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January 2023 Events & Story Ideas

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Vigilance: The Life of William Still, Father of the Underground Railroad

Thursday, January 2023

5:30pm ET In Person at LancasterHistory & Online

On **Thursday, January 26**, join LancasterHistory for our first Regional History Colloquium of 2023 featuring Towson University's Dr. Andrew Diemer discussing his latest book, *Vigilance: The Life of William Still, Father of the Underground Railroad*.

William Still was born free in New Jersey, the youngest son of parents who escaped from slavery on the eastern shore of Maryland. In the decades leading up to the Civil War, Still organized an abolitionist network that aided hundreds of freedom seekers who passed through Pennsylvania. Still published the stories of these freedom seekers in one of the most important manuscripts to document that secretive network. Towson University professor Dr. Andrew Diemer joins LancasterHistory to discuss his new biography of William Still, the Father of the Underground Railroad.

Andrew Diemer, Ph.D. is Associate Professor of History at Towson University, where he has taught since 2011. He received his Ph.D. from Temple University, and is the author of *The Politics of Black Citizenship: Free African Americans in the Mid-Atlantic Borderland, 1817-*

1863 (University of Georgia Press, 2016). He lives in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sponsored by The Civil War Museum of Philadelphia

EVENT DETAILS & HOW TO REGISTER

This event is expected to take place in person at LancasterHistory on Thursday, January 26, 2023. Doors open and the 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. Copies of *Vigilance* will be available for sale in the Museum Store while supplies last. Dr. Diemer will be available to sign copies of his book starting at 5pm.

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, January 26 at 5:30pm. The online version of this program will also be recorded and uploaded to [LancasterHistory's YouTube channel](#) after the event.

REGISTER TO ATTEND IN PERSON

REGISTER TO ATTEND ONLINE

PLEASE NOTE: Prior to January 26, please confirm the location of this event as it may change due to community health concerns or weather conditions. LancasterHistory will notify ticketholders of any change in date or venue, such as a change to an online-only program. Attendees should also consult LancasterHistory's [Health & Safety Protocols](#) prior to attending any lecture in person for the most up-to-date information on our practices and policies.

Event takes place at LancasterHistory, 230 N. President Avenue, Lancaster AND Online

LANCASTERHISTORY HOURS OF OPERATION

In January, LancasterHistory will be closed to the public from January 1 - 16, 2023.

All operations reopen for the 2023 Season on Tuesday, January 17.

LancasterHistory will be open 9:30am - 5pm with tours of Wheatland from 10am - 3pm.

The Research Center will be open 9:30am to 2pm.