

The Filson Historical Society

October 2012 Programs

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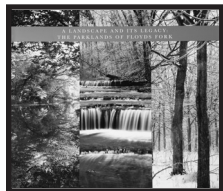
A Landscape and Its Legacy: The Parklands of Floyd's Fork

Dan Jones

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Thursday, October 4 • 6:00 p.m.

Wine and Cheese • 5:30 p.m.



The story of Louisville's largest parks project, the nearly 4,000-acre Olmsted-inspired Parklands of Floyd's Fork, comes to life on the pages of a new large-format book, *A Landscape and Its Legacy: The Parklands of*

Floyd's Fork. Edited by writer Dianne Aprile and designed by artist Julius Friedman, this 195-page, fully illustrated hardcover volume covers the rich history of the landscape, the colorful characters it produced and the innovative process that led to the creation of the Parklands.

A native of Louisville, Kentucky, Dan Jones holds degrees from Yale University and Indiana University, Bloomington. He founded and currently serves as the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of 21st Century Parks.

Please join us for wine and cheese to celebrate the launch of *A Landscape and Its Legacy* before the lecture.

"To The Polls!" Political Campaigns Through the Years

Jim Holmberg

The Filson Historical Society

Tuesday, October 9 • 6:00 p.m.



Americans have been holding presidential elections for well over 200 years; and except for George Washington, as the nation's first chief executive, there have always been contenders for the office. Some campaigns for the White House have been rather calm affairs, while others have been vigorously and bitterly contested. Through the years, The Filson has acquired a large collection of campaign related material that gives both voice and vision to this important process in our country's political life. In this illustrated presentation, Curator of Special Collections Jim Holmberg will show a sampling of The Filson's presidential campaign and election material and discuss their use in the race for the White House.

Jim Holmberg is a native of Louisville and holds a B.A. and M.A. from the University of Louisville in History. He joined the staff of The Filson in 1982. In addition to curatorial duties, he writes and lectures on a variety of topics, the Lewis and Clark Expedition being a primary focus.

Bluegrass Renaissance: The History and Culture of Central Kentucky, 1792-1852

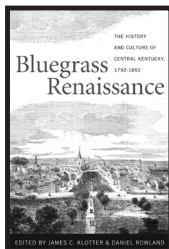
James Klotter

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Thursday, October 18

Reception, 5:00 p.m. • Lecture, 6:00 p.m.

The Filson Historical Society and the University of



Kentucky Alumni Association invite you to *Bluegrass Renaissance: The History and Culture of Central Kentucky, 1792-1852* with James Klotter. Originally established in 1775 the town of Lexington, Kentucky grew quickly into a national cultural center among the rolling green hills of the Bluegrass Region.

Nicknamed the "Athens of the West," Lexington and the surrounding area became a leader in higher education, visual arts, architecture, and music, and the center of the horse breeding and racing industries. The national impact of the Bluegrass was further confirmed by prominent Kentucky figures such as Henry Clay and John C. Breckinridge. *Bluegrass Renaissance* examines the successes and failures of Central Kentuckians from statehood to the death of Henry Clay.

James C. Klotter is professor of history at Georgetown College and the State Historian of Kentucky. He is the author or coauthor of numerous books, including *A Concise History of Kentucky* and *A New History of Kentucky*.

This program is in partnership with the University of Kentucky Alumni Association. The reception and lecture are free for members of The Filson and the University of Kentucky Alumni Association, and \$5 for all others.

John Floyd and Floyd's Fork: Lecture, Hike and Canoe Trip in Floyd's Fork

Bob Hill

Fishersville, KY

Saturday, October 20 • 12:30 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon of fun in Floyd's Fork! We will begin with a lecture by Bob Hill on the history and culture of Floyd's Fork. After the lecture, attendees will have the option to go on a guided hike around the area or a guided canoe trip down the river.

Bob Hill has written books on topics as varied as crime mysteries, basketball, and gardening. He and his wife live in Utica, Indiana where they own and operate Hidden Hill Nursery.

The lecture is free for members, \$5 for non-members. The hike is \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members, and the canoe trip is \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members. The lecture will begin at 12:30 p.m. at Fishersville Baptist Church, 14910 Taylorsville Road. The hike and canoe trips will begin at 1:30. For directions, please call The Filson.

Space is limited; Reservations are required.

Our Shared History

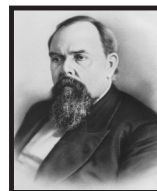
Hero or Villain? Governor Oliver P. Morton and the Civil War in Indiana

A. James Fuller

Jeffersonville Carnegie Library

Tuesday, October 23 • Noon

Governor Oliver P. Morton of Indiana stands as one of the most significant political leaders in the Civil War era. A staunch Unionist, he worked tirelessly to support the military effort, winning the nickname, "The Soldier's Friend." He also centralized and expanded power, often in ruthless ways. For

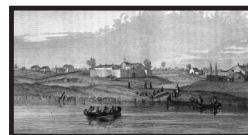


twenty-one months in the middle of the war, the Republican governor ran the state of Indiana from his office, skirting the law and ignoring constitutional restraints during his period of "One Man Rule." In 1864, Morton shrewdly exposed a Copperhead conspiracy that led to the arrests of half-a-dozen men and the timing of the resulting Treason Trials in Indianapolis helped the Republicans carry the elections that fall. Historian A. James Fuller sets out to find the truth about Indiana's Civil War governor in this lecture drawn from his research for his forthcoming book, *The Great War Governor: Oliver P. Morton and the Politics of Power in the Civil War and Reconstruction*.

A. James Fuller is an Associate Professor of History at the University of Indianapolis. He has published six books, including *The Election of 1860 Reconsidered* and *Soldiers of Christ: The Piety of Basil Manly, Sr. and Basil Manly, Jr.*

Fall Conference The Long Struggle for the Ohio Valley, 1750-1815

**The Filson Historical Society
October 26-27 • See brochure for details**



In the years of warfare and conflict between the Seven Years War and the War of 1812, distant countries sought to control an enticing but

poorly understood region. Individuals, households, and communities engaged in complicated forms of interaction, exchange, violent confrontation, and cultural transformation. The conference embraces a variety of approaches to understand how this contest reshaped the lives of individuals and the prospects of numerous Indian groups, transformed the landscape through new agricultural and labor practices, and redirected the trajectory of American nationhood and the shape of the Atlantic World.

Book Discussion - The Civil War of 1812: American Citizens, British Subjects, Irish Rebels, & Indian Allies

by Alan Taylor

A. Glenn Crothers

The Filson Historical Society

Tuesday, October 30 • Noon

In this deeply researched and clearly written book, historian Alan Taylor tells the riveting story of a war that redefined North America. During the early nineteenth century, Britons and Americans renewed their struggle over the legacy of the American Revolution. *The Civil War of 1812* is a vivid narrative of an often brutal (and sometimes comic) war that reveals much about the tangled origins of the United States and Canada.

Dr. A. Glenn Crothers is the Director of Research at The Filson Historical Society and an associate professor in history at the University of Louisville. He is the author of *Quakers Living in the Lion's Mouth: The Society of Friends in Northern Virginia, 1730-1863*.

Attendees are invited to bring a bag lunch. The Filson will supply soft drinks.

Limited Capacity; Reservations are required.

Call The Filson at (502) 635-5083 - reservations are requested to assure seating for all programs.

All programs are free unless otherwise noted.

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Save the Date! The Gertrude Polk Brown Lecture Series

IKE'S BLUFF: President Eisenhower's Secret Battle to Save the World

Evan Thomas

Thursday, November 15 • 6:30 p.m.
The Temple • 5101 US Hwy. 42, Louisville
Free for members, \$10 for non-members

President Dwight Eisenhower is remembered as a genial, golf-playing grandfatherly figure, a retired general with a great smile and poor syntax. His presidency is recalled as a peaceful but boring decade. In *IKE'S BLUFF*, Thomas shows that while Eisenhower seemed warm and trustworthy, he was a cold-blooded genius at manipulation. Using his insight, honed from his role as Supreme Commander of Allied Forces in Europe, and studying military history, he believed that wars have a life of their own, and often destroy those who start them. Using diaries and newly declassified papers, Evan Thomas has written a fast-paced and highly human drama of a man and a decade that seems calm today only because Eisenhower's bluff worked.

Evan Thomas is the author of several bestselling works of history and biography, including *The War Lovers* and *Sea of Thunder*. He was a writer and editor at *Time* and *Newsweek* for more than 30 years, and he is frequently a commentator on television and radio.

Our Mission: To collect, preserve and tell the significant stories of Kentucky and the Ohio Valley history and culture

Reservations are important to ensure seating. Now enjoy the convenience of our new online registration system - www.filsonhistorical.org

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