Friends of John Jay Homestead is proud to sponsor two lecture series, among our other offerings:

**The Founders Lecture (F)** is an annual members-only talk. Begun in 2004, it was sponsored by the Goodhue family, and named for Mary B Goodhue, a New York State legislator and long-time supporter of the Homestead. Beginning in 2014, the lecture has been known as the Founders Lecture, and sponsored by Michaela and Skip Beitzel.

**Scholars Lectures (S)** are held usually in the winter, on a theme showcasing the history that can be told through the Jays and their house. The series is underwritten by a Scholars Lectures Committee.

### 2019
- **Sean Wilentz,** *No Property in Man: Slavery and Antislavery at the Nation’s Founding*  
- **Elaine Weiss,** *The Woman’s Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote*  
- **David Blight,** *Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom*  
- **Akhil Reed Amar,** “New York and the U.S. Constitution”  
- **Andrea Wulf,** *Founding Gardeners*  
- **Annette Gordon-Reed and Peter Onuf,** *Most Blessed of the Patriarchs: Thomas Jefferson and the Empire of the Imagination*  
- **Albie Sachs and Akhil Reed Amar,** “The Making of the South African Constitution”  
- **Rand Scholet,** *Alexander Hamilton: Washington’s Indispensable Partner*  

### 2018
- **Darren Walker and David Rubenstein,** *Why History is Necessary*  
- **Nathaniel Philbrick,** *Valiant Ambition: George Washington, Benedict Arnold, and the Fate of the American Revolution*  
- **Hugh B. Price,** *The African-American Life: A Memoir*  
- **Russell Shorto,** *Revolutionary Song: A Story of American Freedom*  

### 2017
- **James Traub,** *John Quincy Adams: Militant Spirit*  

### 2016
- **Darden Smith and Mary Judd,** *SongwritingWith:Soldiers - the Civil War Diaries of Our Time*  
- **Kevin M. Murphy,** *American Encounters: Anglo-American Portraiture in an Era of Revolution*  
- **Nicholas A. Robinson,** *The Forest Charter and Magna Carta: Evolving Human Rights in Nature*  

### 2015
- **Andrew Jackson O’Shaughnessy,** *The Men Who Lost America: British Leadership, the American Revolution, and the Fate of the Empire*  
- **Donald Gregg,** *Pot Shards: Fragments of a Life Lived in CIA, the White House, and the Two Koreas*  
- **Harold Holzer,** *Lincoln and the Power of the Press: The War for Public Opinion*  
- **Joseph Ellis,** *The Quartet: Orchestration the Second American Revolution, 1783-1789*  
- **Elizabeth M. Nuxoll,** “The Joys and Occasional Sorrows of Editing the Papers of John Jay”  

### 2014
- **Philip Kunhardt,** “What Makes a Transformative Life?”  
- **Craig Townsend,** *Faith in Their Own Color: Black Episcopalians in Antebellum New York City*
Eric Foner, *Gateway to Freedom: The Hidden History of the Underground Railroad*  
2013  
Myron Magnet, *The Founders At Home: The Building of America 1735-1817*  
John Lewis Gaddis, *George F. Kennan: An American Life*  
Col. Cindy Jebb, USMA, “Counterinsurgency: A Reexamination”  
Walter Stahr, *Seward: Lincoln’s Indispensable Man*  
Peter Hatch, *A Rich Spot of Earth: Thomas Jefferson's Revolutionary Garden at Monticello*  
2012  
Charles Rappleye, *Robert Morris: Financier of the American Revolution*  
Louise North et al, *In the Words of Women-The Revolutionary War and the Birth of the Nation, 1765-1799*  
Kenneth Jackson, “The Resilient Metropolis: The Rise and Fall and Rise Again of New York City”  
2011  
Daniel Okrent, *Last Call: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition*  
Nigel Hamilton, *American Caesars: Lives of the Presidents from Franklin D. Roosevelt to George W. Bush*  
Annette Gordon-Reed, *Andrew Johnson: The American Presidents Series: The 17th President, 1865-1869*  
Jeff Shesol, *Supreme Power: FDR vs. the Supreme Court*  
2010  
Emily Kernan Rafferty, “The Met and Museums Mainstream in a Morphing World”  
Elaine Weiss, *Fruits of Victory: The Woman’s Land Army of America in the Great War*  
Graham Russell Gao Hodges, *David Ruggles: A Radical Black Abolitionist and the Underground Railroad in New York City*  
Barnett Schecter, *The Devil’s Own Work: The Civil War Draft Riots and the Fight to Reconstruct America*  
Herbert Sloan, “John Jay: Disappointed Founder”  
Terence Elsberry, “The Jays, Their Religion, and St. Matthew’s Church”  
2009  
Pierre F. de Ravel d’Esclapon, *From Oppression to Freedom: John Jay’s Huguenot Heritage*  
Annette Gordon-Reed, *The Hemingses of Monticello: An American Family*  
Philip Kunhardt, *Looking for Lincoln: the Making of an American Icon*  
David Reynolds, *Waking Giant: America in the Age of Jackson*  
2008  
Fergus Bordewich, *Washington: the Making of the American Capital*  
Lucia Stanton, “Roads To Freedom from Jefferson’s Monticello”  
Robert Forbes, *The Missouri Compromise and its Aftermath: Slavery and the Meaning of America*  
David Gellman, *Emancipating New York: The Politics of Slavery and Freedom, 1777-1827*  
Pierre F. de Ravel d’Esclapon, *The Treaty of Paris*  
2007  
Anne Poulet, *Jean-Antoine Houdon (1741 – 1828): Sculptor of the Enlightenment*  
Joseph Callo, *John Paul Jones: America’s First Sea Warrior*  
Ray Raymond, “The Education of John Jay”  
2006  
Stacy Schiff, *A Great Improvisation: Franklin, France and the Birth of America*  
William Howard Adams, *Gouverneur Morris: An Independent Life*  
Judge Judith Kaye, “From Jay to Kaye: Reflections on New York’s First Chief Justice”  
2005  
Ray Raymond, “John Jay: Founding Diplomat”  
Louise North et al, *Selected Letters of John Jay and Sarah Livingston Jay: Correspondence by or to the First Chief Justice of the United States and His Wife*  
Walter Stahr, *John Jay: Founding Father*  
2004  
Cokie Roberts, *Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation*  
John P. Kaminski, “James Madison and Alexander Hamilton”  
Walter Stahr, “John Jay and John Adams”  
2003  
Frank Brechner, “Ongoing Historical Controversies Concerning the Diplomatic Careers of John Jay and Robert Livingston”  
Walter Stahr, “John Jay’s two terms as Governor of New York (1795 – 1801)”  
Matthew Minichillo, “John Jay’s twenty-eight years of retirement spent here at Bedford”