



The Twelfth Annual Virginia Festival of the Book *March 22-26, 2006*

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We the People

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Wednesday, March 22

Flags: America's Embattled Emblems

With authors Marc Leepson (*Flag: An American Biography*) and John Coski (*The Confederate Battle Flag: America's Most Embattled Emblem*).

4 p.m., City Council Chambers

Neglected Histories—Fascinating Tales

Fintan O'Toole (*White Savage: William Johnson and the Invention of America*), Melvin Patrick Ely (*Israel on the Appomattox: A Southern Experiment in Black Freedom from the 1790s Through the Civil War*), and Lindsay Robertson (*Conquest by Law: How The Discovery Of America Dispossessed Indigenous Peoples*).

6 p.m., UVa Culbreth Theatre

Making History: John Hope Franklin and Rita Dove

John Hope Franklin (*Mirror to America: The Autobiography of John Hope Franklin*) and Virginia Poet Laureate Rita Dove (*American Smooth*) read and discuss personal and cultural history.

8 p.m., UVa Culbreth Theatre

Thursday, March 23

Beyond Banjos: Another Appalachia

Jeff Biggers (*The United States of Appalachia: How Southern Mountaineers Brought Independence, Culture, and Enlightenment to America*) and Jeff Mann (*Loving Mountains, Loving Men*) explore widely unacknowledged cultural and personal histories of Appalachia. Moderated by Rudy Abramson.

Noon, UVa Bookstore

Stories from Appalachia

With Ron Rash (*The World Made Straight*), Gwyn Rubio (*The Woodsman's Daughter*), James Person (*Earl Hamner: From Walton's Mountain to Tomorrow*) and Joe Jackson (*How I Left the Great State of Tennessee and Went on to Better Things*). Moderated by Rudy Abramson. (Appalachian College Association)

2 p.m., Barnes & Noble

Friday, March 24

The Map That Named America: Cartography

Seymour I. Schwartz, Ph.D., discusses his book, *America's Baptism*.

2 p.m., UVa Harrison Institute / Small Special Collections Library

Saturday, March 25

“The Virtuous Republic”: A Civic Conversation The Founders, their view of an informed electorate, ordinary people vs. elites, and fears of the concentration of power. Barbara Clark Smith (Smithsonian), Mark McGarvie (*One Nation Under Law: America's Early National Struggles to Separate Church and State*).

10 a.m., City Council Chambers

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