



Virtual Conversation with David Simon is Announced for October 22

Baltimore, MD (September 28, 2020) – The Maryland Center for History and Culture (MCHC) is excited to welcome Baltimore-based journalist, author and television producer, David Simon, to its virtual stage on October 22 for the second installment of the institution’s Core Conversations Series. Beginning at noon, David and Allison Tolman, vice president of collections and interpretation at the MCHC, will explore the concept of dialogue – why dialogue is imperative to a society, how it connects the past with the present, reveals perspectives, encourages questions and examination, and more.

“David Simon graciously agreed to join us for this important conversation, and we think there’s no one better to share his thoughts on why and how talking about and bringing to light the history of a place, or issues of society, is important to culture – and progress,” said Mark Letzer, president and CEO of the Maryland Center for History and Culture.

David Simon is well-known for his portrayal of Baltimore in the celebrated HBO series *The Wire*, which depicts the political and socioeconomic fissures in an American city. His other television credits, including *Generation Kill* and *The Plot Against America*, continue the trend of his commentary on society and dedication to sparking dialogue

The Core Conversations Series was borne from the new identity of the Maryland Center for History and Culture, formerly the Maryland Historical Society, and the institution’s core values—Community, Authenticity, Dialogue and Discovery. The series will include four conversations following these themes. The first featured Librarian of Congress, Carla Hayden discussing Discovery with the MCHC’s Library Director, Catherine Mayfield.

This virtual program is free and open to all audiences, however, registration is required. Those interested in registering can do so through the link here. Once registered for the program, attendees will receive an automated confirmation email with connection instructions.

The Maryland Center for History and Culture’s series will continue throughout the fall, with other noted speakers to be announced. Visit mdhistory.org for a full list of fall virtual programming.

The Maryland Center for History and Culture is now open with limited hours and capacity due to COVID-19. Museum hours are Wednesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. These hours will also apply to the library when it reopens in October after building upgrades are complete. Entry will be monitored to ensure proper social distancing. Masks will be required.

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The Maryland Center for History and Culture (MCHC) collects, preserves, and interprets the history, art, and culture of Maryland. Originally founded as the Maryland Historical Society in 1844, MCHC offers a museum, library, and education programs to inspire critical thinking, creativity, and community. Learn more at mdhistory.org.

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