



The
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Presents

The Fall 2013 Lecture Series

The third season of the recently revived lecture series offers a mix of topics, ranging from genealogical expertise through local biography and histories to a Sesquicentennial reflection on the Gettysburg Address and the politics of the Civil War. Our speakers will enrich your Saturdays with their knowledge and skills.

The lectures occur on Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. While free and open to all, seating is limited, and reservations are suggested. Please call Michael McCormick at 410-260-6442 to reserve seats.

The Speakers and Their Subjects

Date	Speaker	Lecture
September 14	Michael J. Kurtz, Ph.d	<i>Rev. Robert B. Lantz - A Transformative Life.</i> Robert B. Lantz, a Lutheran minister, educator and the founder of the Annapolis-based Maryland Institute of Pastoral Counseling, was an inspirational leader to those tasked with the delicate challenges of spiritual counseling. Dr. Kurtz, an archivist retired from the National Archives, a professor at the University of Maryland, and an active pastor himself, paints a vibrant portrait of a clergyman whose empathetic and educational skills made him a national figure in his arena. Copies of Kurtz's biography of Lantz will be available for purchase.

September 21 Robert W. Barnes

Inventories Can Tell A Lot About Our Ancestors. Robert W. (Bob) Barnes, the renowned Maryland genealogist and retired educator and reference archivist at the Maryland State Archives, is a regular participant in the Archives lecture series. He will share his extensive knowledge of Maryland records, in this instance of estate inventories. A careful examination of these seemingly prosaic documents can provide a wealth of family history.

September 28 Adam Fracchia

Crushed Limestone and Ironstone: Labor and Everyday Life in a Nineteenth and Twentieth-Century Quarry Town Fracchia, a graduate student in the Anthropology Department at the University of Maryland, presents this study of Texas, MD, a Baltimore County quarry town. Using techniques of historical archaeology, Fracchia will "unearth" the lives of Texas's residents.

October 19 Shawn F. Peters, Ph.D

The Catonsville Nine: A Story of Faith and Resistance in the Vietnam Era Peters, a Catonsville native, and a professor at the University of Wisconsin, will discuss his book on this notorious incident of the Vietnam War era, in which faith-based anti-war activists (including the Berrigan brothers) destroyed records of the Catonsville draft board with napalm viewing the event in a balanced context.

November 16 Ron Beavers

Legal and Political Aspects of the Civil War Beavers, an amateur Civil War historian from Alexandria, VA, examines the legal grounding and politics of the Civil War with reference to principles embedded in the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and, with additional significance drawn from the date of this lecture, the Gettysburg Address. This presentation celebrates the Sesquicentennial of the Address, which occurred on November 19, 1863.

Please join us for these engrossing presentations. And watch for the Spring 2014 season, in which staff and volunteers at the Archives make presentations on research, preservation and access projects underway at the agency!



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