

# REVOLUTION CLOSE TO HOME

Hampton Roads and the Struggle for American Independence

## 2026 CALENDAR of "Revolutionary" EVENTS

In honor of the Virginia 250 commemoration, Revolution Close to Home brings America's fight for freedom into focus through local stories, featuring faculty, students, alumni, and community partners.

Sponsored by CNU's Institute for Public Humanities, Public History Center, and School of the Arts.

All events take place in the Torggler Lecture Hall, Mary M. Torggler Fine Arts Center.

January 26 (Monday), 5:30 pm.

"From Rebellion to Independence  
in Hampton Roads"

Dr. Phillip Hamilton, CNU History

February 23 (Monday), 5:30 pm.

"Hidden Voices: Black Perspectives  
on the American Revolution"

Marie St. Clair, Hampton History Museum

March 30 (Monday), 5:30 pm.

"Whose Revolution?:

Southern Black Women, Freedom,  
and Belonging in the Early Republic"

Dr. Elizabeth Wood, CNU History

March 31 (Tuesday)

Carly Fiorina

National Honorary Chair of the  
Virginia 250 Commission  
(registration required)

April 20 (Monday), 5:30 pm.

"Classical Roots of American Culture"

a panel honoring the legacy of  
Dr. David Pollio, CNU Classics

April 22 (Wednesday), 5:30 pm.

Performance of Bound by Letters:  
Revolutionary War Correspondence  
of Lucy & Henry Knox

Directed by Denise Gillman, CNU Theatre,  
starring Nathaniel Newman & Olivia Hargest.

April 24 at 3 pm. Bound by Letters

May 6 at 2 pm. Bound by Letters

June 3 at 2 pm. Bound by Letters

June 6 at 2 pm. Bound by Letters

May 18 (Monday), 5:30 pm.

"The Continental Soldier"

J. Michael Moore ('93), Historic Sites  
Curator, City of Newport News





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June 6 (Saturday)

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Museum Exhibition Opens until October 25  
Torggler Fine Arts Center

June 18 (Thursday), 5:30 pm

### "An Evening of Revolutionary Spirit(s)"

Clanci Jo Conover ('15),  
Curator of the Spirits Museum  
(registration required, \$)

July 4th – Happy 250th!

July 20-24

Teaching the Revolution Today  
CNU and Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation  
host professional development workshops  
for Hampton Roads K-12 teachers.  
(registration required)

August 22 at 2 pm, Bound by Letters

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in the Torggler Lecture Hall,  
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September 14 (Monday), 5:30 pm

### "Founding Collections:

How Presidential Art Helped  
Envision a New Nation"

Dr. Michelle Erhardt, CNU Art History

September 16 at 2 pm, Bound by Letters

September 19 at 2 pm, Bound by Letters

October 14 (Wednesday), 5:30 pm

### "Hamilton: The Man, the Myth, the Musical!"

Dr. Frank Garmon ('09), CNU American Studies

October 14 at 2 pm, Bound by Letters

October 17 at 2 pm, Bound by Letters

November 9 (Monday), 5:30 pm

### "The Marquis de Lafayette: In Conversation"

Dr. Michael Mulryan, CNU French,  
and the Marquis de Lafayette,  
portrayed by Mark Schneider ('98).

