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**2010 Mark O. Hatfield Distinguished Historians Forum  
Presented by the Oregon Historical Society  
-Begins Tuesday, February 23, 2010-**

**Portland, OR – January 29, 2010** — The Oregon Historical Society is proud to present this year's Mark O. Hatfield Distinguished Historians Forum. In its twelfth year, this popular lecture series brings four leading historians to Portland for thought provoking nights of history. This year promises to be an exciting series, with Ron White, Patty Limerick, Douglas Brinkley and James McPherson all scheduled to speak.

Each lecture takes place on a Tuesday evening at the First Congregational Church on the South Park Blocks, and focuses on a different topic in American history. Patron level ticket holders are invited back to the Oregon Historical Society after the lecture for an exclusive reception with the speaker and a chance to get books and memorabilia personally signed.

All lectures begin at 7:30 p.m. Series tickets are on sale now through [boxofficetickets.com](http://boxofficetickets.com), and individual ticket sales will begin on February 1. We hope you will join the Oregon Historical Society and these four phenomenal historians for what will surely be enjoyable evenings of history. For more information on the lecture series and ticket sales, please visit [www.ohs.org](http://www.ohs.org).

The schedule and topics for the lectures series are:

**February 23, 2010: Ron White – Abraham Lincoln**

Dr. Ronald C. White, Jr. is the bestselling author of *A. Lincoln: A Biography*, *Lincoln's Greatest Speech: The Second Inaugural*, and *The Eloquent President: A Portrait of Lincoln Through His Words*. He has lectured at the White House and been interviewed on the *News Hour with Jim Lehrer*. White is a graduate of UCLA, Princeton Theological Seminary, and earned his Ph.D. in Religion and History from Princeton University.

**March 16, 2010: Patty Limerick - Western American History**

Dr. Patty Limerick is the Faculty Director and Chair of the Board of the Center of the American West at the University of Colorado, where she is also a Professor of History. Limerick has dedicated her career to bridging the gap between academics and the general public and to demonstrating the benefits of applying historical perspective to contemporary dilemmas and conflicts.

**April 13, 2010: Douglas Brinkley – Theodore Roosevelt**

Dr. Douglas Brinkley is a professor of history at Rice University and a fellow at the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy. Five of Brinkley's books have been selected as *New York Times* Notable Books of the Year: *Dean Acheson: The Cold War Years* (1992); *Driven Patriot: The Life and Times of James Forrestal*, with Townsend Hoopes (1992); *The Unfinished Presidency: Jimmy Carter's Journey Beyond the White House* (1998); *Wheels for the World: Henry Ford, His Company, and a Century of Progress* (2003) and *The Great Deluge: Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans, and the Mississippi Gulf Coast* (2006).

**May 18, 2010: James McPherson - Civil War Era**

Dr. James M. McPherson is the author of 15 books and the editor of another ten, mostly on the era of the Civil War and Reconstruction and on Abraham Lincoln. His books have won several prizes, most notably the Pulitzer Prize (1989) for *Battle Cry of Freedom; The Civil War Era*. From 1962 to 2004 he taught at Princeton University, where he is currently the George Henry Davis '86 Professor of American History Emeritus.

**About the Oregon Historical Society**

The Society has served since 1898 as Oregon's primary research collection and museum about Oregon history. OHS has an extensive collection of historical pieces, including over 85,000 artifacts and 3 million photographs and films. It safeguards and presents Oregon's history through a museum, research library, traveling exhibits, school programs and website content.