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November 2021 Events & Story Ideas

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Buchanan & The Mysticism of the Law

Thursday, November 4, 2021

7pm ET | Online via Zoom

On Thursday, November 4, Alvernia University's Dr. Tim Blessing will join LancasterHistory virtually to discuss 15th US President James Buchanan's relationship with the rule of law.

James Buchanan was a states' rights politician who advocated the strict constructionist position that "Congress [had] no power... to interfere with or control the domestic institutions of the several states." As a presidential candidate in 1856, he promoted the Democratic Party's platform of "popular sovereignty," meaning that the individual states—and by extension, the territories—had the right to determine the state of their "domestic institutions," such as the institution of slavery, without federal interference. ...But did Buchanan always follow the rule of law? Or did he adhere to it only when it favored his political agenda?

Tim Blessing, Ph.D. is a Professor of History and Political Science at Alvernia University in Reading, Pennsylvania. A graduate of the University of Wyoming, Tim received his MPA, MA, and Ph.D. at Penn State. Tim's specialties in history include the American Presidency, the early American Republic, leadership in popular culture and political history. He has several publications and presentations that include: "The Presidential Performance Study: A Progress Report," co-authored with Robert K. Murray for the *Journal of American History*; "Robert W. Fogel and the

Illusion of Empiricism,” for the *Pennsylvania Journal of Economics*; and “Three Swings and Ten Dynasties: The Temporal-Historical Aspects of Presidential Performance” for *The Presidential Studies Quarterly*.

HOW TO REGISTER

This event will take place **online via Zoom** on Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 7pm Eastern. **This is NOT an in-person event.**

The program is free and open to the public but requires advance registration. Register online by visiting lancasterhistory.org/events or by calling (717) 392-4633. **Your link to the Zoom event will be emailed to you upon successful registration.** Registration for this program will close online on November 4 at 6:50pm ET.

C. Emlen Urban: Lost & Found

Thursday, November 18, 2021

7pm ET | Online via Zoom

On Thursday, November 18, architect Gregory J. Scott will join LancasterHistory virtually for an architectural update on C. Emlen Urban, Lancaster’s most prolific architect.

In 2010, there were 104 architectural commissions attributed to C. Emlen Urban. Recent research, however, has increased that number to well over 350 commissions representing 45 building types in 21 different architectural styles. In this lecture, Gregg Scott will reveal the many notable and never-before-seen commissions that have been lost or unaccounted for since Emlen’s passing in 1939, such as the Summer Theater at Rocky Springs Amusement Park, Captain Peoples’ Skating Rink, the Hershey Cow Barn, the 1909 Lancaster County Fair Grand Stand, and more.

Gregory J. Scott, FAIA is a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects, partner emeritus at RLPS Architects, a columnist for LNP News, and twice recipient of the Smedley Award presented by the Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County. Gregg previously presented about C. Emlen Urban at LancasterHistory in 2018 to a sold-out crowd and more recently presented the life and works of architect James H. Warner.

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Yuletide at Wheatland

November 24 - December 30, 2021

Wednesdays - Saturdays, 10am - 3pm

Visit LancasterHistory and discover the holiday traditions—and the histories behind them—during James Buchanan's lifetime. In a guided tour, a historically costumed guide will take visitors through both floors of the decorated mansion, imparting stories and histories about Buchanan's public and personal life through the lens of Yuletides past. From gift giving to trimming the tree, visitors will find out how Yuletide traditions developed over the course of the mid-Victorian era in America.

Yuletide at Wheatland begins November 24 and runs through December 30. Tours are available Wednesdays – Saturdays, on the half hour, from 10am (first tour of the day) until 3pm (last tour of the day). LancasterHistory will offer additional Yuletide tours on the Mondays and Tuesdays of December 20, 21, 28, and 29 only.

Tickets are now available [online](#) or by calling (717) 392-4633. Tickets are \$17/Adults (14+), \$8/Children (6-13), and free for small children (5 & Under). Family Passes are available as well. For more information, please visit lancasterhistory.org/yuletide. Yuletide at Wheatland General Admission tickets include a guided Yuletide at Wheatland tour plus self-guided access to LancasterHistory's museum exhibitions. For more information about LancasterHistory's Health & Safety protocols, please view our [Health & Safety Protocols for Visitors](#).

LANCASTERHISTORY HOURS OF OPERATION

Open Wednesdays - Saturdays, 9:30am - 5pm

Tours of Wheatland available Wednesdays - Saturdays, 10am to 3pm*

Limited-capacity | Reservations recommended

Plan your visit by reviewing LancasterHistory's

[Health & Safety Protocols for Visitors](#) and [FAQs](#).

***PLEASE NOTE:** President James Buchanan's Wheatland will be closed to the public November 14 - 23, 2021 in preparation for Yuletide at Wheatland. All operations of LancasterHistory will be closed Thursday, November 25 for Thanksgiving.