

FIRST LADIES: MORE THAN THE WOMEN BEHIND THE MEN

Did John Adams listen to Abigail? Was Mary Todd Lincoln depressed? Did Eleanor advise Franklin? Did Edith Wilson really take over for the president? Was Hillary really a co-president? These are questions frequently asked about the first lady. She has no job description and her position is unpaid. There is nothing she is required to do, but much that we expect. From the birth of our country through the present, this course will explore the evolution of the role and the Office of the First Lady. In addition to biographical information, we will explore topics and themes related to the women behind the men. We will examine how they helped shape history and how they left lasting legacies that impact many of us today.



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MONDAYS, SEPTEMBER 30 THROUGH NOVEMBER 4

11am AK | Noon PT | 1pm MT | 2pm CT | 3pm ET

Each session is 90 minutes

- Live Lecture 1, Monday, September 30
- Live Lecture 2, Monday, October 7
- Live Lecture 3, Monday, October 14
- Live Lecture 4, Monday, October 21
- Live Lecture 5, Monday, October 28
- Live Lecture 6, Monday, November 4

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