

HISTORY MATTERS SYMPOSIUM

DISCOVERY IN VIRGINIA



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Throughout this year, the Virginia Museum of History & Culture has celebrated and explored the United States' voyage to the Moon through a major exhibition, *Apollo: When We Went to the Moon*. That journey was shaped in the Commonwealth of Virginia and was made possible through the ingenuity and dedication of hundreds of Virginians.

Of course, Virginia has long been a site for discovery, exploration, and the pushing of boundaries. Today, we have the privilege of embracing this theme across time as historians, from college academics to representatives of Virginia's leading historical sites and institutions, come together to share their important work. Conversations will explore varied subjects, from eighteenth-century Williamsburg's scientific community and the use of augmented reality in learning about the Civil War, to firsthand accounts of Virginia's desegregation movement. Closing the day will be a special keynote presentation by Colonial Williamsburg's Director of Archaeology, Jack Gary, as he takes us into the trenches to see how recent discoveries, including those of the Bray School and the First Baptist Church, will expand and enrich the work of the world's largest living history museum.

As the oldest cultural organization in Virginia, and one of the oldest and most distinguished organizations in the nation, the Virginia Museum of History & Culture—with its renowned research library—offers an ideal space for scholars from across the world to delve into our voluminous Virginia collections, exchange innovative ideas, and ensure that their research not only impacts academic circles but also proves useable and meaningful for all Virginians. Our inaugural History Matters Symposium is the perfect opportunity to pull back the curtain on the world of archival research and to embrace pioneering work at the forefront of historical inquiry.

Thank you for joining us and for your interest in Virginia's unparalleled story.



Jamie O. Bosket
President & CEO

HISTORY MATTERS SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

8:00 – 9:00 am **REGISTRATION**
Location: Commonwealth Hall

9:00 – 9:15 am **WELCOME**
Location: Halsey Family Hall

9:15 – 9:30 am **BREAK**

9:30 – 11:00 am **SESSION I**

Monumental Discoveries: What Comes Next for Richmond's Confederate Monuments?

Location: Reynolds Leadership Center

Moderator: Christina Vida (Elise H. Wright Curator of General Collections, The Valentine)

- Shakia Gullette Warren (Director, Black History Museum & Cultural Center of Virginia)
- Bill Martin (Director, The Valentine)
- Christina Vida (Elise H. Wright Curator of General Collections, The Valentine)

Enlightened Society: Colonial Virginia's Thirst for Discovery

Location: Cullen Meeting Room

Moderator: Dr. Sandra Dahlberg (Professor of English, University of Houston-Downtown)

- Rachel Honchul (Coordinator/Trainer, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation)
- Brandon Lyles (Lead Historic Interpreter, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation)

Virginia and the Aerospace Revolution

Location: Byrd Meeting Room

Moderator: Bryan Condra (Exhibit Designer, VMHC)

- Dr. Richard P. Hallion (Fellow, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics)
Virginia's Contributions to the Evolution of Flight
- Marc R. Henderson (Ph.D. Candidate in History, Liberty University)
Wright Brother's 1908 Flight Demonstration in Arlington County; One Army Officer Died

Highlight tour of the E. Claiborne Robins, Jr. Research Library and Rare Book and Manuscript Vault

Location: E. Claiborne Robins, Jr. Research Library

Note: This tour is limited to the first fifteen attendees

11:00 – 11:15 am **BREAK**

11:15 am – 12:45 pm **SESSION II**

Research and Remembrance: Documenting Virginia Lynchings

Location: Reynolds Leadership Center

Moderator: Dr. Josh Howard (Historian, Passel LLC)

- Dr. Tom Costa (Professor of History, University of Virginia's College at Wise)
Three Lynchings in Wise: The Wise County/City of Norton Community Remembrance Project
- Dr. Gianluca DeFazio (Associate Professor of Justice Studies, James Madison University)
Racial Terror: Lynching in Virginia
- Dr. Josh Howard (Public Historian, Passel Historical Consultants LLC)
Norton, Virginia's Progressive Editor: Bruce Crawford and the Leonard Woods Lynching

Uncovering the Archive: Reconsidering, Reconstituting, and Repairing the Historical Record in Virginia

Location: Cullen Meeting Room

Moderator: Dr. Louis Nelson (Professor of Architectural History, University of Virginia)

- Shaheen Alikhan (Ph.D. Candidate in Architecture, University of Virginia)
Reading Between the Lines: Uncovering the Unwritten
- Tyler Goldberger (Ph.D. Candidate in History, College of William & Mary)

What's in a Name? Redressing and Repairing Archival Descriptions of Marginalized Identities in Special Collections

- Katie Wu (Ph.D. Candidate in History, University of Virginia)
"A Listening Project": Place-based Oral Histories and Testimonies for Now and Later

Discovering New Stories on Virginia's Old Frontier

Location: Byrd Meeting Room

Moderator: Sam Florer (Manager of Public Programs, VMHC)

- Dr. Sandra Dahlberg (Professor of English, University of Houston-Downtown)
Richard Traunter, Eno Will, and the Story of Their Soc-ca-hick
- Dr. Eric Larsen (Director of Archaeology and Cultural Resources, Historic Germanna)
Alexander Spotswood and the Golden Horseshoe Expedition: An Exploration of the Legacy of "Discovery" and the Shifting Utility of a Story Over Time
- Sam McGinty (Lead Tailor/Costume Coordinator, Frontier Culture Museum of Virginia)
The Crockett that History Forgot: A Journey to Ennoble Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph Crockett and His Western Battalion

Highlight Tour of Apollo: When We Went to the Moon

Location: Lettie Pate Evans Mezzanine

Note: This tour is limited to the first forty attendees

12:45 – 1:45 pm **LUNCH BREAK**

1:45 – 3:15 pm **SESSION III**

Three Sites, Countless Stories: Descendant Communities, Archival Research, and Archaeology Inform New Narratives at Virginia Historic Sites

Location: Reynolds Leadership Center

Moderator: Dr. Karen Sherry (Senior Curator, VMHC)

- Cody Youngblood (Director of Historic Preservation & Collections, Patrick Henry's Red Hill) & Peighton Young (Historian & Genealogist, Patrick Henry's Red Hill)
Dismantling Historical Silences at Patrick Henry's Red Hill: Telling the History of Black Life at Quarter Place Through Their Own Archives
- Jennifer Stacy (Member, Highland Council of Descendant Advisors) & Dr. Sara Bon-Harper (Executive Director, Highland)
New Stories at an Old House: Discovering Highland's Community Histories
- Elyse Werling (Curator of Collections, Preservation Virginia) & Joseph Jenkins (Bacon's Castle Descendent Group Leader)
They Left Their Mark: A Community-Forged History Effort at Bacon's Castle

Oil to the Flame: Discovery/Rediscovery of the Forgotten Story of Richmond's Early Civil Rights Struggle, 1956–1963

Location: Cullen Meeting Room

Moderator: Dr. Elizabeth Klaczynski (Associate Curator, VMHC)

- Dr. Kimberly Matthews (Associate Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies, Virginia Commonwealth University)
- Dr. Raymond Hylton (Professor of History, Virginia Union University)

Narrating the Civil War with Augmented Reality

Location: Byrd Meeting Room

Moderator: Dr. James Brookes (Melanie Trent De Schutter Library Director, VMHC)

- Dr. Kathryn "KT" Shively (Associate Professor of Civil War and Reconstruction Era History, Virginia Commonwealth University)
- Dr. Paul Quigley (James I. Robertson, Jr. Associate Professor of Civil War History, Virginia Tech & Director, Virginia Center for Civil War Studies)

"Discoveries" Highlight Tour of Story of Virginia and Our Commonwealth

Location: Lettie Pate Evans Mezzanine

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3:15 – 3:30 pm **BREAK**

3:30 – 5:00 pm **SESSION IV**

No Two Alike: From the Frontlines of Virginia's School Desegregation, Diverse Pioneers Tell You Their Stories

Location: Reynolds Leadership Center

Moderator: Dr. Brian J. Daugherty (Professor of History, Virginia Commonwealth University)

- Lewis N. Johnson (one of the "Albemarle 26" who desegregated a white-only elementary school in Shadwell in 1963)
- Dr. Betty Lucretia Brown Bibbins (the lone Black child to desegregate a Portsmouth junior high school in 1963)
- Clara Silverstein (a white child bused to a formerly Black Richmond school in the 1970s)
- Dr. Carmen Foster (among the first wave of Black children to desegregate Richmond Public Schools in the early 1960s)

Reckoning with Historical Harms to Transform Nursing

Location: Cullen Meeting Room

Moderator: Dr. Dominique Tobbell (Centennial Distinguished Professor of Nursing, University of Virginia & Director, Eleanor Crowder Bjoring Center for Nursing Historical Inquiry)

- Dr. Victoria Tucker (Residential Fellow, VCU Humanities Research Center & Palliative Care Nurse)
- Ren Capucão (Ph.D. Candidate in Nursing, University of Virginia)
- Dr. Dominique Tobbell (Centennial Distinguished Professor of Nursing, University of Virginia & Director, Eleanor Crowder Bjoring Center for Nursing Historical Inquiry)

Building Community and Cultural Memory through Agricultural Practice in Virginia

Location: Byrd Meeting Room

Moderator: Dr. James Brookes (Melanie Trent De Schutter Library Director, VMHC)

- Kathleen Brockway (Independent Historian and Consultant)
The Lost Shared Signing Community of Lantz Mills
- Dr. Lynn A. Nelson (Associate Professor of History, Middle Tennessee State University)
From Planting Country to Farming Country: The USDA Remembers the Decolonization of Virginia Agriculture
- Perri Meldon (Ph.D. Candidate in American Studies, Boston University)
Great Dismal Swamp and Colonial Revival, 1900–1950

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5:00 – 5:30 pm **BREAK**

5:30 – 6:30 pm **KEYNOTE LECTURE**

Location: Robins Family Forum

What Lies Ahead... and Beneath: The Future of Archaeology at Colonial Williamsburg

Introduction: Jamie O. Bosket, President & CEO, VMHC

Keynote: Jack Gary, Director of Archaeology, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation

6:30 – 7:30 pm **RECEPTION**

Location: Commonwealth Hall



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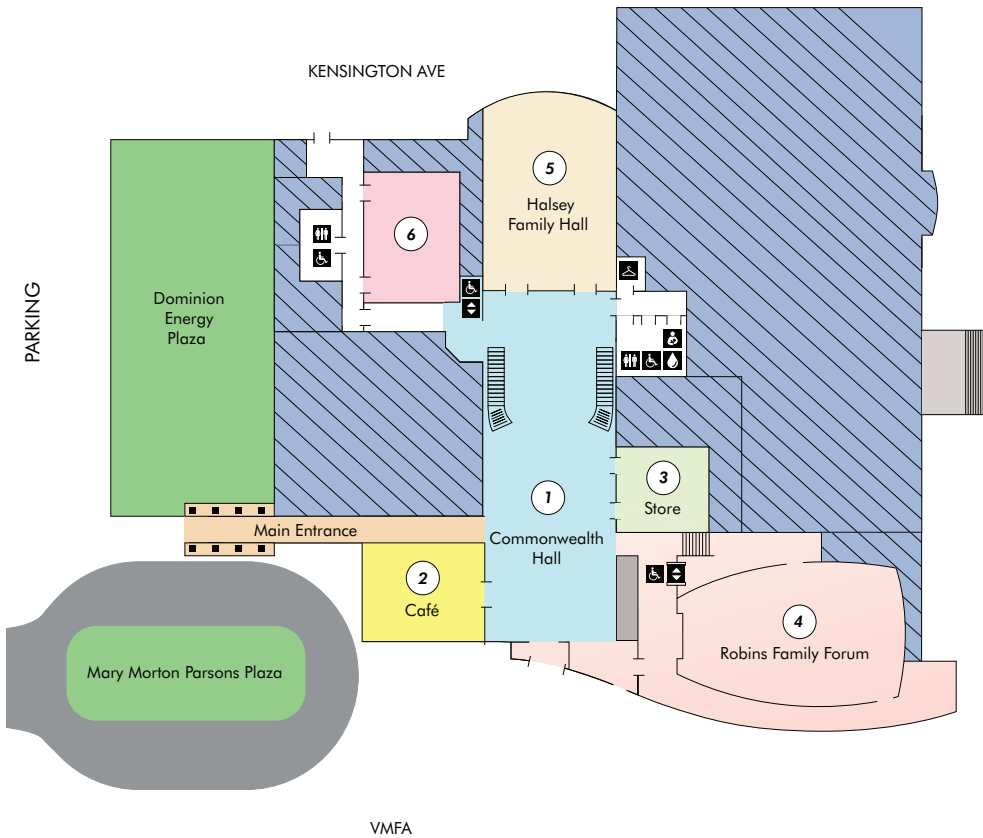
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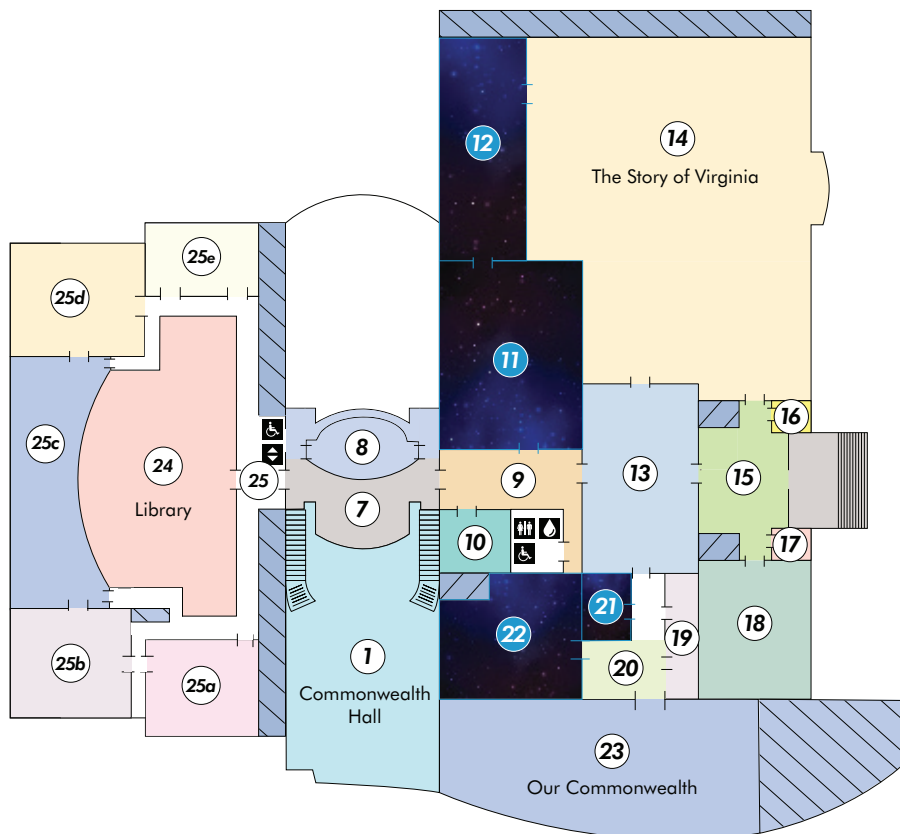
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1. COMMONWEALTH HALL
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2. MUSEUM CAFÉ

3. MUSEUM STORE

4. ROBINS FAMILY FORUM

5. HALSEY FAMILY HALL

6. HARRY M. BLUFORD CLASSROOM

7. VIRGINIA VIEWS
Lettie Pate Evans Mezzanine

8. IMAGINE VIRGINIA
Lettie Pate Evans Orientation Theater

9. HISTORY MATTERS
Royall Orientation Hall

10. TREASURES OF VIRGINIA
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald F. Smith, Jr. Gallery

11. APOLLO: WHEN WE WENT TO THE MOON
Virginia Sargeant Reynolds Gallery

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Anne Rowell Worrell Gallery

13. LANDSCAPES OF VIRGINIA
Thomas F. Farrell II Gallery

14. THE STORY OF VIRGINIA

15. VICKIE & TOM SNEAD LOBBY

16. UNCOMMON STRENGTH: AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL VIEW OF RESISTANCE

17. TAKING AIM
Cecil R. Hopkins Gallery

18. THE LOST CAUSE: MYTHS, MONUMENTS, & MURALS

19. COMMONWEALTH EXPLORERS
Christina & Martha Goode Gallery

20. VISIONARY VIRGINIANS: THE FOLK ART COLLECTION OF WILLIAM AND ANN OPPENHIMER

21. APOLLO: WHEN WE WENT TO THE MOON
Stern Family Gallery

22. APOLLO: WHEN WE WENT TO THE MOON
David & Susan Goode Gallery

23. OUR COMMONWEALTH
Margaret Moore Hall Gallery

24. E. CLAIBORNE ROBINS, JR. RESEARCH LIBRARY

25. RUSSELL & SUSAN HARPER EDUCATION CENTER

25A. J. SARGEANT REYNOLDS LEADERSHIP CENTER

25B. HARRY & BARBARA BYRD MEETING ROOM

25C. JAMES C. REES IV TERRACE

25D. CONSTANCE & LINWOOD LACY MEETING ROOM

25E. AGGIE & RICHARD CULLEN MEETING ROOM