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Last Presidential Lecture of 2019 to discuss how Buchanan and fellow Democrats influenced populist politics to secure power in the mid-1800s

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Lancaster, PA (October 22, 2019) – On Friday, November 22, 2019, Dr. Joshua A. Lynn will join LancasterHistory to discuss how James Buchanan and fellow Democrats influenced the populist politics of racial and gender backlash which still echo in modern day American politics.

"Culture wars" dominate American politics as we disagree about morality, race, gender, and sexuality. Voters and the media are obsessed with politicians' private lives. Civil War America was no different, and the ultimate culture warrior was President James Buchanan. He and his Democratic Party stoked the politics of racial resentment to unite a coalition of northern and southern white men in the defense of slavery. All sides politicized James Buchanan's gender and private life. Opponents attacked the bachelor as unmanly, while supporters praised his manly and conservative defense of white men's rights against abolitionists and other progressive reformers. Join Dr. Joshua Lynn for a discussion of how James Buchanan and fellow Democrats influenced the populist politics of racial and gender backlash which echo in our politics today.

Joshua A. Lynn, Ph.D. is Assistant Professor of Civil War History at Eastern Kentucky University. He previously taught at Yale University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he earned his Ph.D. His book, *Preserving the White Man's Republic: Jacksonian Democracy, Race, and the Transformation of American Conservatism*, was recently published by University of Virginia Press. It explores the Democratic Party's white supremacist and conservative politics in the decade before the Civil War. His recent article on James Buchanan's gender won the Richards Prize for the best article published in 2018 in *Journal of the Civil War Era*. He writes on 19th-century politics, culture, and political thought.

Tickets: The event *James Buchanan and The White Man's Republic* will take place on Friday, November 22, 2019 in Ryder Hall at LancasterHistory, 230 N. President Avenue in Lancaster. A speaker's reception and book signing by the author takes place at 4pm, followed by the main presentation at 4:30pm. The event is free and open to the public. Due to the popularity of LancasterHistory's lecture series, **advance registration is required to guarantee a seat at the presentation**. Visit www.lancasterhistory.org/presidential to register online or call (717) 392-4633. Limited tickets still available. Questions and accessibility requests may be directed to info@lancasterhistory.org or (717) 392-4633.

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