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History Center to Kick Off Vietnam War Speaker Series with Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author Fredrik Logevall

- Nationally renowned speakers including filmmaker Lynn Novick and author Lan Cao will discuss the war's origins and impact throughout the run of *The Vietnam War* exhibit –

PITTSBURGH, June 4, 2019 – The Smithsonian-affiliated Senator John Heinz History Center will kick off its **Vietnam War Speaker Series** on **Thursday, June 20, at 7 p.m.**, with Pulitzer Prize-winning author **Fredrik Logevall**.

Presented in conjunction with the History Center's ***The Vietnam War: 1945-1975*** exhibition, the Vietnam War Speaker Series will include four talks by five nationally renowned speakers on the war's origins, its impact on American society, and its lasting effects on the people of Vietnam.

Fredrik Logevall, a professor at Harvard University, is a specialist on U.S. foreign relations history and 20th century international history. He is the author or editor of nine books, including "Embers of War: The Fall of an Empire and the Making of America's Vietnam" (Random House 2012), which won the Pulitzer Prize for History in 2013, as well as the Francis Parkman Prize, the American Library in Paris Book Award, and the Arthur Ross Book Award from the Council on Foreign Relations.

Logevall will discuss the collapse of French colonialism and the American war that followed in Vietnam. Following his presentation, he will sign copies of "Embers of War," which will be available for purchase.

The Vietnam War Speaker Series will continue with monthly lectures throughout the run of ***The Vietnam War: 1945-1975*** exhibit:

- **Tuesday, July 23: Lynn Novick**, Emmy and Peabody Award-winning filmmaker who co-directed the 10-part, 18-hour epic PBS documentary "The Vietnam War" with Ken Burns, and **Alyssa Rosenberg**, opinion columnist for the Washington Post
- **Wednesday, Aug. 7: Marci Reaven**, vice president for history exhibitions at the New-York Historical Society and original curator of ***The Vietnam War: 1945-1975*** exhibition
- **Thursday, Sept. 5: Lan Cao**, author of "Monkey Bridge" and "The Lotus and the Storm" and Professor of International Economic Law at Chapman University

Admission to all four lectures can be purchased at a discounted rate of \$65 until Wednesday, June 19. General admission to each lecture is \$20 per person. Please register online at www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events/vietnam-war-speaker-series.

Developed in partnership with the New-York Historical Society, *The Vietnam War: 1945-1975* exhibit uses powerful photography, fascinating artifacts, and more than 20 audio/visual displays to tell the deeply personal stories of the men and women who were impacted by the war, from the home front to the front lines. *The Vietnam War* exhibition will be on display through Sept. 22, 2019.

For more information, visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/vietnam.

The Senator John Heinz History Center, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution and the largest history museum in Pennsylvania, presents American history with a Western Pennsylvania connection. The History Center and Sports Museum are located at 1212 Smallman Street in the city's Strip District, and are open every day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The History Center's museum system includes the Sports Museum; the Fort Pitt Museum in historic Point State Park; and Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village, a National Historic Landmark located in Avella, Pa. in Washington County. More information is available at www.heinzhistorycenter.org.



On June 20, the Heinz History Center will host Pulitzer Prize-winning author Fredrik Logevall as part of its Vietnam War Speaker Series, presented in conjunction with *The Vietnam War: 1945-1975* exhibition.

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