

**The National Society  
Sons of the American Revolution**

*presents*

**The 2020 SAR Annual Conference  
on the American Revolution**

***Interpreting Independence:  
The Declaration  
Through the Generations***

*September 18-20, 2020*



DoubleTree by Hilton Detroit/Dearborn  
5801 Southfield Expressway  
Detroit, Michigan 48228

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In *American Scripture*, Pauline Maier traces the evolution of the Declaration of Independence from merely a statement that Americans were dissolving the political bands which had connected them to Great Britain, to an expression of national identity, and more, a moral compass to what it means to be an American. But along the way from a political document to a source of inspiration for all Americans, the Declaration has been understood and used in a myriad of ways, and for a number of purposes. *Interpreting Independence* shall explore such questions as ...

- How have different generations of Americans interpreted the Declaration of Independence to advance the causes and address the concerns of their times?
- How has the Declaration been used to promote various causes?
- Which components of the Declaration have been central to the rhetoric of the time? (“All men are created equal ... endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights ”? “To secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed”? Or other ideals and principles set forth in the Declaration?)
- Under what circumstances has the Declaration been used conspicuously? Under what circumstances has it been ignored?

By no means is this list of questions exhaustive. By no means will this conference address all the questions that may be asked about the Declaration. But the conference shall explore the seminal role of the Declaration as *the* Founding Document of the American Republic.

*Interpreting Independence: The Declaration Through the Generations* shall be dedicated to James Kirby Martin, the Hugh Roy and Lillie Cranz Cullen University Professor of History at the the University of Houston.

***Twelve Papers in Four Sessions***

All attendees of the 2020 SAR Annual Conference on the American Revolution are invited to attend all four sessions of the Conference. At each session, three papers will be presented, for a total of twelve. The presenters include scholars such as:

- Lucas Morel, *Washington and Lee University*
- Meena Bose, *Hofstra University*
- Peter S. Onuf, *University of Virginia*

**Other Conference Activities** Attendees who register for the Full Conference Package are also invited to attend the following:

- Friday Reception • Dinner
- Saturday Lunch • Reception • Dinner, followed by a tribute to James Kirby Martin
- Sunday Brunch

**Hotel Accommodations**

The SAR has a block of rooms at the DoubleTree by Hilton Detroit/Dearborn at 5801 Southfield Expressway in Detroit, Michigan. Rooms at the DoubleTree are from \$149 per night, plus applicable state and local taxes. To reserve a room, please call the hotel directly at 313-336-3340 or 800-222-TREE, and tell them you want to attend *Interpreting Independence: The Declaration Through the Generations*, the 2020 SAR Annual Conference on the American Revolution.

***Please make your hotel reservation no later than Friday, September 4, 2020.***

If you would prefer to stay somewhere else, or if the SAR’s block of rooms is sold out, there are several other hotels near the DoubleTree.

***\$250, Full Conference Package, including:***

- Twelve Papers in Four Sessions
- Friday reception and dinner
- Saturday lunch and dinner
- Sunday brunch

***\$100, Twelve Papers Package for Adults: \****

- Twelve Papers in Four Sessions

***\$50, Twelve Papers Package for Students: \****

- (Full time university or high school students)
- Twelve Papers in Four Sessions

*(\* These packages do not include meals.)*

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National Society SAR  
 ATTN: 2020 SARACAR  
 809 West Main Street  
 Louisville, KY 40202

Please make your check payable to “National Society SAR.” The total number of attendees is limited, so please act soon. Registrations for the 2020 SAR Annual Conference on the American Revolution may be accepted until the Conference convenes or is full, but for planning purposes, please try to submit your reservation by Friday, September 4, 2020.

***Please call the hotel of your choice directly to make your hotel reservations.***

Name: _____	Guest: _____
Address: _____	E-Mail: _____
Phone: _____	
	<u>How many?</u> <u>TOTAL</u>
<i>Full Conference Package:</i> _____	@ \$250 ea. \$ _____
<i>Twelve Papers Package for Adults:</i> _____	@ \$100 ea. \$ _____
<i>Twelve Papers Package for Students:</i> _____	@ \$50 ea. \$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT REMITTED: \$ _____	