



BOSTON ATHENÆUM



DIRECTOR'S NOTE

From Presidential parenting to the American Revolution; the history of lighthouses to Bach's cello suites -- June at the Athenæum offers an invigorating mix of lectures, book talks, and concerts. All are welcome to explore the current exhibition, [*Collecting for the Boston Athenæum in the 21st Century: Prints & Photographs*](#), and to learn more in our free, weekly docent-led gallery talks. Young readers can join the Olympics-inspired 2016 Summer Reading program: the games begin today! Travelers may enjoy the privileges of membership even while on the road, via our book mailing service, electronic resources, and reciprocal access to more than 850 museums and cultural institutions. As the summer heat descends, we hope you'll take refuge -- and find intellectual stimulation -- here at 10½.

Elizabeth E. Barker, Ph.D.
Stanford Calderwood Director

GLIMPSED AT 10½

2015-2016 [Von Clemm Fellow](#) of the



Boston Athenæum Lauren Calcote discusses with staff members the materials she treated during her fellowship. Learn more about the work done in the Athenæum's [Conservation Laboratory](#).

Selected **UPCOMING EVENTS** (click each title to read full details)

M-Members only

P-Open to the Public

R-Reception

F-Free event

BRILLIANT BEACONS

A History of the American Lighthouse

Thursday, June 2, 12-1 pm

Book talk with award-winning author and maritime enthusiast Eric Jay Dolin

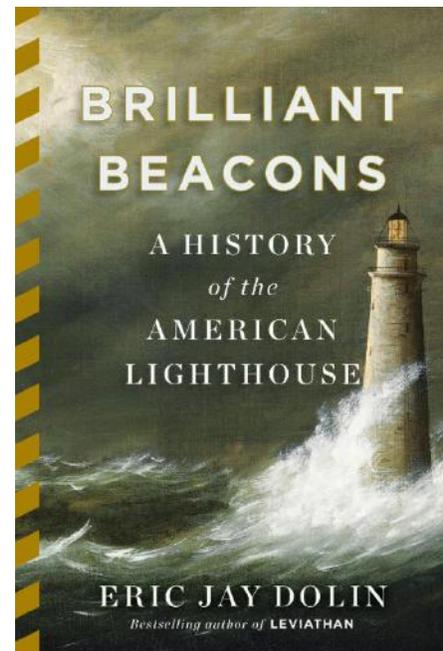
P F

EMMANUEL MUSIC

Tuesday, June 7, 12-1 pm

Bach Cello Suites performed by Rafael Popper-Keizer, David Russell, and Cora Swenson Lee

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LOUISA

The Extraordinary Life of Mrs. Adams

Thursday, June 9, 6-7 pm

Book talk with Grantland writer Louisa Thomas

P R Members \$15 Non-members \$30

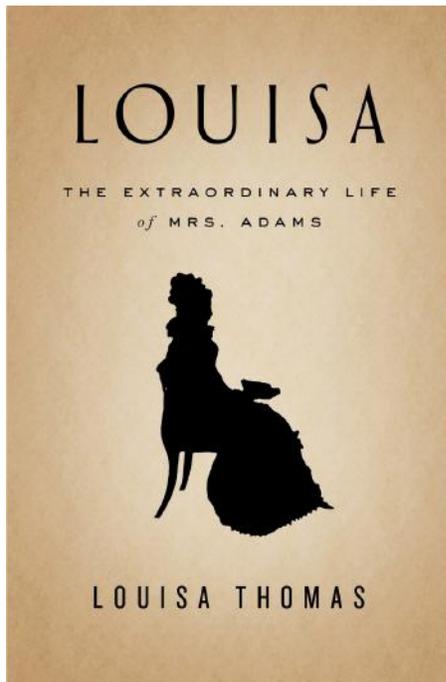
HOPS TO WHEAT

Sixth Annual Beer Tasting Event

Friday, May 20, 10 am-4 pm

An opportunity to sip and sample craft beers from local brewers and importers

M Members \$40



FIRST DADS

Parenting and Politics from George Washington to Barack Obama

Thursday, June 16, 12-1 pm

Book talk with award-winning journalist Joshua C. Kendall

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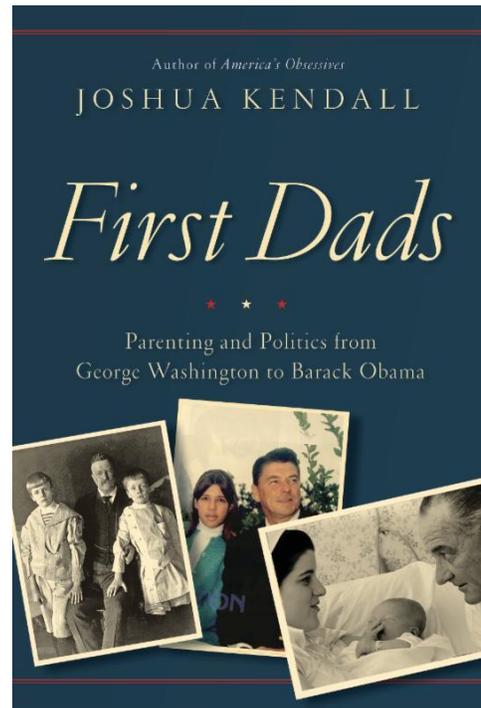
SCHOLARS AT THE EXHIBITION

Members' Choice

Thursday, June 30, 6-7 pm

Panel-style presentation featuring members discussing their research relevant to the exhibition

P Members *Free* Non-members \$15



[VIEW ALL UPCOMING EVENTS](#)



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On View

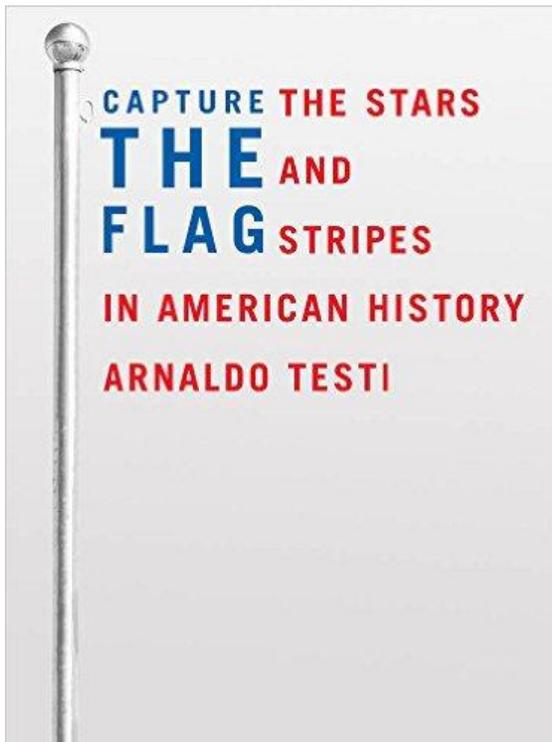
Now on exhibit in the display cases in the first-floor Sitting Room: a set of real photo postcards generously donated to the Athenæum by member James W. Bradley. Real photo postcards were all the rage in early 20th-century America. As their name suggests, they were original photographs printed on postcard stock in black and white. Unlike the color, photomechanical postcards created for the tourist trade, real photo postcards were non-commercial, local productions with small edition runs of one to a couple hundred. They were created by both amateur and professional photographers for local audiences or family and friends. Real photo postcards provide a unique and intimate look at American life in the early 20th century. Bradley will discuss the collection during [Scholars at the Exhibition: Members' Choice](#) on Thursday, June 30 at 6 pm.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

- **RECIPROCAL DISCOUNTED ADMISSION** Members of the Boston Athenæum are eligible to enjoy free or discounted admission to more than 850 arts and cultural institutions throughout North America through the North American Reciprocal Museum Association (NARM) and the Reciprocal Organization of Associated Museums (ROAM). [Learn more online](#) or contact the Membership Office for details and to request a card. Due to limitations imposed by both NARM and ROAM, some guest, discounted, and complimentary members are not automatically eligible for this benefit.
- **CHILDREN'S SUMMER READING** Let the Games Begin! 2016 Summer Reading at the Boston Athenæum will celebrate summer sports going back to Ancient Greece. Open to children and teens of all ages, the summer reading program will run from June 1 to

August 31. [Learn more about the program and how to participate.](#)

- **EXPANDED GALLERY TALKS** The Boston Athenæum is pleased to announce the introduction of weekly, docent-led gallery talks through August. Join a docent for a guided exploration of the current Prints & Photographs exhibition. Docent-led gallery talks are free with gallery admission (free for members, \$5 for non-members), open to the public, limited to 12 participants on a first-come, first served basis. [View a complete list of upcoming dates.](#)
- **2016-2017 FELLOWS** The Athenæum is pleased to announce its 2016-2017 Fellowship recipients. The institution offers short-term fellowships to support the use of its collections for research, publication, curriculum and program development, or other creative projects. Each fellowship pays a stipend for a residency of 20 days (four weeks) and includes a year's membership to the Boston Athenæum. [See a complete list of recipients and their topics.](#)
- **NEW FACES** The Athenæum is pleased to welcome Christopher Boudrot, Augusta Thomas Director of Finance and Accounting; Rhonda Casey, Human Resources Coordinator; and Tyler Moulton, Executive Assistant, to the staff. The Athenæum is also happy to announce the promotions of Dawna Burrus, Manager of Membership and Development (formerly Executive Assistant to the Director and Development)



RELEVANT READS

What's New On Two

Looking for your next read? How about something timely? Check out what's new on two this month! Each week the Reader Services team curates a mini-display of relevant reads, consisting of books pertaining to a timely topic, which can be viewed on the second-floor Bow Room or at [Goodreads](#).

This week of June 13's reads will include books about the American flag, including [Capture the Flag: The Stars and Stripes in American History](#) by Arnaldo Testi.

[Explore more recommendations online.](#)

JUST UPLOADED

Did you miss Mark Kurlansky's talk last month about his book *Paper: Paging Through History*? Watch the event on

Vimeo.



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