



**July 25 – Mark Maloy**

**“Victory or Death: George Washington and the Ten Crucial Days”**

National Park Service historian Mark Maloy takes us to the tense days of December 1776, where George Washington and the Continental Army sit on the verge of utter destruction by the banks of the Delaware River. Rather than submit to defeat, Washington and his small band of soldiers cross the ice-choked river and attack the Hessian garrison at Trenton, New Jersey the day after Christmas. Washington follows up this stunning victory with successful actions at Assunpink Creek and Princeton to turn the tables and breathe new life into the dying cause for American liberty.



**August 15 – Susan Kern**

**“The Jeffersons at Shadwell”**

In this unique perspective that recasts Virginia’s “frontier” history and Thomas Jefferson’s early years, historian Susan Kern uses material culture to explore the social history of Shadwell, the late colonial plantation that was home to Jane and Peter Jefferson, their eight children (including Thomas), and an enslaved workforce of about sixty African-Americans. Kern’s excavations at Shadwell reveal new ways to understand how powerful families maintained social, business, and family connections across Virginia, from the Virginia-North Carolina dividing line to the Northern Neck. Kern’s work also uncovers a network of enslaved families connected among plantations across generations.



**September 19 – Lindsay Chervinsky**

**“Making the Presidency: John Adams and the Precedents That Forged the Republic”**

Presidential historian Lindsay Chervinsky investigates the leadership and legacy of John Adams, whose presidency marked a period critical to the survival of the American republic and helped define the office for those who followed. Adams faced enormous challenges at home and abroad alongside impossible expectations as Washington’s successor in a new nation unsure if the presidency could even work without the father of the country at the helm. Relying on his own ideas about executive power and the Constitution, Adams defended the presidency from his own often obstructionist cabinet, protected the nation from foreign attacks, and forged trust and dedication to election integrity and the peaceful transfer of power between parties despite the costs to his political future.



5:00 p.m. Reception with Speaker | 6:00 p.m. Speaker  
Tickets \$25.00 per presentation or \$65.00 for the series.  
Includes wine and cheese reception with the speaker.

