

*Twentieth Annual
Fort Ticonderoga
Seminar on the
American Revolution*



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SEMINAR ON THE
AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Friday-Sunday,

September 20-22, 2024

Friday, September 20, 2024

8:00am-4:00pm “In the Footsteps of Ethan Allen, Benedict Arnold, and John Brown: The Capture of Fort Ticonderoga”—America’s History, LLC partners with Fort Ticonderoga to offer a one-day Revolutionary War bus tour led by Jim Rowe and Bruce Venter. Jim is an historian and past president of the Crown Point Road Association and a member of the Descendants of Green Mountain Boys Association. A complete tour description is on the America’s History website. The cost is \$160 per person (includes bus, lunch, materials and refreshments.) There are 2 ways to register: call 703-785-4373 or go online to AmericasHistoryLLC.com and click on “Register for Tours.”

5:30-6:30pm Opening Reception—Join seminar faculty and museum staff at an opening reception at the Pavilion and King’s Garden with light refreshments and cash bar.

7:00-7:45pm The Coming Revolution: Ticonderoga and the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution—Join **Stuart Lilie**, Vice President of Public History, and **Dr. Matthew Keagle**, Curator, to learn about Fort Ticonderoga’s plans for commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution—from exhibition plans to signature living history events. View the new exhibition “A Revolutionary Anthology: Power of Place” and explore the possibilities of REAL TIME REVOLUTION™, Fort Ticonderoga’s innovative approach to engage students, educators, and the general public in our Revolutionary story.

Saturday, September 21, 2024

9:00am Welcome—Beth Hill, President and CEO, Fort Ticonderoga.

9:15-9:45am Archaeology, Archive-Making, and Interpretation: Military Kitchens at Fort Ticonderoga—Fort Ticonderoga was a sophisticated, globalized, and populated military and civilian center throughout the majority of the 18th century. It was also the center of a massive system needed to provision and feed the many men, women, and children who labored at and lived in or near the fort. The world in which these individuals lived was a world of color, noise, and flavor,

just as it was a world of military conflict. This presentation explores the material culture of food preparation and eating at Fort Ticonderoga, and the ways in which kitchens were spaces of cultural exchange. These kitchens facilitated the adaptation of traditional and the creation of new culinary labor practices to fit a military setting, as evidenced by the archaeological, architectural, and written record.

Sara C. Evenson is a Ph.D. candidate at the University at Albany and was the 2023 Omohundro Institute-Fort Ticonderoga Fellow.

10:00-10:30am Governing the Anglo-American Subjects of Spanish Florida after 1783—Britain transferred Florida back to Spain in 1783 after two decades of control, prompting some rooted residents to remain as immigrants-in-place and others to scramble to sell property. The tangle of transfers—in both property and allegiance—created legal questions that tested the outgoing governor, Patrick Tonyn, and his incoming counterpart, Vicente Manuel de Zéspedes. This presentation explains how these two practitioners of empire, lacking guidance from superiors, developed ideas about the boundaries of jurisdiction, the limits of trans-imperial property rights, and the meaning of subjecthood. **Dr. Jason T. Sharples** is an associate professor of History at Florida Atlantic University and the author of *The World That Fear Made: Slave Revolts and Conspiracy Scares in Early America*.

10:45-11:15am “For the Common Cause of the States”: Ideology and Canadian Participation in the American Revolution—Investigate the ideological motivations of Canadian members of the 1st and 2nd Canadian Regiments during the American Revolution. Consisting of both Anglo and French Canadians, these men primarily enlisted as part of the Continental Army during the fall of 1775 and the spring of 1776. Following the Continental Army out of Canada in 1776, Canadians participated in many of the major conflicts of the war and were active until their discharge in 1783. This presentation argues that ideology was a major factor in enlistment and continued participation of the Canadians in the American Revolution and illustrates the broad appeal of American Whig ideology during the Revolution that transcended cultural and political boundaries. **Robert Swanson** is a Ph.D. student at the University of Missouri.

11:30am-1:45pm Lunch Break (Box lunch from America’s Fort Café included).

2:00-2:30pm “Anxious to be of some Service to the Government”: The Trials and Tribulations of Burgoyne’s Royalist Corps after Saratoga—While Burgoyne’s British and German troops marched into captivity after his defeat at Saratoga, the remains of his four regiments of Royalist troops were permitted to go to Canada. What became of these men for the next six years of the war? **Todd W. Braisted** is an author and independent researcher specializing in Loyalist studies.

2:45-3:15pm Energy, Geography, and Geology in the Saratoga Campaign, 1777—Similar to all living organisms, armed forces have a “military metabolism,” one that requires food, fuel, work animals, and food for those animals in order to move and fight. In the Saratoga Campaign, British and Hessian forces faced daunting challenges when acquiring and using energy; this shaped the outcome of battles and had a long-term effect on the battlefield environment. **David C. Hsiung**, Professor of History at Juniata College, is writing a book about the environmental history of the War of Independence.

3:30-4:00pm Why did Horatio Gates become a Revolutionary?—Horatio Gates is best known as the general who oversaw the American victory at Saratoga in 1777, but for much of his life, he was a loyal British Army officer. This presentation explores how and why Gates went from a dutiful subject of the crown to a committed revolutionary. It argues that his drift to revolution stemmed from personal grievances with the British ministry, political ideology, resentment against class hierarchy, and shifting geographic context. **Dr. Kieran J. O’Keefe** is an Assistant Professor of History at Lyon College.

5:00pm Dinner at America’s Fort Café (pre-registration only).

Teacher Scholarships

Thanks to generous support from Seminar patrons, Fort Ticonderoga offers both in-person and online scholarships for teachers.

Applications are available at:

<https://www.fortticonderoga.org/event/twentieth-annual-seminar-on-the-american-revolution/>

Sunday, September 22, 2024

9:00-9:30am A Spirit of Dissent and Disobedience in the Troops: Military Mischief and Geographic Isolation at Michilimackinac—In the summer of 1780, internal conflict overwhelmed the British garrison at the western outpost of Michilimackinac. A dispute over soldiers' pay grew until it encompassed collective disobedience, petition writing, and a struggle between military and civil authority. This presentation contextualizes these events within patterns of negotiation employed by soldiers in the global British army, and examines how Michilimackinac's isolated location shaped official responses. **Craig Wilson** is Chief Curator for Mackinac State Historic Parks, a family of museums in northern Michigan.

9:45-10:15am Chicago's Long War of Independence: Native Peoples and the Power of Chicago's Portage Geography—This presentation connects the localized Indigenous struggle for autonomy with the broader history of Revolutionary America, showing how Native peoples around the Chicago area used the environmental and geographic realities of the Great Lakes region to enhance their power, and resist imperial encroachment, well into the 1780s. This resistance dovetailed with American activities in the Illinois Country to threaten British control over the West during the American Revolution. **John William Nelson** is assistant professor of history at Texas Tech University and author of the recent book *Muddy Ground: Native Peoples, Chicago's Portage, and the Transformation of a Continent*.

10:30-11:00am Just IMPORTED from LONDON: An Apothecary's Place within the British Empire—Prior to the American Revolutionary War, apothecary-surgeons advertised new shipments of medicines as fresh, cheap, and genuine. Yet the Navigation Acts adversely impacted not just colonists' finances, but also their health and welfare. This presentation argues that the rebellion's logistics forced medical personnel to increase domestic manufacture, and to create their own medical standards with an official, national pharmacopeia. In turn, this ushered in a new era of American medicine. **Jennifer K. Bolton** is an independent scholar living near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

11:30am Lunch (Box lunch from America's Fort Café included).

Meals and Reception

Friday Evening Reception

Plan to join us Friday evening from 5:30-6:30 at the Pavilion and King's Garden for a reception with Seminar faculty and staff. Light refreshments and a cash bar with beer, cider, and wine will be available. Included in registration.

Lunch Saturday and Sunday

Box lunches from America's Fort Café are included in the registration fee both days. A vegetarian option is available upon request.

Roast Turkey Dinner Saturday Evening

Roast turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, roll, and dessert at America's Fort Café. A vegetarian alternative is available. \$25 per person. By pre-registration only.

Fort Ticonderoga Museum and Museum Store

Registration includes complimentary admission to Fort Ticonderoga Friday through Sunday of the Seminar. The Museum Store in the Log House will be open 9:30am-5:00pm, with extended evening hours on Saturday during dinner. Several members of the Seminar faculty will be signing their books at the Museum Store on Saturday at 1:00pm, where copies of their books will be for sale.

 The logo features the word "TICONDEROGA" in a serif font above the large number "250". To the right of "250" is a small outline of a fort. The entire text is surrounded by a circular arrangement of 25 red stars.	<p>Ticonderoga 250th Keep up-to-date with Fort Ticonderoga's plans to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution! https://www.fortticonderoga.org/learn-and-explore/ticonderoga-250th-real-time-revolution/</p>
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Become a Seminar Patron!

For those who wish to support the Seminar teacher scholarships as patrons, three levels are available:

\$350 Patron

Includes the registration fee; recognition in the Seminar program; and an invitation to a private dinner with members of the Seminar faculty and teacher scholarship winners Saturday evening.

\$500 Patron

In addition to all of the above, patrons at this level receive a copy of *Muddy Ground: Native People's, Chicago's Portage, and the Transformation of a Continent* by speaker John William Nelson.

\$750 Patron

In addition to all of the above, the first patron at this level receives accommodations for Friday & Saturday night at Best Western Plus Ticonderoga Inn and Suites.

Become a Member of Fort Ticonderoga

When registering, it's easy to become a member or renew your current membership!

Members receive: free admission to Fort Ticonderoga for 12 months, 10% discount in the Museum Store, a subscription to *The Haversack*, free admission to dozens of virtual events, discounts for seminars and conferences, and invitations to special events.

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Corporal (individual)	\$70
Sergeant (dual)	\$90
Ensign (family)	\$135
Lieutenant	\$180
Captain	\$250
Major	\$500
Colonel	\$1,000



Registration and Travel Information

How to Register

Fill out the registration form on the next page and mail with your check made payable to **Fort Ticonderoga** to:

*Seminar Registration
Fort Ticonderoga
PO Box 390
Ticonderoga, NY 12883*

Registrations with payment will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Early Bird Registrations must be received by July 15th, not postmarked by that date. To pay with a credit card, please register online at the link below or call (518) 585-2821.

Register online at this link:

www.fortticonderoga.org/ft_events/twentieth-annual-seminar-on-the-american-revolution/



Cancellation Policy

All cancellations must be received by September 10. Registration fees will be refunded, less a \$25 processing charge. Refunds will be processed after the Seminar. There is a \$10 processing charge to transfer registrations to another person.

Accommodations

Numerous overnight accommodations are available throughout the Ticonderoga area and the greater Lake George-Lake Champlain region. Rooms book quickly, so make your reservation today! A list of area accommodations is available at:

www.fortticonderoga.org/visit/adirondack-vacation/places-to-stay/

2024 SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM

Save a stamp and register online at:

www.fortticonderoga.org/ft_events/twentieth-annual-seminar-on-the-american-revolution/

or scan the QR Code on the right.



On-Site Registration Fees

(includes lunch both days)

Early Bird Registration (by July 15, 2024)

- Member, \$150
- General Public, \$17

Registration (after July 15, 2024)

- Member, \$175
- General Public, \$195

Seminar Patron Registration

- Honorary Lieutenant Colonel, \$350
- Honorary Colonel, \$500
- Honorary Brigadier General, \$750

Dinner

- Roast Turkey Dinner Saturday Evening, \$25

Virtual Registration Fees

Early Bird Registration (by July 15, 2024)

- Member, \$120
- General Public, \$130

Registration (after July 15, 2024)

- Member, \$145
- General Public, \$155

Membership

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 - Corporal (individual) \$70
 - Sergeant (dual) \$90
 - Ensign (family) \$135
 - Lieutenant \$180
 - Captain, \$250
 - Major, \$500
 - Colonel, \$1,000

Registration Information

Please use one form per person. Make photocopies or print out additional forms from the Fort Ticonderoga website for additional registrants.

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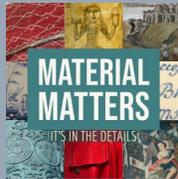
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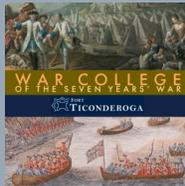
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2025 Conferences



Virtual Material Matters
It's in the Details
Saturday, January 25



Twenty-Ninth Annual
War College of the Seven Years' War
Friday-Sunday, May 16-18



Twenty-First Annual Fort Ticonderoga
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Friday-Sunday, September 19-21



Fort Ticonderoga is an independent not-for-profit educational institution and museum open to the public since 1909 and serves its mission to preserve, educate, and provoke an active discussion about the past and its importance to present and future generations. We foster an on-going dialogue surrounding citizens, soldiers, and nations through America's military heritage. © The Fort Ticonderoga Association. 2024 All Rights Reserved.

Fort Ticonderoga's Center for Digital History

Those who are unable to travel to Ticonderoga for this annual program can sign up to attend the conference online through *Fort Ticonderoga's Center for Digital History* using Zoom Webinars.

All sessions will be streamed. Online participants will be able to ask questions of presenters using the "Q&A" function.

Both in-person and online participants will have access to these recorded sessions for two weeks following the seminar.

Center for Digital History





Upcoming 2024-2025 Programs

Fort Ticonderoga
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These programs are offered through Zoom and pre-registration is required.
Membership Perk! These programs are free for Fort Ticonderoga members.
For more details, and to register, visit:

www.fortticonderoga.org/ft_events/?_sft_ft_event-category+lectures-seminars-and-workshops

Fort Ticonderoga Author Series Sundays at 2:00pm ET

The Fort Ticonderoga Author Series features presentations by authors of books related to Fort Ticonderoga's history.

2024:

June 9

Theodore Corbett

The Promise of Freedom for Slaves Escaping in British Ships: The Emancipation Revolution, 1740-1807

July 28

Steven Park

The Burning of His Majesty's Schooner Gaspee: An Attack on Crown Rule Before the American Revolution

August 11

Abby Chandler

Seized with the Temper of the Times: Identity and Rebellion in Pre-Revolutionary America

October 20

Michael Shay

The Whites of Their Eyes: The Life of Revolutionary War Hero Israel Putnam from Rogers' Rangers to Bunker Hill

November 3

John William Nelson

Muddy Ground: Native Peoples, Chicago's Portage, and the Transformation of a Continent

2025:

February 9

J.L. Bell

The Road to Concord: How Four Stolen Cannon Ignited the Revolutionary War
