

SPRING 2026 BUCHANAN LECTURE SERIES

# REVOLUTIONS

This semester's Honors Lecture Series, themed "Revolutions," offers a dynamic exploration of transformative moments across history, science, politics, and culture.

From the American Revolution's impact on Tennesseans to the global reverberations of revolutionary republics like Haiti and the U.S., each lecture invites students to reconsider what it means to challenge the status quo. Faculty from diverse disciplines, including chemistry,

aerospace, music, and art, illuminate revolutions in thought, technology, and expression, while special sessions like the Declaration of Independence printing and student presentations will bring history to life.

The series culminates in a celebration of student scholarship and opportunities for global engagement, making Spring 2026 a semester of bold ideas and inspiring dialogue.

*Celebrating the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence*

**Monday, January 26**

**Course Introduction: Considering Revolutions**

*Amy Sayward, Honors*

**Monday, February 2**

**What the American Revolution Meant to Tennesseans at the Time**

*Lynn Nelson, History*

**Monday, February 9**

**Abolition Before and After the Revolution**

*Robb McDaniel, Political and Global Affairs*

**Monday, February 16**

**The Revolutionary Nature of the Declaration of Independence**

*John Vile, Honors*

**Monday, February 23**

**The Scientific Revolution at the Time of the American Revolution**

*Scott Handy, Chemistry*

**Monday, March 2**

**"Talkin' Bout a Revolution": Sharing Pasts in Our Times**

*Carroll Van West, Center for Historic Preservation*

**Monday, March 9**

**Spring Break—No Classes**

**Monday, March 16**

**Printing the Declaration of Independence**

*Todd 350*

*Kathleen O'Connell, Art and Design*

★ SPECIAL EVENT ★

**Tuesday, March 17 at noon**

**Boston Evacuation Day**

**Noon–4 p.m.**, print copies of the Declaration of Independence in Todd 350

**1 p.m.**, reading of the Declaration of Independence on the Honors College lawn

**Monday, March 23**

**Lafayette in the American and French Revolutions**

*Joan McRae, World Languages, Literatures, and Cultures*

**Monday, March 30**

**Revolutionary Republics: The United States and Haiti**

*Andrew Maginn, History*

**Monday, April 6**

**Revolutions: The Music of Liberty**

*Angela Tipps, Music  
Honors College artist-in-residence*

**Monday, April 13**

**Regulating a Revolution: A Case for Space**

*Collin McDonald, Aerospace*

**Monday, April 20**

**National and International Fellowships for MTSU Students**

*Laura Clippard, Honors*

★ SPECIAL EVENT ★

**Sunday, April 26 at 3 p.m.**

**"An American Sampler" Concert**

*Featuring Angela Tipps and Delana Easley  
Free event at Hinton Hall, Wright Music Building*

**Monday, April 27**

**Honors Student Presentations**

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