

PLEASE NOTE DATE AND TIME CHANGE FROM 3/24

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2:30-4:00 p.m.

“Who Should Live and Whom Should We Let Die?”



Historically, pandemics raise a set of excruciatingly difficult ethical and moral questions. How should we allocate scarce resources like lifesaving ventilators, protective equipment, or vaccines? Should the old be prioritized over the young? As we aim at creating new therapeutics and vaccines quickly, what are acceptable trade-offs between speed and safety? What is the proper balance between civil liberties and public health e.g., requiring a quarantine? What should we do about the fact that in the COVID-19 pandemic, African Americans are dying at three times the rate of white Americans?

To help us discuss these issues, **Dr. Mildred Solomon**, the president of The Hastings Center, the nation’s founding bioethics research institute in New York, and Professor of Global Health and Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School, will describe COVID-19’s ethical landscape. She will raise for discussion the major ethical issues we must resolve to bring the pandemic under control and will help us think about how we might rebuild our society.

Registration Link: www.littlefallsvillage.org/Solomon

PLEASE NOTE DATE HAS MOVED FROM 3/29

MONDAY, APRIL 5, 1-2:30 p.m.

***“Constitutional Patriotism, Partisanship and the Future of American Democracy”* with Congressman Jamie Raskin.**

Congressman Jamie Raskin is the U.S. Representative for Maryland’s 8th Congressional District. He recently served as the Lead House Manager during the second Senate impeachment Trial of former President Donald Trump, which ended with a 57-43 vote to convict.



He is currently serving his third term on the Judiciary, House Oversight, and House Administration Committees and is serving his second term on the Rules Committee and the Select Subcommittee on Coronavirus Crisis.

Prior to his time in Congress, Raskin was a three-term State Senator in Maryland, where he served as the Senate Majority Whip. He earned a reputation for building coalitions in Annapolis to deliver a series of landmark legislative accomplishments, including marriage equality, the abolition of the death penalty, a ban on the sale of military-style assault weapons, and a hike in the minimum wage.

A professor of constitutional law for more than a quarter-century at American University Washington College of Law, Congressman Raskin has written several books, including the Washington Post Bestseller *Overruling*

Democracy: The Supreme Court v. the American People and We the Students: Supreme Court Cases for and About America's Students. He and a collaborator recently wrote a new proposed Maryland State Song to replace the existing one, which has been criticized for its racist and pro-Confederate lyrics.

Congressman Raskin is a magna cum laude graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School, where he served as an Editor of the Harvard Law Review.

Registration Link: www.littlefallsvillage.org/Raskin

THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 1-2:30 p.m.

“The Supreme Court In 2021: How It Got Here, And Where It’s Going.”

Roman Martinez, a Latham & Watkins partner and Supreme Court advocate, will discuss the latest developments at the Court, including the three Trump-appointed Justices, prospects for evolution and reform in the Biden years, and key cases on the October Term 2020 docket.



As a member of the firm’s Supreme Court & Appellate Practice, he focuses primarily on appeals in the Supreme Court of the United States, the United States Courts of Appeals, and state appellate courts. Mr. Martinez has handled civil and criminal matters involving a wide range of constitutional, statutory, and administrative law issues, and he has argued cases in the US Supreme Court and the D.C., Second, Sixth, Ninth, and Federal Circuits, and the New York, California, and Tennessee appellate courts, among others.

Mr. Martinez’s practice encompasses civil and criminal matters spanning virtually all areas of law. In 2016, he rejoined Latham after serving as an Assistant to the Solicitor General at the US Department of Justice. In that role, he represented the United States in litigation before the Supreme Court and advised the Solicitor General on the government’s appellate litigation throughout the country.

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Mr. Martinez has personally argued nine cases in the Supreme Court, including important cases in the fields of the First Amendment, patent law, criminal law, civil rights, employment, and civil procedure. Mr. Martinez served as a law clerk to Chief Justice John G. Roberts of the Supreme Court of the United States and to then-Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh of the D.C. Circuit.

From 2002 to 2005, Mr. Martinez served as an advisor on the Iraqi political and constitutional process, in various roles at the White House, at the US Embassy and Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq, and at the US Department of Defense. He received the Secretary of Defense Medal for the Global War on Terrorism and the US Department of Defense Distinguished Public Service Award for his service in Iraq.

Roman received his B.A. summa cum laude from Harvard; a Master’s in Philosophy from Cambridge University; and his law degree from Yale Law School.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 1-2:30

“US – Russia Relations – Where Do We Go From Here? An update”



Nearly, every 24-hour news cycle contains a news item related to Russia. Whether it is about meddling in U.S. elections or trying to expand their military and diplomatic overtures to other countries around the world, Russia is in the news. Vladimir Putin is determined to bring Russia back to what he believes is its rightful position among the world powers. Our June speaker will offer insights that may help us in understanding the rationale behind the current chaos in the world order.

Gregory Feifer will talk about the current state of the US/Russian relations. A former NPR Moscow correspondent who reported from Russia for almost a decade, he witnessed the coup d'état attempt against Mikhail Gorbachev in 1991. During the country's resurgence under Vladimir Putin, he observed the effects of its vast new oil wealth on an increasingly nationalistic society, as well as, Moscow's rekindling of a new Cold War-style opposition to the West. He has also reported from Ukraine and many other former Soviet republics. Later, as a senior correspondent at Radio Free Europe in Prague, Feifer investigated Russian influence in Europe, including the Kremlin's use of Gazprom, the Russian gas monopoly, as an instrument of foreign policy.

Before joining NPR in 2005, Feifer lived in Paris and New York and has written for numerous outlets, including The New Republic, The Washington Post, and World Policy Journal. Feifer is the author of *The Great Gamble*, a history of the Soviet war in Afghanistan, and co-author of *Spy Handler: Memoir of a KGB Officer*, *The True Story of the Man Who Recruited Robert Hanssen and Aldrich Ames*, with former KGB colonel, Victor Cherkashin.

He is the son of a Russian mother and American father, George Feifer, who was one of the few Western journalists to really dig under the surface of Soviet life during the Cold War. Educated at Harvard, Gregory is an associate of Harvard University's Davis Center for Russian Studies. He is currently working on a book about the assassinated Russian opposition leader Boris Nemtsov. He also serves as executive director of the Institute of Current World Affairs, which awards fellowships to young men and women allowing them to travel outside of the US and gain an in-depth understanding of chosen topic areas He is currently writing a biography of the Russian politician Boris Nemtsov.

COVID willing, Feifer will probably be coming to us from Russia, where he plans to spend the summer researching his next book.

LITTLE FALLS VILLAGE PROGRAMS OF INTEREST

FRIDAY MARCH 26, Developing a Native Garden” with Linda Rieger, Master Gardener.”

Do you have a very small garden, or do you have an acre? This presentation will show you how you can develop a native garden no matter how big your space. Do you have a deer problem? The presentation will identify some plants and tips to help keep those hungry critters at bay. Do you want a pretty garden no matter what the season? This presentation will identify plants that will bloom in winter and others that will bloom throughout the year

Linda Rieger has been a Master Gardener since 2016 and has worked mostly in the Conservation Area at the Demonstration Garden of the University of Maryland. She also provided STEM activities to the teachers and children who come to the C & O Canal on field trips. Linda’s volunteer activities including being a Master Gardener of the Extension Services of the University of Maryland show her commitment to native plants. She is on the action committee of the Sierra Club MD Conservation Council is on the board of the Montgomery County garden Clubs and participates in The Wild Ones of the Chesapeake. Linda Rieger has a master’s degree from Purdue University and worked on her Ph.D. in Educational Psychology at Stanford University. After being an Adjunct Professor at American University, Linda changed her career and worked in Sales and Marketing for 25 years, much of that in graphics and presentations. No matter what her vocation, Linda has always enjoyed gardening. Linda’s passion now is how native plants affect our ecosystem, including humans. She holds a Post Graduate License with the Commonwealth of Virginia to teach with an endorsement in science

Registration Link: www.littlefallsvillage.org/Gardeng/Garden

MONDAY MAY 3, “Cabin John: Legends of an Uncommon Place” with Judith Welles.

Who or what is Cabin John? The name Cabin John is steeped in mystery and legends about lost lovers, ghosts, pirates, and buried treasure. Early land records cite Captain John’s Run, now Cabin John Creek. Did Captain John Smith’s journeys along the Potomac River in 1608 take him to the area later named perhaps after him? Cabin John, a Maryland community near Georgetown in Washington, D.C., has historical significance. The Cabin John Bridge, once known as the Union Arch, is an engineering marvel. It carries the aqueduct that gave Washington, D.C., its first public water. Never before published photos show the grandeur of the Cabin John Bridge Hotel, a resort destination in the 1890s and 1900s.

Judith Welles is a writer and former journalist who has authored local history books about the area in which she lives including *Cabin John: Legends and Life of an Uncommon Place*, *Lilly Stone*, and a new pictorial history *Potomac*. She also wrote a work-life e-book for Kindle, *Get a Life, Try This!*

Judy was media relations manager for PricewaterhouseCoopers and IBM and a speechwriter for U.S. Cabinet members. She has chaired the Montgomery County, Maryland, Commission on Aging, been a Board member of the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal Trust for the national park, and is a speaker for the Montgomery County Historical Society. Her lively talks are accompanied by PowerPoint slide shows of historic photographs.

This event is presented by LFV and is not through the Little Falls Library (MCPL).

Registration Link: www.littlefallsvillage.org/CabinJohn

THURSDAY MAY 13, "The Golden Age of Music, Part II" with Michael Lavine.

Mr. Lavine is the Music Director, Performance Coach, Archivist, and producer of The Lost Broadway And More CD Series. Michael is back with more songs that you know and love as he continues his tour of Tin Pan Alley, from its humble beginnings in the Lower East Side and moving on to Broadway and Movie Musicals. Michael Lavine will be joined by Broadway and cabaret performers, as he presents many of the world's most beloved songs of the 1920's and 1930's.

Registration Link: www.littlefallsvillage.org/Music2

WEDNESDAY MAY 26 "Biden's Foreign Policy in the Middle East and North Africa: Recipes for Success or Failure?" with Jean AbiNader, Principal and Founder, AbiNadar Advisory Services.

Jean AbiNader has decades of experience in public affairs/advocacy, international marketing, education and training, and project management in and for the Arab world and more recently Africa.

Mr. AbiNader will review the initial steps taken by the Biden Foreign Policy team to reshape US policy towards the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region including countering Iran and terrorism, bolstering allies, promoting human rights, and re-establishing humanitarian and economic assistance programs. He will also review Congressional responses and initiatives and how they impact the President's agenda. Jean AbiNader will identify how these policies serve US interests and contribute to regional stability, security, and development, and the challenges and opportunities in the upcoming year.

Registration Link: www.littlefallsvillage.org/MiddleEast

We wish to thank the Little Falls Village for partnering and hosting our virtual speaker's series. Additionally, we thank our other partners, the Federal Executive Institute Alum. Assn., the Senior Executive Assn., NARFE, and the National Capital Area Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration (NCAC) for helping to spread the word about COFFE's luncheons.

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