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Buchanan's failed attempts to annex Cuba detailed in free lecture

LancasterHistory.org features Dr. Amy Greenberg as part of its Presidential Lecture Series

Lancaster, PA (September 19, 2017) – LancasterHistory.org continues the 2017 Presidential Lecture Series on Thursday, October 19, 2017 with Dr. Amy S. Greenberg for *Expansionism Denied: President Buchanan's Failed Quest to Annex Cuba*. During his tenure as Secretary of State under President Polk, Buchanan sought the annexation of the island of Cuba. Greenberg's presentation will explore how Buchanan was once again denied the annexation of Cuba during his own Presidency as he continued to pursue his interest in securing the island for the United States.

Amy S. Greenberg is the Edwin Erle Sparks Professor of Humanities at Penn State University. She received her Ph.D. from Harvard University in 1995, and B.A. from U.C. Berkeley in 1989. Her four books include *Manifest Manhood and the Antebellum American Empire* (Cambridge University Press, 2005), *Manifest Destiny and American Territorial Expansion: A Brief History with Documents* (Bedford/St. Martin's Press, 2012), and most recently, *A Wicked War: Polk, Clay, Lincoln and the 1846 U.S. Invasion of Mexico* (Alfred A. Knopf, cloth: 2012; Vintage Books revised paperback edition, 2013), which was awarded book prizes from the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, the Western History Association, and the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic.

This lecture is presented as part of the LancasterHistory.org 2017 Presidential Lecture Series. This series, in combination with The Regional History Colloquium, offers free lectures open to the public. The 2017 Presidential Lecture Series will explore westward expansion's impact on James Buchanan's presidency.

The lecture *Expansionism Denied* will take place on Thursday, October 19 in Ryder Hall at LancasterHistory.org, 230 N President Ave., Lancaster. A speaker's reception begins at 4pm, followed by the lecture at 4:30pm. The event is free and open to the public.

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