

Dell and Audrey Thompson Distinguished Lecture in American Revolution Studies



“MAKING ‘THE CAUSE’ COMMON” a special lecture event featuring Robert G. Parkinson, Ph.D.



Saturday, April 29, 2017

Lecture Event 2:00pm

Book Signing 3:00pm

Saratoga National Historical Park

Free and Open to the Public

How did American patriots convince other colonists to take up arms against the British? How did they gain broad popular support for the War of Independence? Appeals for “liberty” and “freedom” from English tyranny certainly mattered, but what other ideas might have attracted broad popular support for the Revolutionary cause?

Join us for a special lecture event with historian Robert G. Parkinson, Ph.D., an Assistant Professor of History at Binghamton University and specialist in the history of the American Revolution and Founding. In “Making ‘the Cause’ Common” Parkinson will consider the role of fear and racial prejudice in building popular support for the American Revolution.

His lecture draws from his recently published book *The Common Cause: Creating Race and Nation in the American Revolution* (2016), which examines how patriot political and communications leaders embraced the publication of war stories about resistant slaves, hostile Indians, and German mercenaries to bind the 13 colonies together and define England as an enemy of American freedom.

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