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## CIVIL WAR MEMORY, MONUMENTS AND MYTHS

**Sunday, July 19 – Friday, July 24, 2026**

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**Sunday Evening, July 19 (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 20 (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 21 (9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.)**

**Arlington House and Alexandria Contrabands & Freedmen Cemetery**

- Illuminate the stories, voices and legacies of the people who lived at Arlington House.
- Public Memory and Narrative Power in Historic Alexandria, VA. Reclaiming the Alexandria Contrabands & Freedmen Cemetery.
- Explore the ideas and realities of hallowed ground.

**Wednesday, July 22 (9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.)**

**Frederick Douglass National Historic Site, Emancipation Memorial and Lincoln Memorial**

- Frederick Douglass's work and words during Reconstruction
- Emancipation Statue in Lincoln Park: Depicting Emancipation
- Introduction to Ford's Approach to Oratory: Frederick Douglass's *Oration in Memory of Abraham Lincoln*
- Evening tour of Lincoln Memorial. How has its meaning changed over time?

**Thursday, July 23 (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 24 (9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)**

**The Grant Memorial, Pennsylvania Avenue and Ford's Theatre**

- Walking tour of Civil War Memorials along Pennsylvania Avenue from the Capitol to 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.