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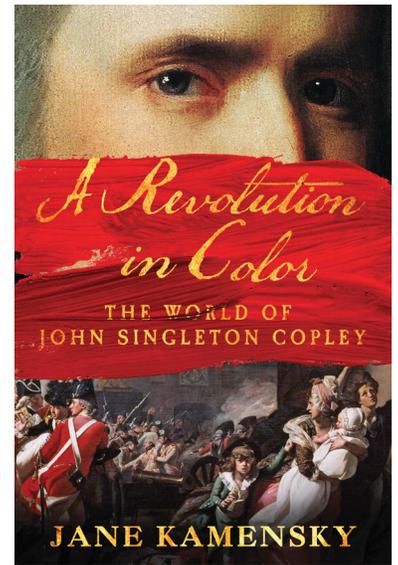
## Colonial History Lecture Series

### ***A Revolution in Color: The World of John Singleton Copley***

Jane Kamensky, Harvard University

**Saturday, June 3, 2017, 10 am**  
**The Newberry, 60 W. Walton St., Chicago**

Join Jane Kamensky as she speaks about her book *A Revolution in Color: The World of John Singleton Copley*. In this bold new history, Kamensky recovers an unknown American Revolution as seen through the eyes of Boston-born painter John Singleton Copley. In this life of painter John Singleton Copley, award-winning Harvard historian Jane Kamensky masterfully untangles the web of principles and interests that shaped the age of America's revolution. Copley's prodigious talent earned him the patronage of Boston's patriot leaders, including Samuel Adams and Paul Revere. But the artist did not share their politics, and painting portraits failed to satisfy his lofty artistic goals. An ambitious British subject who lamented America's provincialism, Copley looked longingly across the Atlantic. When resistance escalated into all-out war, Copley was in London. The magisterial canvases he created there made him one of the towering figures of the British art scene: a painter of America's revolution as Britain's American War.



**Jane Kamensky** is Professor of History and Pforzheimer Foundation Director of the Schlesinger Library at Harvard University. She is a historian of early America, the Atlantic world, and the age of revolutions, with particular interests in the histories of family, culture, and everyday life.

Her publications include: *The Exchange Artist: A Tale of High-Flying Speculation and America's First Banking Collapse* (Viking, 2008), a finalist for the 2009 George Washington Book Prize; and *Governing the Tongue: The Politics of Speech in Early New England* (Oxford UP, 1997). With Edward G. Gray, she edited the *Oxford Handbook of the American Revolution* (Oxford UP, 2012).

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#### UPCOMING PROGRAM

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### **Nathaniel Philbrick**

***Valiant Ambition: George Washington, Benedict Arnold and the Fate of the American Revolution***

**Saturday, November 4, 2017, 10 am**

Award winning author, Nathaniel Philbrick speaks about his new book *Valiant Ambition: George Washington, Benedict Arnold and the Fate of the American Revolution*. This surprising account of the middle years of the American Revolution and the tragic relationship between George Washington and Benedict Arnold, explores loyalty and personal integrity and how America is forced to realize that the real threat to its liberties might not come from without but from within.