

October 21 – Loudoun resident, Dr. Douglas Foard, will present the conclusions of



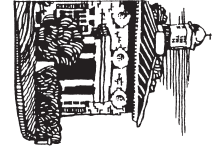
his recent research on the County's namesake, John Campbell, the fourth Earl of Loudoun. The address, entitled *The Imperious Laird*, will seek to explain why a portion of the

northwestern corner of Virginia is named after a Scottish clan leader. He is the former Executive Secretary of Phi Beta Kappa and author of works on the history of modern Spain. He holds his Ph.D. from Washington University in St. Louis.

All presentations will take place on Sundays at 2 p.m. at the Thomas Balch Library in Leesburg. Admission is free but advance registration is suggested by calling 703/ 737-7195.

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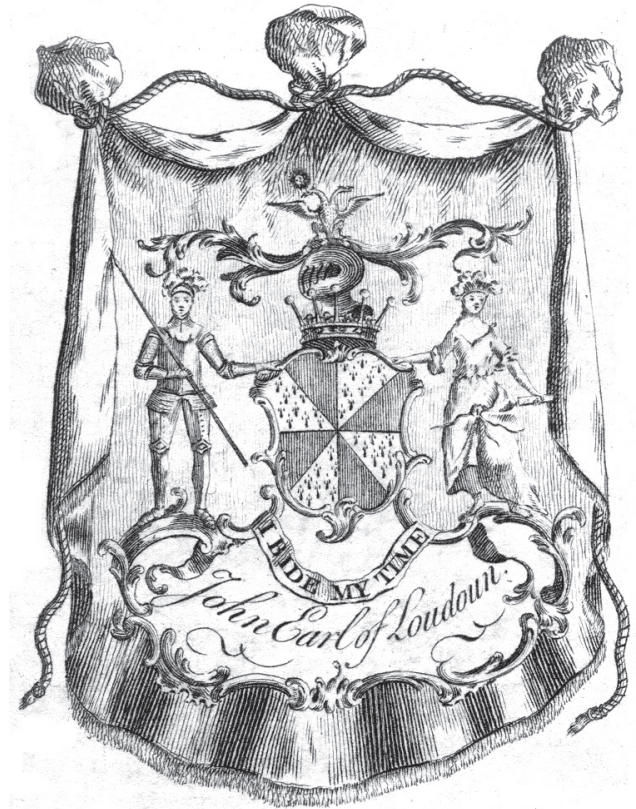


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The 250th ANNIVERSARY *Lecture Series*



*A series of five lectures
hosted by the
Thomas Balch Library
of Leesburg, Virginia*

To celebrate this year's 250th anniversary of the creation of Loudoun County, Virginia, the Thomas Balch Library of Leesburg is hosting a series of five lectures on the historical circumstances under which the County was formed. Its general theme is "Loudoun 1757: On the Border of Mayhem."

The mayhem was the conflict referred to as "the French and Indian War," an important part of the global struggle (1754-1763) between Britain and France for domination of the planet. While no major engagements in that conflict were fought in the County, it still bears the name of the man whom Virginia's colonial legislature hoped would rescue the Commonwealth's residents from the depredations of Britain's French and Native American enemies. George Washington, commanding the Virginia militia, commented: "It is not possible to conceive the situation and danger of this miserable country...no roads are safe."

To explain the historical dimensions of that war and why Loudoun County still reflects its memory will be the following speakers:

April 15 – Dr. Carl J. Ekberg,
Professor Emeritus at Illinois State



University, will address the subject *The French Challenge to British North America*. Professor Ekberg, who earned his Ph.D. in history at Rutgers University, is the author

of the award-winning Upper Louisiana before Lewis and Clark (2002) and several other volumes on French initiatives in colonial America. Professor Ekberg's comments will place in context the threat posed to Virginia in 1757 by England's great imperial rival.

May 6 – Dr. Paul W. Mapp, Assistant Professor of History at the College of William



and Mary, will speak on the topic, *The Seven Years' War and Changing British Imperial Objectives*. Professor Mapp's article "Atlantic History from Imperial Continental,

and Pacific Perspectives" appeared in the October 2006 edition of the William and Mary Quarterly. A Harvard Ph.D., he will discuss the influence of the Seven Years' War on British assessments of the value of North American Territory.

June 17 – *Caught in the Middle: The Indigenous Response to Foreign Imperial*



Designs will be the subject of a presentation by Dr. Timothy J. Shannon of Gettysburg College. Professor Shannon has published widely on the dilemma posed to Native

Americans by the colonial rivalries of Britain and France and the delicate diplomacy exercised by indigenous peoples to prevent the triumph of the great powers over them. An Associate Professor of History at Gettysburg, he earned his doctorate in history at Northwestern University.

September 16 – Dr. Warren

Hofstra, the Stewart Bell Professor of History



at nearby Shenandoah University, will address the topic *When a World War is the Home Front: The Seven Years' War on Virginia Frontiers*. A widely published scholar on the nature of

colonial life in the Commonwealth's Piedmont areas, Professor Hofstra will recall the fearful nature of the Anglo-French conflict in this region. He holds his doctorate in history from the University of Virginia and, among many publications, is the author of The Planting of New Virginia (2004).