



Sunday, July 20 – Friday, July 25, 2025

Sunday Evening, July 20 (6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.)

Ford's Theatre

- Welcome dinner and program overview.
- Introduction to Historiography and Civil War Memory: lecture and discussion with [Kevin M. Levin](#)
- Introduction to Reflective Practice: How perspective-taking and reflection promote learning.

Monday, July 21 (12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)

Howard University and Ford's Theatre

- Visit Howard University, est. 1867.
- Reconstruction in and around Washington, lecture and discussion with [Dr. Edna Greene Medford](#)
- Ford's Theatre as a Site of Tragedy and Living Memorial to President Lincoln, tour and discussion.

Tuesday, July 22 (9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.)

Arlington House and Alexandria Contrabands & Freedmen Cemetery

- Explore the lives and legacies of the enslaved people at Arlington House.
- Discussion with NPS interpreters about the stories of Arlington House: The Robert E. Lee Memorial. Illuminating stories and voices.
- Discussion with Historic Alexandria about reclaiming and reestablishing Alexandria Contrabands & Freedmen Cemetery.
- Explore the ideas and realities of hallowed ground.

Wednesday, July 23 (9:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.)

Frederick Douglass National Historic Site, Emancipation Memorial and Lincoln Memorial

- Frederick Douglass's work and words during Reconstruction: *The Lessons of the Hour*
- Emancipation Statue in Lincoln Park: Depicting Emancipation
- Introduction to Ford's Approach to Oratory.
- Close readings of dedication speeches: *Oration in Memory of Abraham Lincoln* (Frederick Douglass) and *Address at the Dedication of the Lincoln Memorial* (Dr. Robert Moton)
- Evening tour of Lincoln Memorial. How has its meaning changed over time?

Thursday, July 24 (9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

Ford's Theatre, and African American Civil War Memorial

- Hands On History: A workshop led by [Dr. Holly Pinheiro](#) on how to request, read and interpret a soldier's pension records.
- Visit the Memorial. How did the Civil War, compensated emancipation, and the establishment of the United States Colored Troops change the city of Washington?
- What if Reconstruction ended in 1900? Lecture and discussion with [Dr. Kate Masur](#)

Friday, July 25 (9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)

Ford's Theatre

- Being the Keepers of History: Panel Discussion and Roundtable Conversation with Kate Masur, Edna Medford, Holly Pinheiro, and Kevin M. Levin
- Final Reflection.