

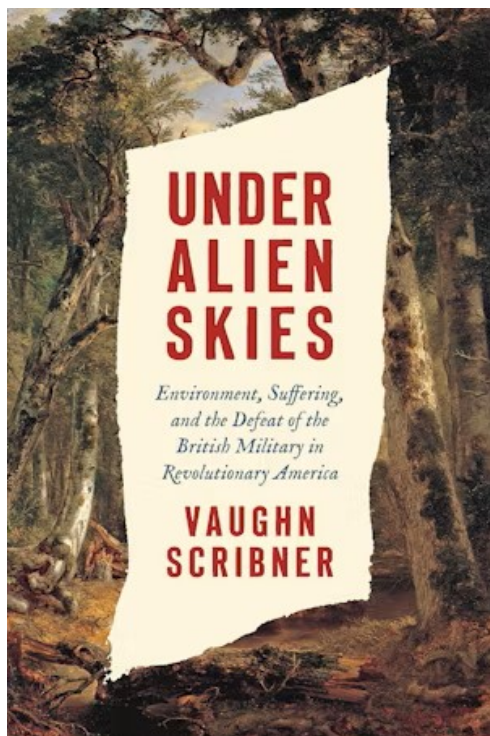
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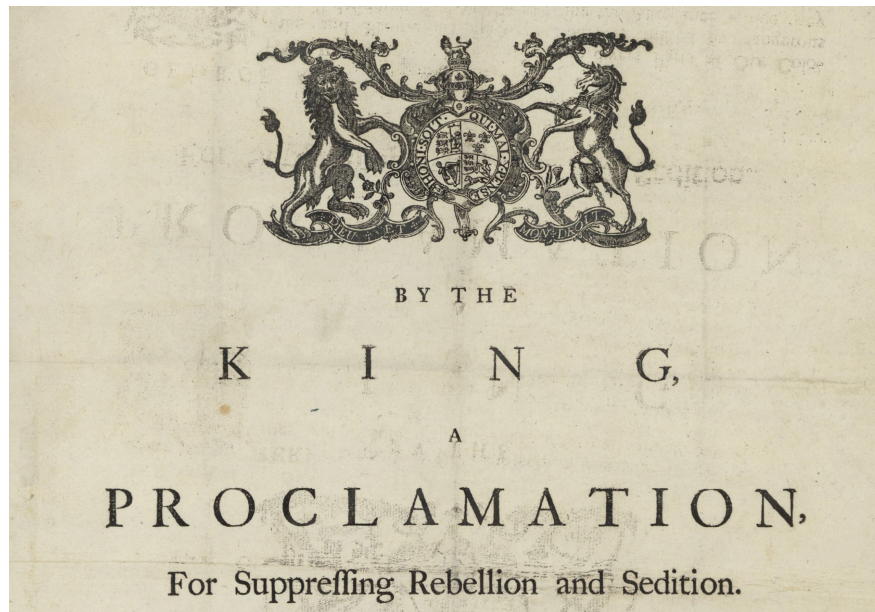
The 2025 Society of the Cincinnati Prize

We are pleased to announce the recipient of the 2025 Society of the Cincinnati Prize—Vaughn Scribner, Ph.D., associate professor of British American history at the University of Central Arkansas, for his book *Under Alien Skies: Environment, Suffering, and the Defeat of the British Military in Revolutionary America* (University of North Carolina Press, 2024)!

The Revolutionary War is often celebrated as marking the birth of American republicanism and representative democracy. In his original research, Vaughn Scribner illustrates how this could not have been further from the truth for tens of thousands of European troops who ventured across the Atlantic. Collecting first-person accounts and researching foreign soldiers' negative perceptions of the American environment, Scribner reveals harsh wartime realities and the considerable physical and psychological anguish of British and German soldiers.

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This Month in Revolutionary History



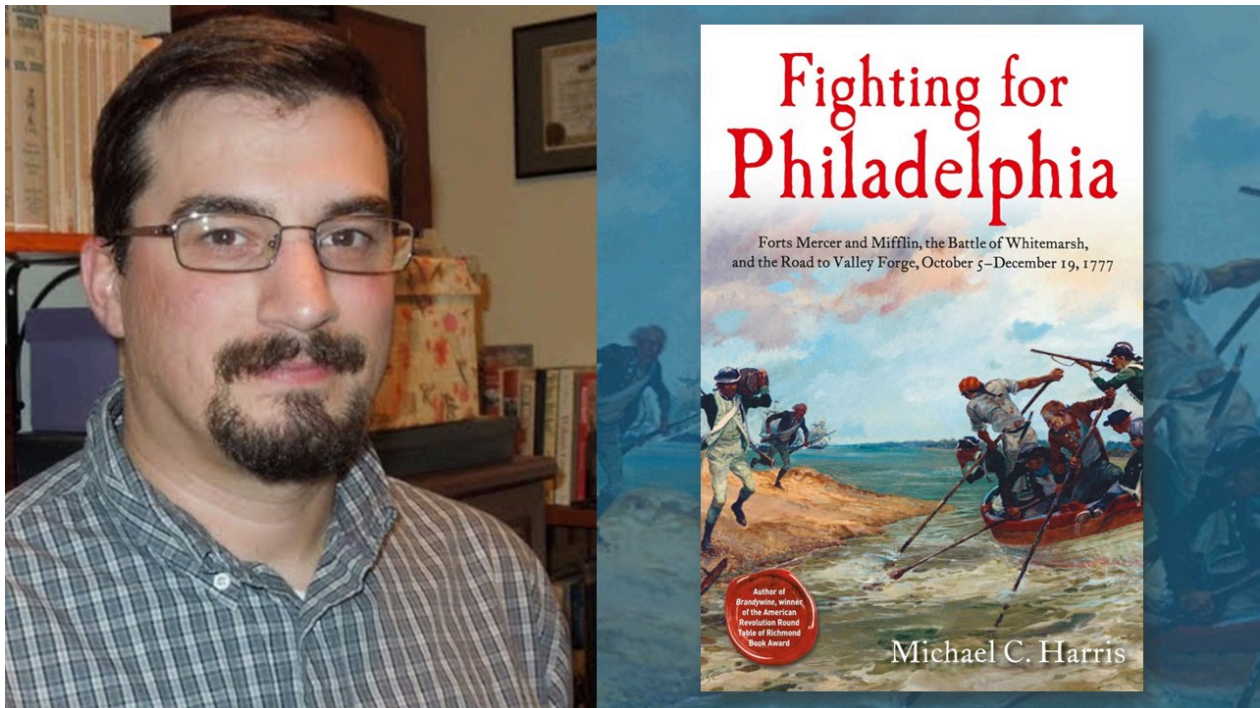
“an open and avowed Rebellion”

On August 13, 1775, William Penn arrived in England to present the Second Continental Congress's petition to King George III. The petition—written primarily by John Dickinson and today known as the Olive Branch Petition—intended to find a peaceful resolution to the already destructive war by appealing to the union “between our Mother Country and these Colonies,” and the “means in our power, not incompatible with our safety, for stopping the further effusion of blood, and averting the impending calamities that threaten the British empire.”

Although William Penn traveled across the Atlantic to deliver the letter, King George III refused to receive or respond to the petition. Instead, he released a proclamation on August 23, 1775, “for Suppressing Rebellion and Sedition.” The proclamation declared that “Many of Our Subjects in divers Parts of Our Colonies and Plantations in North America...have at length proceeded to an open and avowed Rebellion, by arraying themselves in hostile Manner to withstand the Execution of the Law, and traitorously preparing, ordering, and levying War against Us.”

This declaration of rebellion set in motion the next steps for the colonies on their path to independence which would be declared less than a year later.

Events



Fighting for Philadelphia

Join us on Wednesday, August 13 at 6:30 p.m. for an author's talk featuring historian Michael C. Harris discussing his newest book, *Fighting for Philadelphia: Forts Mercer and Mifflin, the Battle of Whitemarsh, and the Road to Valley Forge, October 5-December 19, 1777*. Drawing from the book, Harris focuses our attention on the 1777 Philadelphia Campaign and explores the strategic, political, and tactical history of the complex operations sandwiched between the Battle of Germantown and the arrival of the Continental Army at Valley Forge.

This program will be held in-person at Anderson House and last approximately 45 minutes. Registration is requested and virtual options are available. A recording of this talk will be made available at a later date.

[Learn more and register](#)

Collections

A Toast to a New Acquisition

One of our most recent acquisitions is a wine glass made in England during the American Revolution bearing an inscription honoring "The King and the Friends of His Majesty's American Loyalists." Anyone who used this glass at their dinner table would be displaying their loyalty to King George III and their support for the Loyalists in America who opposed independence from



Great Britain. Glasses like these were part of a tradition in eighteenth-century Britain of adding political phrases or symbols to household goods, especially related to the Jacobite rebellion and the colonial crisis in America. The opaque white twisted glass in the stem was especially popular in Britain during the third quarter of the eighteenth century. This glass joins a small but growing group of objects in our museum collections that document the cause and experiences of Loyalists during the American Revolution.

Look for the glass on display next year in our 250th exhibition *Voices of Revolution*, exploring the variety of participants and perspectives in the American war for independence.

Education



Master Teachers Return to Anderson House

Our thirteenth week-long Master Teachers Seminar took place at our Anderson House headquarters from Monday, July 14 through Friday, July 18. This year's group of teachers traveled to Washington from the states of Arizona, Florida, New Jersey, South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia. The week's core in-house faculty from our education, library, and museum programs were joined by Dr. Iris De Rode (2023 Ellen McCallister Clark Massachusetts SOC Library Fellow), Dr. John Maass (2007 Tyree-Lamb SOC Library Fellow) from the National Museum of the United States Army, Dr. Larrie Ferreiro from George Mason University, Education Specialist Michael M. Galloway from the National Museum of the United States Navy, and two master teacher alumni, Rob Schulte (2018) and Anne Walker (2023). Dr. Sean Heuvel of the New Hampshire Society served as the Society of the Cincinnati's residential host.

The hallmark feature of our seminar is the teachers' opportunity to research with our library and museum collections and compose original lesson material to share on the Institute's website. Our master teachers also regularly advise the Institute about resources and appear with program staff at conferences and workshops around the country. This year's new teacher cadre brings our seminar alumni total to 125 representing 36 states and the District of Columbia. Our annual Master Teachers Seminar is generously supported in part by the Massachusetts Society of the Cincinnati.

[View our master teacher lesson plans](#)

Historical Programs This Month

All programs are held in-person at Anderson House unless otherwise specified. Virtual options are available. Admission is free unless otherwise specified and registration is requested. Click the images below to learn more and register, or [click here to view our full calendar of upcoming programs](#).

Author's Talk

Fighting for Philadelphia:

Forts Mifflin and Mercer, the Battle of Red Bank, and the Road to Valley Forge

Michael C. Harris

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

6:30 P.M.

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Lunch Bite

A Recruiting Broadside for the Continental Navy Ship *Columbus*

Rachel Nellis

Friday, August 15, 2025

12:30 P.M.

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Author's Talk

The Last Men Standing:

The 8th Virginia Regiment in the American Revolution

Gabriel Neville

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

6:30 P.M.

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history and will define our future. The American Revolution Institute of the Society of the Cincinnati promotes knowledge and appreciation of those achievements, fulfilling the aim of the Continental Army officers who founded the Society of the Cincinnati in 1783 to perpetuate the memory of that vast event. The Institute supports advanced study, presents exhibitions and other public programs, advocates effective classroom instruction, and provides resources to teachers and students to enrich understanding of the American Revolution and the principles of the men and women who secured the liberty of the American people.

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