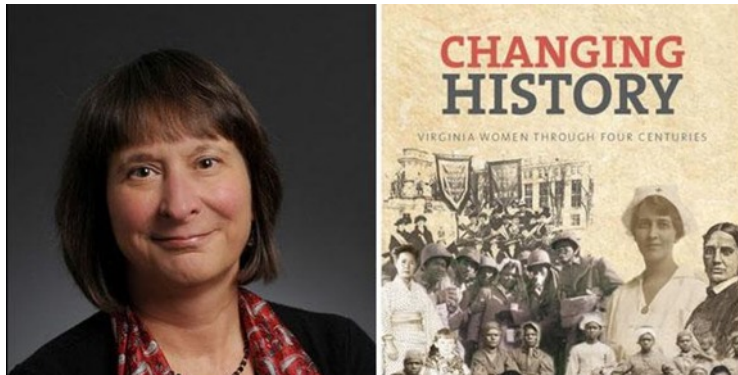
May 22, 2019, 7:30 PM

Member Code: ahswomen2019

Cindy Kierner, professor of history at George Mason University, will speak about Virginia women, including those who have made history that is both important and inspiring. As entrepreneurs and laborers, wives and mothers, educators and reformers, women—both famous and lesser-known—have influenced the course of history in the Old Dominion. Dr. Kierner is the co-author of *Changing History: Virginia Women Through Four Centuries* (with Jennifer R. Loux and Megan Taylor Shockley). This engaging narrative reveals a history of Virginia women whose rights and choices have increased over time: enslaved women became free; wives became property-owners; women of all races attained greater access to education, suffrage, and other basic civil rights. Progress has not always been steady and improvements have varied by class, race, and region. Virginia's women have created an evocative legacy. Dr. Kierner will share their stories.

Kierner is Organization of American Historians Distinguished Lecturer and past president of the Southern Association for Women Historians (SAWH). She has served on the editorial boards of the *Journal of Southern History*, the *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, the *North Carolina Historical Review*, and the University of Virginia Press. Her research has received support from the American Historical Association, American Antiquarian Society, the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, the Virginia Historical Society, the Library Company of

Philadelphia, the International Center for Jefferson Studies, and the National Endowment for the Humanities.



Dr. Cindy Kierner, co-author of *Changing History: Virginia Women Through Four Centuries*

The Early History of Seaport Alexandria: New Insights from Archaeology

June 26, 2019, 7:30 PM

Member Code: ahsarch19

Eleanor Breen, City Archaeologist of Alexandria, tells us about new discoveries on the Alexandria waterfront.

In 2012, City Council approved a plan to revitalize Alexandria's historic waterfront. Just as 18th century Alexandrians sought to transform their sleepy tobacco town into a prosperous port, so too do today's residents envision a viable and vibrant waterside destination. Because of the unique, 30-year old Archaeology Protection Code requiring excavation prior to certain development projects, Alexandria Archaeology geared up for a period of intensive focus on some of the most historically significant areas within the National Register Old and Historic District. Block by block, project by project, the remains of wharves, warehouses, dwellings, industries, privies, and of course four ships have begun to emerge from the waterlogged depths at the river's edge. Even as individual features and artifact assemblages, these finds are highly significant, but when taken together along with a wealth of historical documentary data, a maritime cultural landscape is taking form. This presentation offers a tour of the archaeological evidence of the diverse

neighborhoods, bustling wharves, and massive land making efforts that characterized the Alexandria seaport at the turn of the eighteenth century.



Images from waterfront excavations in Alexandria, a 50-foot ship (above) and 85-foot ship (right).

Selected History Happenings

February 22 Open House

Freedom House

1:00-1:45pm

\$5 per person

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.

February 21 Lecture: Did You Know? Facts about Washington

Gadsby's Tavern Museum

7:30-9:00pm

\$12

Rather than focusing on one aspect of George Washington's remarkable life in some detail, Professor Henriques will touch on a variety of interesting and relatively little known facts about Washington, including some that are not very complimentary.

February 23 and February 24 Extended Tour of Apothecary Museum

Alexandria History Museum at the Lyceum

10:45am

If the regular 30-minute tour of the Apothecary Museum just isn't enough, this is the tour for you! Spend more time touring the museum with an expert guide, including the rarely open basement and 3rd floor of the historic pharmacy. Recommended for ages 18 and up. Tour is 11:00am-12:00pm. Please arrive between 10:45-11:00am as the museum is not open to the public until 1:00pm and the doors will be locked when the tour begins at 11:00am.

February 23 Specialty Tour: A Complicated Hospitality

Gadsby's Tavern Museum

10:00am

\$15

Through the stories, experiences, and archival traces of those enslaved by John Gadsby, consider how the nuances of urban slavery expand our understanding of slavery and Alexandria. Advance purchase of tickets recommended; limited space available!

February 23 Screen Printing Activity for Families

Alexandria Black History Museum

11:00am

Visit the Alexandria Black History Museum for a fun activity for families. Seating is limited to 40. This event is co-sponsored by the Alexandria Black History Museum and the City of Alexandria Office of the Arts.

February 23 Civil War Winter Drill Day

Fort Ward

1:00pm

The 3rd U.S. Regular Infantry, Company K, will present drills and discuss the equipment, uniforms, weaponry and army life of the Union soldier. Information on the popular field of Civil War reenacting will also be shared. Inclement weather date: March 2.

February 23 Madeira Tasting

The Lyceum

7:30pm

\$50

Learn about early seaports in America through the lens of Alexandria's recent archaeological excavations as you sample the Rare Wine Company's "Historic Madeira Series." All proceeds benefit Alexandria Archaeology's #SaveOurShip preservation campaign. Doors open at 7 p.m.; event begins at 7:30 p.m.

March 2, March 9, and March 16 Specialty Tour: The Feminine Side of the Tavern

Gadsby's Tavern Museum

10:00am

\$15 per person; \$12 GTMS members

Discover the many roles women played in tavern life! This tour challenges assumptions about a women's role in the 18th century and how women interacted with the tavern, a place commonly assumed to be just for men. Advance purchase of tickets recommended; limited space available!

March 12 Ordinary Equality: The DAR from 1890-1920

The Lyceum

7:30pm

\$10/person

As America prepares to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment in 2020, come hear how members of the Daughters of the American Revolution worked for social reform and helped make the dream of women's voting rights a reality. The lecturer is Tracy Robinson, Director of Archives and History, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

Doors open at 7; lecture begins at 7:30.

Society Membership Renewal

Now is the time to renew your membership in the Alexandria Historical Society. We are dependent on your generous support and through your membership, donations, and endowment AHS seeks to engage our members and the community at-large in our history. Go to the website to renew alexandriahistorical.org.

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