

Legacies of the American Revolution

Explore the enduring legacies of the American Revolution, this semester's lecture series features scholars, historians, public servants, and student voices. It examines how the Revolution continues to shape American government, culture, identity, leadership, and public service—in Tennessee and beyond. Join us for engaging conversations that connect the revolutionary past to today's challenges and opportunities.

Mondays, 3–3:50 p.m. • Honors 106 Auditorium
unless otherwise noted



August 24

Course Introduction: Considering the Legacies of the American Revolution

Amy Sayward, MTSU Honors College

August 31

250 Years of Commemorating the Declaration of Independence

John Vile, MTSU Honors College
At Cannonsburgh Village

September 14

Reading the U.S. Constitution

September 21

Securing the Promises of the Declaration of Independence in Promise Land, Tennessee

Learotha Williams, Tennessee State University
Serina Gilbert, Promise Land Heritage Association

September 28

Heroines Aplenty: Portrayals of Revolutionary-Era Women in Tennessee over the Years

Antoinette van Zelm, Center for Historic Preservation

October 5

The Art of Making: Cementing Embodied Skills, Material Agencies, and the Bodyminds of Creation in the 250th Anniversary of America

Torren Gatson, MTSU Department of History and Center for Historic Preservation

October 19

Leadership and Public Service: Past, Present, and Future

Senators Bill Frist and Lamar Alexander
At Tucker Theatre • 3–5 p.m. with reception

October 26

Tennessee Daughters of the American Revolution: Women Preserving History and Promoting a Conservative Ideology and Racial Hierarchy as a Legacy of the Revolution

Minoa Uffelman, Austin Peay State University

October 26–November 9

Revolutionary Rutherford: The Revolution's Legacy in Rutherford County

Exhibit in Walker Library

November 2

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John Lodl, Rutherford County Archives

November 9

Writing a New American Literature: Centering Health and the Body in a Revolutionary Era

Rebecca Haddaway, MTSU Department of English

November 16

Self-Evident Truths to a New Birth of Freedom

Jim Lewis, Stones River National Battlefield

November 23

National and International Fellowships for MTSU Students

Laura Clippard, MTSU Honors College

November 30

Honors Student Presentations

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