



“To promote an understanding of the complexity of the life and times of President Woodrow Wilson, his influence on the world, his relevance today and for the future.”

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Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library Presents *Reckoning: A Series on US Presidents and Race* in partnership with fellow Presidential Sites.

STAUNTON, VA – The Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library announces its new program *Reckoning: A Series on US Presidents and Racial Inequality*. This virtual series will explore both the views and the political policies of individual presidents toward minority populations, and how presidential sites educate their visitors on the issue of race.

The first session will be held Thursday, January 20th at 7:00 pm on ZOOM and will focus on the policies of Andrew Jackson. Featured scholars will be: Daniel Sharfstein of Vanderbilt University Law School; Catherine Foreman-Gray, history and preservation officer with the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma; and Erin Adams, Director of Education for Andrew Jackson’s Hermitage. A new conversation will occur each month and discussion will include up to three public historians and a moderator. Registration is available at www.woodrowwilson.org.

In addition to Andrew Jackson’s Hermitage, other partners include the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, the Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library, the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library & Museum, the Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site, the Theodore Roosevelt Center, and the Warren G. Harding Presidential Sites.

“The struggle for racial equality has existed since the beginning of our nation,” says Robin von Seldeneck, President and CEO of the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library, “but we often overlook the impact of policies made by later presidents. There is so much more to learn about the policies of those presidents after the founding period and the impact of those decisions even today”.

In addition to each monthly program, a virtual toolkit is available containing free resources developed by the various sites, including primary resource materials, information about each contributor, and links to external resources.

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The Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library and Museum is an educational institution dedicated to the study of the life of President Wilson and the times in which he lived. In addition to welcoming museum visitors from around the world, the Presidential Library produces online educational programming for people of all ages. For additional information, call 540-885-0897 or visit www.woodrowwilson.org.

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