

IRP Fall Semester 2026

Week 1

Mon 14 Sep 9:00 Zoom Annie Halliday & Clint Flack - Doans and the Revolution: Loyalist Outlaws in Buck's County, Pennsylvania

Tue 15 Sep 9:00 Leon Reed - America 250: Resistance Turns to Independence

10:30 Andre Weltman - Camp Michaux

Wed 16 Sep 9:00 Zoom - Michelle Krowl, PhD - Love Fords the Sectional Divide: Antonia Ford Willard and the Civil War

Thu 17 Sep 9:00 - Nancy Jill Hale, PhD - Union Chaplains in the Civil War

10:30 - Adam Shefts - The Victorian Historian: A Unique and Strange Look at America's 19th and Early 20th Centuries

Week 2

Mon 21 Sep 9:00 Zoom Ellen McDaniel-Weissler - The Life and Works of Louisa May Alcott

Tue 22 Sep 9:00 Mark Sachleben, PhD - Current Global Migration Trends in Historical Context

10:30 Ryan Gibbs - The Totem Pole Playhouse: "America's Summer Theater"

Wed 23 Sep 9:00 Zoom Stephanie Bohnak - Gilded Age Gals: First Ladies from 1877 to 1900

Thu 24 Sep 9:00 Carolyn Ivanoff - *We Fought at Gettysburg: Firsthand Accounts by the Survivors of the 17th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry*

10:30 Lawrence Bailey, PhD - The United States Constitution: An Enduring but Delicate Document

Week 3

Mon 28 Sep 9:00 Zoom Samantha Freise - Pearl S. Buck and China: Then and Now

Tue 29 Sep 9:00 John Luetzelschwab, PhD - The History of Nobel Prize Injustices for Female Scientists

10:30 John Maietta - Fire, Flood & Fury: America's Worst Natural Disasters

Wed 30 Sep 9:00 Zoom Melissa Winn - Grant's Conscience: The Unique Camaraderie Between Ulysses S. Grant and His Chief of Staff John A. Rawlins

Thu 1 Oct 9:00 Brad Gottfried, PhD - *Grant & Meade: An Uneasy Alliance*

10:30 Linda Gottfried - *Live your Life Like You've Already Won the Lottery*

Week 4

Mon 5 Oct 9:00 Zoom Kate Egner - The Nation's Guest: The Marquis de Lafayette's Farewell Tour on the Nations 50th Birthday
Tue 6 Oct 9:00 Kim Pinzon - The Role of the Soundtrack in Horror Movies
10:30 Niki Hinckle - WellSpan Health: What's Happening in

Franklin County?

Wed 7 Oct 9:00 Zoom David Friedman - Setting up an Environmental Lab in Kazakhstan: What Could Possibly Go Wrong?

Thu 8 Oct 9:00 Alison Dagnes, PhD - Gerrymander Me This: The 2026 Elections

10:30 Pooja Sahni, M.D. - Colorectal Cancer: The Second Leading Cause of Cancer-Related Deaths Worldwide

Week 5

Mon 12 Oct 9:00 Zoom Sandra L. Kearse-Stockton - Surviving and Thriving after Overcoming Spousal Abuse

Tue 13 Oct 9:00 Debra Sandoe McCauslin - First to Fall: The Life and Death of George Washington Sandoe

10:30 Plain People Panel - Practical Aspects of the Amish, Mennonite & Church of the River Brethren Faiths

Wed 14 Oct Zoom Victoria Groce - A Conversation with Jeopardy! Masters Champion Victoria Groce

Thu 15 Oct 9:00 Jeffrey Colvin, PhD - The Manhattan Project

10:30 Mary Bach - Scams All Around us: Don't Take the Bait!

Week 6

Mon 19 Oct 9:00 Zoom Mariah Blake - *They Poisoned the World: Life and Death in the Age of Forever Chemicals*

Tue 20 Oct 9:00 Susan Lyons - Chambersburg's Own Martin R. Delaney: Physician, Journalist, Highest Ranking African-American Field Officer of the Civil War, and Father of Black Nationalism

10:30 M.L. "Mike" Marotte - The History of Franklin County

Wed 21 Oct 9:00 Zoom Barbara Vorndick - Bringing Eliza Home from France: After 200 Years, A First Daughter's Remains are Repatriated

Thu 22 Oct 9:00 - John Ricca - U.S. Strategic Forces & Presidential Authority

10:30 Members Meeting