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LancasterHistory announces speakers for 2019 Presidential Lecture Series

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Lancaster, PA (August 3, 2019) – LancasterHistory is excited to announce the 2019 Presidential Lecture Series, featuring three esteemed scholars with in-depth knowledge of American history, politics, and--of course--President James Buchanan.

On **Friday, September 27, 2019**, LancasterHistory welcomes the first speaker for the Presidential Lecture Series, **Dr. John M. Belohlavek, University of South Florida**, who will lecture on ***President James Buchanan's Foreign Policies & The Union***. Dr. Belohlavek will present his argument that the presidency of James Buchanan is underestimated, if not misunderstood. His talk will highlight the significance of Buchanan's foreign policy during his presidency.

Dr. Thomas Balcerski, Eastern Connecticut State University, will return to LancasterHistory on **Thursday, October 17, 2019** to present work from his most recent publication, ***Bosom Friends: The Intimate World of James Buchanan & William Rufus King***. Dr. Balcerski will discuss the significance of the friendship and political collaboration between President James Buchanan and William Rufus King, ambassador and politician. Through the lives of Buchanan and King, Balcerski illustrates the role that intimate male friendships played in the political process throughout American history.

Concluding the 2019 Presidential Lecture Series, **Dr. Joshua Lynn, Eastern Kentucky University**, will present ***James Buchanan & The Preservation of the White Man's Republic*** on **Friday, November 22, 2019**. Dr. Lynn will examine how James Buchanan and fellow Democrats pioneered the populist politics of racial and gender backlash, which still echo in modern day American politics.

LECTURE TIMES & TICKETS: Each lecture will take place in Ryder Hall at LancasterHistory, 230 N. President Avenue in Lancaster. Each lecture will feature a speaker's reception at 4pm, followed by the main presentation at 4:30pm. Book signings will be available at the October and November lectures only.

Each lecture is free and open to the public, but due to the popularity of LancasterHistory's lecture series, advance registration is required to guarantee a seat. Visit www.lancasterhistory.org/presidential to register online for the lecture(s) of your choice or call (717) 392-4633. Questions and accessibility requests may be directed to info@lancasterhistory.org or (717) 392-4633.

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