

# THE CAPITOL DOME



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## Spring Symposium Focuses on Aftermath of Civil War



*Don Kennon, USCHS VP of Education and Outreach, welcomed symposium attendees to the last history event before his retirement.*

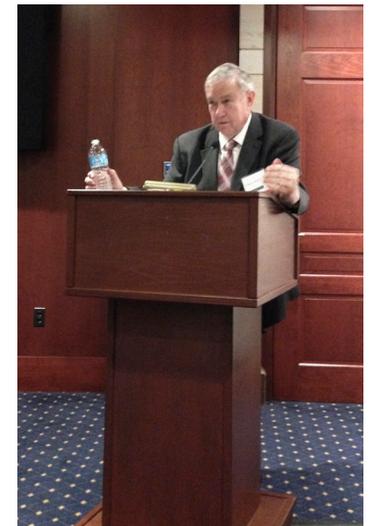
On May 7 and 8, 2015, the U.S. Capitol Historical Society held its annual symposium on the history of Congress. This year's entry in the series *The National Capital in a Nation Divided: Congress and the District of Columbia Confront Sectionalism and Slavery*, "Aftermath: The Consequences of the Civil War and Congress and the Federal Government," brought scholars from across the country to examine different aspects of the end of the Civil War and some of its long-lasting effects.

**William Nelson** (New York University School of Law) launched the symposium Thursday night with his reflections on "The Fourteenth Amendment and the End of Popular Constitutionalism." Prior to the Thirteenth Amendment (ending slavery), constitutional amendments continued the British Common Law approach by simply encoding existing practices and expectations. The Fourteenth

Amendment, by continuing and expanding the use of the written Constitution to change the mores of the day, marked a sea-change in the concept of the Constitution from being the common agreement of the people, to a force for progress by the victors of the reunited nation.

Friday morning, **Adam Goodheart** (Washington College) opened the session with "Amid the Ruins," an evocative description of how the Civil War ended for the birthplace of secessionism. Charleston, SC was a shell of its former opulence and ideological zeal on April 14, 1865, when representatives of the victorious North participated in ceremonies marking the city's formal pacification, ignorant of Lincoln's assassination the same day.

**Lorien Foote** (Texas A&M University) followed with "Federal Prisoners of War and the Long Recovery," which highlighted the misguided logistics of a major prisoner exchange to illustrate the experience of Union POWs during the war. Their "long" repatriation was crippled by Congress's reluctance to compensate veterans for the unique physical and psychological



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*Lorien Foote*

burdens they suffered—even after service pensions began to be awarded in the 1890s.

Next, **Jennifer Weber** (University of Kansas) shared her research on a subject widely neglected by other historians despite its vast implications for modern bureaucratic administration. “Conscription and the Rise of Big Brother” described the increasingly invasive methods of monitoring the availability of manpower to meet army quotas in the latter years of the Civil War, and how



*Jennifer Weber asking a question of a fellow speaker.*

would-be soldiers and “draftee-dodgers” responded to the first federal draft in American history.

The morning session closed with **Jenny Bourne** (Carleton College) answering the question, “When Johnny came marching home, what did he find?” Bourne’s demystification of economic history, which has become such a welcome feature of this symposia series, employed graphs, tables, and charts of important indicators to illustrate the sometimes surprising ways that the Civil War served as a watershed in the American economy. Bourne had the added challenge of a race against time and aviation, since part of her scheduled talk coincided with a flyover of vintage planes commemorating VE Day and honoring those who fought during WWII or produced aircraft and other materiel on the home front. She concluded in time for conference attendees and Hill staffers to watch the show from the balcony outside the conference room. After a lunch break, **Scott Manning**



*Some of the aircraft from the VE Day commemoration*

**Stevens** (Syracuse University) began the afternoon session with “Ely Parker’s Road to Appomattox.” Parker, a member of New York State’s once-powerful Indian confederacy known as the Six Nations, became an important broker in the political and cultural relations between Native Americans and the federal government throughout much of the mid-1800s. Stevens used Parker’s accidental high profile at Lee’s surrender as the touch-



*Scott Manning Stevens*

stone for a solemn meditation on the intersection of Native American history and the country’s mainstream historical narrative.

Symposium Director **Paul Finkelman** (Senior Fellow, University of Pennsylvania and Scholar-in-Residence, National Constitution Center) then delivered a fast-paced and wide-ranging interpretation of how “A Revolution against the Constitution turns into a Revolution in Constitutional Law.” Whether explaining how the Civil War decisively laid to rest the specter of secessionism and slavery, or suggesting how un-representative the House of Representatives has been allowed to become, Finkelman’s presentation was a riveting demonstration



*Audience members always have questions for the speakers.*

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Paul Finkelman



Clay Risen

of how history and legal principles can be mutually illuminating.

Finally, **Clay Risen** (New York Times) ended the symposium with “The Civil War at 100, the Civil War at 150: Commemoration, Identity and the Changing Shape of National Memory.” Risen brought a journalist’s first-person perception to speculating on the differences—in tone and substance—between the Civil War’s centen-

nial and sesquicentennial, and what they might teach us about the state of American society at the time those anniversaries were observed. The pressures and promise of change in the early 1960s demanded a national consensus lacking in the relatively decentralized narratives being offered up as the Civil War’s legacy/legacies today.

The 2015 symposium was made possible by a grant from American Express. Looking ahead, mark the first week of May 2016 in your calendar—USCHS is planning a symposium that explores the history of immigration policy in the United States up to the passage of the Simpson-Mazzoli Act, or the Immigration Reform and Control Act, in 1986.

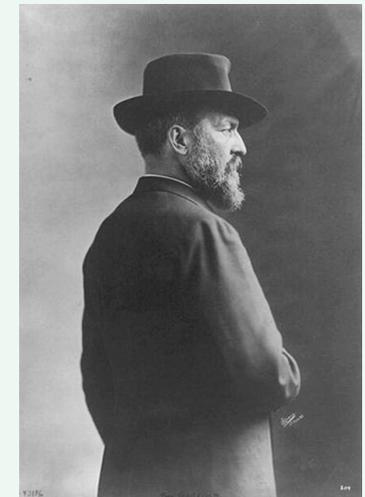


Brett Loper from American Express, which gave a grant in support of the symposium



Jenny Bourne with one of her famous charts

The U.S. Capitol Historical Society is delighted to co-sponsor the upcoming *Garfield Symposium 2015: Garfield in Washington* with the Friends of James A. Garfield National Historic Site and the James A. Garfield National Historic Site. The conference will be held November 6 and 7 in Mentor and Kirtland, OH. Learn more at the Friends website or visit our website to access pdfs with more information about this gathering for historians, students of history, and teachers as well as a writing contest for undergraduate students. This year’s theme is “Garfield in Washington;” the conference will examine many facets of the life and times of James A. Garfield during his tenure in Washington from 1863-1881. Symposium attendees will have the opportunity to learn about Garfield’s time in Congress, his rise to the presidency, and its aftermath, as well as what life was like for the Garfield family in the nation’s capital.



President James Garfield

# USCHS MEMBERS EXPLORE CAPITOL HILL



USCHS members at Congressional Cemetery

This spring, USCHS members explored the U.S. Capitol grounds and the Library of Congress, uncovered the hidden history of Capitol Hill, and learned about some of the “residents” of Congressional Cemetery on our Spring Members Only Tour Series.

On the Landscape Tour of Capitol Square, Superintendent of the Capitol Grounds **Ted Bechtol** walked members through Frederick Law Olmsted’s landscape design plan and discussed efforts to maintain and preserve the grounds so that they adhere to that plan. On the Spies of Capitol Hill Tour led by our resident “spymaster” **Carol Bessette**, members were treated to a behind-the-scenes look at how everyday neighborhoods and objects on Capitol Hill became the backgrounds and instruments of the spy world.

**Paul Williams** and **Daniel Holcombe** of Historic Congressional Cemetery led members around the final resting place of Members of Congress, military and government officials, and Washingtonians both famous and infamous. In addition, members learned about the ongoing preservation efforts at the cemetery. On the final tour in our series, Library of Congress Docents **Chris Keunen** and **Barry Boughton** led members on

a guided tour of the art and architecture of the Jefferson Building of the Library of Congress. Members also learned about the collection at the library, which includes the handwritten Giant Bible of Mainz and the printed Gutenberg Bible.

A special thanks to all our tour guides as well as to the members who were able to attend! The tour series is open to all USCHS members; click here to join or renew your membership!



Members examine The Gutenberg Bible



## Philanthropy in Motion

Thanks to a very generous donation from **Ron and Leslie Sarasin**, USCHS was able to increase the number of people served by the Society’s educational programs. As more people are benefiting from a variety of USCHS educational programs, USCHS Chief Tour Guide **Steve Livengood** is needed in more and more places. Some days he is meeting Fellows at the Capitol Visitor Center, 8th grade students at the bottom of the Hill, and then a group high-school students back at the top of the Hill. “As a 70-year-old disabled Vietnam veteran, my knees understand why they call it the Hill,” said Livengood. “The Society could not have purchased the Segway without the extra generosity of the Sarasins. Their gift increases the number of people that I can encourage to be involved, informed citizens, which is the backbone of democracy.”

## USCHS CALENDAR

Check our calendar online for the most up-to-date listing of events planned for 2016!

USCHS offices will be closed Nov. 25-27 for Thanksgiving.

# THIRD ANNUAL TRUSTEE BREAKFAST FEATURES SENATOR ROY BLUNT



*Nicole Collier (Nestlé), the Honorable Ron Sarasin (USCHS President and CEO), and Leslie Sarasin (Food Marketing Institute)*

Senator Roy Blunt of Missouri was the U.S. Capitol Historical Society's honored guest at the annual Trustee Breakfast on April 24. The event provides a forum for members of the Leadership Council to chat over a light breakfast with a sitting Member of Congress who also serves on the Society's Board of Trustees. Nearly 20 Council members gathered with Senator Blunt in a richly ornamented room in the Russell Senate Office Building, the oldest of the Senate office buildings.

Blunt provided a brief history of the construction and extension of the U.S. Capitol under the shadow of



*Andrew Tanguay (Sanofi) and Jonah Houts (Express Scripts) enjoy cups of coffee.*



*The Honorable Tom Coleman (USCHS Chairman) speaks with Blunt and Sarasin.*



*Brett Loper (American Express) and Ed McClellan (PricewaterhouseCoopers) socialize before sitting down to breakfast.*



*Michelle Dimarob (Altria) and Atalie Ebersole (Grant Thornton) share a laugh in response to Senator Blunt's remarks.*



*Members of the Leadership Council and USCHS Staff sit down to enjoy breakfast.*



*Blunt describes how there is always something new to discover in the art, architecture, and history of the Capitol.*

the Civil War. He commented that his background as a history teacher gives him a level of enjoyment and patience in his job that he might not have had otherwise. Blunt concluded by saying, "he is lucky to be just a little part of the great history of the country." Many attendees shared that they felt inspired to discover more of the history of the Capitol after Blunt's remarks.

The Society wishes to thank Sen. Blunt for his time and his staff for their organizational support. A special thanks to Merck for providing a generous donation to make this breakfast possible.



*Blunt highlights the extraordinary design and engineering that went into building the Capitol dome and the legislative chambers as Sarasin looks on.*

# CAPITOL COMMITTEE UPDATES

USCHS thanks those who renewed, upgraded, or joined the Capitol Committee (March 2015 – May 2015).

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## USCHS WELCOMES BOARD MEMBERS

*The U.S. Capital Historical Society is honored to welcome those who joined our Board of Trustees in 2015. We will introduce you to our 2016 class in the new year.*

### Hon. Roy Blunt Member U.S. Senate



Sen. Roy Blunt was elected to the U.S. Senate from Missouri in 2010 and serves as the vice chairman of the Senate Republican Conference. He also serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee; the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee; and the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. He is the chairman of the Senate Rules Committee and of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies. Blunt also served seven terms in the U.S. House of Representatives. Before serving in Congress, he was a history teacher, a county official, and in 1984 became the first Republican elected as Missouri's Secretary of State in more than 50 years. He also served four years as the president of Southwest Baptist University, his alma mater, in Bolivar, MO. Blunt earned an M.A. in history from Missouri State University; he is a member of the Smithsonian Council for American Art, a trustee of the State Historical Society of Missouri, and a member of the Kennedy Center Board of Trustees. He is married to Abigail Blunt and has four children and six grandchildren.

### Sean Callinicos Senior Director, Federal Government Affairs Sanofi



Sean Callinicos has been a senior government relations representative in Washington, DC for Sanofi since 2004. Sean has lead government relations responsibility for a number of areas, including vaccines, biodefense, international, FDA, and intellectual property. Sean also has the lead Washington, DC responsibility for both the Sanofi and Sanofi Pasteur PACs. Previously, Sean represented a Colorado-based high-technology firm, worked for the U.S. Senate on both committee and personal staff, and practiced

## (USCHS WELCOMES BOARD MEMBERS, CONT.)

*(Sean Callinicos, Cont.)*

corporate law. He is a graduate of Duke Law School and received his BA from UNC-Chapel Hill. He lives in Arlington, VA with his wife and daughter.

**Mary Moore Hamrick**  
**National Managing Principal**  
**of Public Policy**  
**Grant Thornton**



Mary Moore Hamrick leads Grant Thornton's public policy initiatives and government affairs efforts. She is a member of Grant Thornton's U.S. Extended Leadership Team and a chairman of the firm's Political Action Committee. Hamrick has 20 years of experience working for and then with the U.S. Congress. She most recently served as the senior director of external relations and strategic planning for the Center for Audit Quality. She was also a director of the office of external relations for the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board. Hamrick headed the New York Life Insurance Co.'s Washington, DC governmental affairs office, served as counsel to the U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce, and was a registered investments representative for Morgan Stanley, having passed investments exams series 3, 7, and 63. She serves on numerous boards and councils. Hamrick received her bachelor's degree cum laude from Duke University, and her JD and MBA degrees from the University of North Carolina.

**Brett Loper**  
**Senior Vice President,**  
**Government Affairs**  
**American Express**



Brett Loper coordinates American Express' engagement strategy with federal, state, and local governments. Previously, he held the position of deputy chief of staff to House Speaker John Boehner. Loper has served in a variety of capacities

in the White House and the Congress, including as the Republican staff director for the House Committee on Ways and Means and as both chief of staff and deputy chief of staff in the House Majority Leader's Office. He served as a deputy associate director for the White House Office of Management and Budget under President George W. Bush. Loper received his B.A. from Villanova University and an M.B.A. from The George Washington University. He serves as an adjunct professor at Villanova and is a board member of the University's Center for Marketing and Public Policy Research. He serves as a senior advisor to the Bipartisan Policy Center and on the Board of Directors for the Congressional Institute. He and his wife, Ginger, live in Arlington, VA with their three daughters.

**Craig Purser**  
**President and CEO**  
**National Beer Wholesalers**  
**Association**



Craig Purser serves as the leading advocate for licensed, independent beer distributors. Under Purser's leadership, NBWA worked on the Sober Truth on Preventing (STOP) Underage Drinking Act. Purser has served on the staff of former Sen. and Assistant Majority Leader Don Nickles and managed the successful election of Sen. Jim Inhofe. Purser was twice recognized by CEO Update as a Top Association CEO. He has earned the Certified Association Executive credential from the American Society of Association Executives and was recognized as a Young and Aspiring Association Professional by Association TRENDS. Purser serves as a trustee for the Alcohol Beverage Medical Research Foundation and the Center for Alcohol Policy. He also serves as a member of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Association Committee of 100, the ASAE's Key Industry Association Committee, the Association Executives Council of the National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors and the Bryce Harlow Foundation's Board of Governors. Purser has served as a guest lecturer at several universities. A native of Oklahoma, Purser is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma. He and his wife, Gretchen, reside in Alexandria, VA, with their three children.

**Matthew Shay**  
**President and CEO**  
**National Retail Federation**



Matthew Shay is president and CEO of the National Retail Federation. As the top executive of the world's largest retail trade association, he serves as the chief advocate for one of the nation's largest private sector employers, which supports one in four U.S. jobs and contributes \$2.6 trillion to the annual GDP. Shay came to NRF in 2010 and is credited with leading the organization to new levels of effectiveness on policy issues, increasing awareness of the industry's economic contributions, and emphasizing political activity. He previously served as president and CEO of the International Franchise Association. Shay has been recognized by CEO Update as one of the top 50 non-profit chief executives in Washington. He is a graduate of Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio, and The Ohio State University College of Law, and holds a master's degree in business administration from the Georgetown University McDonough School of Business.

**Mark Valente III**  
**President**  
**Valente & Associates**

Mark Valente III is President of Valente & Associates. For over 20 years, he has brought his record of government participation and public service to a wide range of clients, elected officials, candidates, and not-for-profit causes. Valente has also served as director of congressional relations for the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, working with the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program. Through the experience he gained working for President Ronald Reagan in the Office of Public Liaison, Valente earned a reputation as one of the nation's top outreach and coalition strategists. From 1986-1989, Valente was the national director of the Republican National Committee's Coalition Development Department. He is an active participant on the National Republican Congressional Committee's National Finance Committee. Valente is a graduate of Villanova University's College of Commerce and Finance as well as the University of Detroit School of Law.

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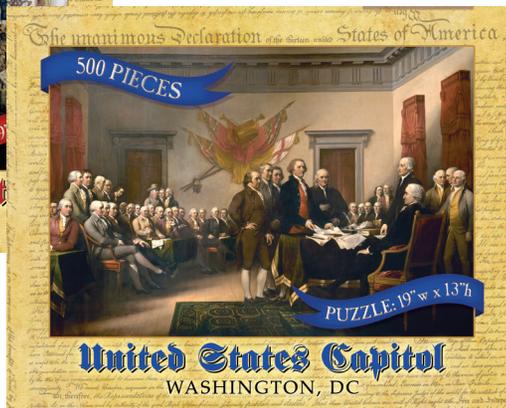
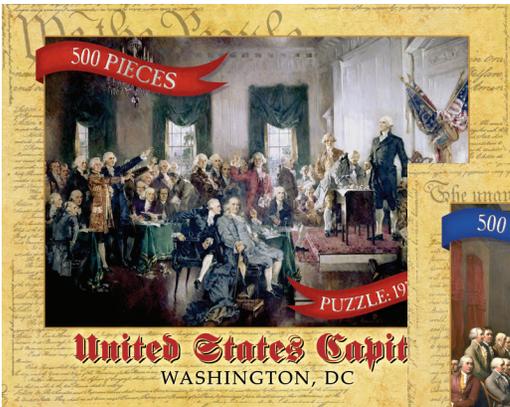
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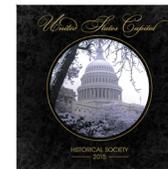
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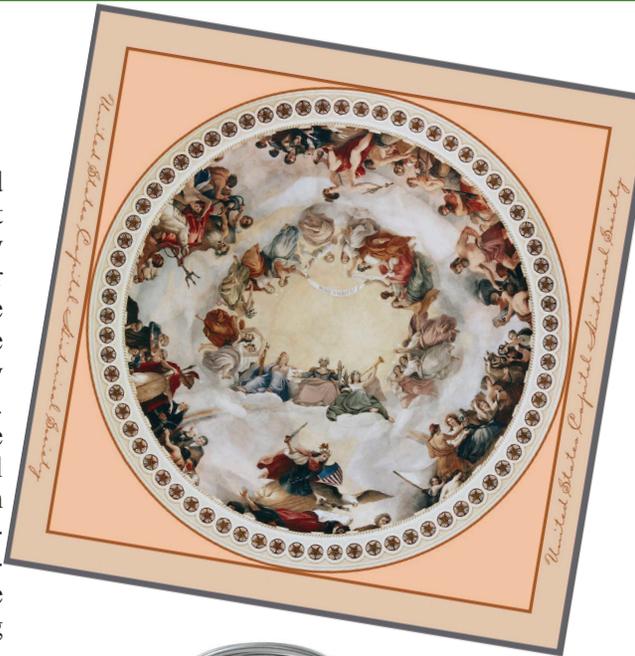
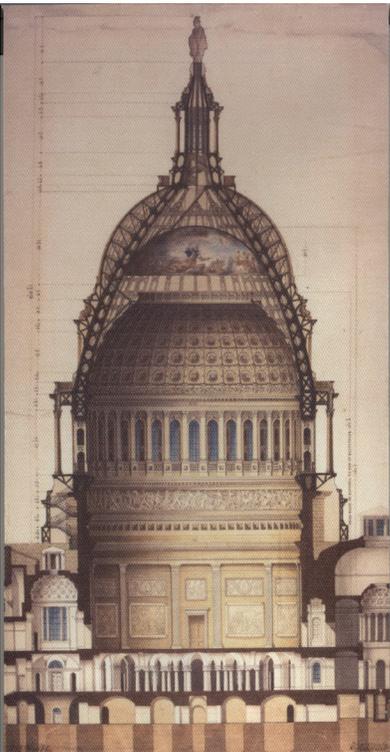


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