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Acclaimed Civil War Historian Dr. Barton Myers to Join LancasterHistory for October 10 Lecture

Presidential Lecture to Discuss Southern Citizens Who Supported the Union Cause during the Civil War

LANCASTER, PA — On Thursday, October 10, **Dr. Barton Myers** of **Washington & Lee University** will join **LancasterHistory** for a presentation, “Southern Unionism During the Antebellum and Civil War Era.” Not every citizen of the American South supported the Confederacy and secession in the 1860s. Before and during the Civil War, many Southerners were Unionists who were repressed and punished for their views. Dr. Myers will present on these Unionists, including those who served within the Federal government like Buchanan’s Secretary of the Treasury, Howell Cobb of Georgia.

Myer's lecture is part of LancasterHistory's **Presidential Lecture Series**, which presents new scholarship related to the presidency in mid-nineteenth century America. Topics for the Series explore the critical issues of political, social, and civic life faced by the persons holding America's highest office during some of the nation's most fraught events.

Dr. Barton A. Myers is a Professor of History at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia, an award-winning teacher and author, and a recognized authority on the American Civil War, military history and Presidential history. He has taught at Cornell University, the University of Georgia, Texas Tech University, and currently teaches military history and Civil War era courses at Washington & Lee University. Before becoming a professor, Myers served as a historian with the National Park Service at Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park. Myers is a frequent consultant on American history for national media outlets, including the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, and NPR's *Virginia Insight*. Myers was a featured expert for the documentary miniseries "GRANT" and "LINCOLN." He is the author of the award-winning *Executing Daniel Bright: Race, Loyalty, and Guerrilla Violence in a Coastal Carolina Community, 1861-1865* (LSU Press, 2009), *Rebels Against the Confederacy: North Carolina's Unionists* (Cambridge Univ. Press, 2014), and he has a 2023 National Endowment for the Humanities grant supporting his current book project on the southern-born generals and admirals who fought for the Union cause during the Civil War.

EVENT DETAILS & HOW TO REGISTER

This event will take place in person at LancasterHistory on Thursday, October 10, 2024. Doors open and a reception begins at 5pm. The lecture will begin at 5:30pm. The lecture will also be streamed to Zoom at 5:30pm for those who wish to join us virtually.

This program is free and open to the public. In-person attendance requires advance registration in order to guarantee a seat. Due to capacity restrictions, tickets may not be available at the door. Virtual attendance requires advance registration in order to receive the Zoom link. Register online by clicking the appropriate link below or by calling (717) 392-4633. Registration will close online on Thursday, October 10 at 5:30pm.

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