

NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

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EVENING PROGRAMS

America and the Legacy of Rome

Wednesday, April 28, 3:00 p.m.

\$15 per person

Reservations required at 215.409.6700

In partnership with the Center for Ancient Studies at the University of Pennsylvania, the National Constitution Center will host a unique event in conjunction with the *Ancient Rome & America* exhibition that explores our nation's Roman inheritance. At 3:00 p.m., four experts will deliver 20-minute talks on subjects ranging from "Norton, the First Emperor of America" to "Classical Influences in American Colonial Art." From 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., speakers will deliver two keynote addresses, each followed by a question and answer session with the audience. Guests are then invited to enjoy wine and cheese, engage in discussion with the speakers, and tour the exhibition, where experts will be stationed to provide insight into key artifacts on display. Confirmed scholars include Campbell Grey, Curatorial Consultant for the exhibition and Assistant Professor of Classical Studies at the University of Pennsylvania; Caroline Winterer, Curatorial Consultant for the exhibition and Associate Professor of History at Stanford University; Kathleen Brown, Professor of History at the University of Pennsylvania; Alison Futrell, Associate Professor of History at the University of Arizona; Lothar Haselberger, Professor in Roman Architecture at the University of Pennsylvania; and Alexandra Kirtley, Assistant Curator of American Decorative Arts at the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

Empire!

Monday, June 7, 6:30 p.m.

FREE

Reservations required at 215.409.6700

Timothy Parsons, Professor of African History at Washington University and author of the new book, *The Rule of Empires: Imperial Power from Ancient Rome to Modern America*, will join the Center to address some of the thought-provoking issues raised in the *Ancient Rome & America* exhibition: The United States is the world's strongest economic and military superpower, but is America an empire? Is America destined to suffer the same fate as ancient Rome? Why do we compare ourselves to Rome? What lessons can we learn from the fate of the Roman Empire?

Rome Reborn on Western Shores

Tuesday, July 13, 6:30 p.m.

FREE

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In partnership with The Library Company of Philadelphia, historian Eran Shalev, author of *Rome Reborn on Western Shores*, will join the Center to discuss the literature of the Revolutionary era, the ways in which American patriots employed the classics, and the importance of antiquity to the early political culture of the United States. Shalev will also examine the extent to which classical antiquity, especially Rome, molded understanding of history, politics, and time, even as the experience of the Revolution reshaped patriots' understanding of the classics.