

JOHN JAY HOMESTEAD SCHOLARS

2017 JOHN JAY LECTURE SERIES GUIDANCE FOR A NEW PRESIDENT

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24



James Traub, *John Quincy Adams: Militant Spirit*.

Scion of a political dynasty and our 6th President, Adams also served the country as a diplomat, Secretary of State and member of Congress. He saw the country through recessions and populist rebellions; assert a role on the world stage; play wedge politics among the great powers of the day; and struggle with nation-building in countries without a tradition of self-government. He finally and painfully recognized that the problem of slavery would have to be faced directly. He was unpopular, passionate, stubborn, difficult as a husband and father, and in his wife's words "magnificent." Traub is author of six books and a writer for ForeignPolicy.com, *The New York Times*, *The Atlantic*, and other journals of public policy and foreign affairs.

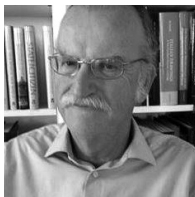
THURSDAY, MARCH 9



Akhil Reed Amar, "New York and the U.S. Constitution."

New York produced four of the current Justices, and our next President is a New Yorker. The story of this State's contributions to the Federal Constitution is dramatic, through all the eras of what Amar calls the original Constitution, the one as amended, the unwritten one, and "the one we deserve." And in November of 2017, we'll be offered a vote on a Constitutional Convention to amend the State Constitution, whose principal author was John Jay. Amar is a Sterling Professor of Law and Political Science at Yale University, where he received Yale's highest award for excellence in teaching.

MONDAY, MAY 1



Annette Gordon-Reed and Peter S. Onuf, *Most Blessed of the Patriarchs: Thomas Jefferson and the Empire of the Imagination*.

Gordon-Reed and Onuf are two of the country's leading Jefferson scholars, at Harvard and the University of Virginia, respectively. Here they portray Jefferson as a man who was able to live with deep contradictions, even in the face of disastrous practical consequences or at the cost of appearing unprincipled. His belief in the rights of man, and his failure to find a practical end to slavery. His love of his family (legal and extralegal) with his inability to save them from the bankruptcy that scattered them at his death. His love of order, and his tolerance for the upheaval that comes with radical change.

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