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Salisbury House announces the 2017-2018 season of The History Series

DES MOINES, IA (September 2017) – Salisbury House Foundation (SHF) is pleased to announce the 2017-2018 season of *The History Series* at Salisbury House. This series brings history to life with innovative topics presented by nationally acclaimed historians. The public lecture series features three speakers whose presentations invoke thought and reflection. Each presentation is held in the exquisite Common Room at Salisbury House. Featured historians, topics and dates include:

Thursday, November 16 at 7:30pm - Joseph Berton, author of *T. E. Lawrence and the Arab Revolt, An Illustrated Guide*, explores the life and legend of the man known to many as “Lawrence of Arabia.” This talk will include an exhibit of Mr. Berton’s extensive collection of Lawrence artifacts, and objects from the Salisbury House Permanent Collection.

Thursday, March 22 at 7:30pm - Kenneth W. Harl, Professor of Classical and Byzantine History at Tulane University, examines the Ottoman Empire’s most important political rulers. He discusses the importance of Sultan Suleiman I, the politics of the grand Ottoman court, and the empire’s cultural contributions.

Thursday, April 12 at 7:30 pm - Dorsey Armstrong, Associate Professor of English and Medieval Literature at Purdue University, narrates one of the most popular legends of Western civilization: the saga of King Arthur and his knights and ladies.

Tickets to the complete 2017-2018 season of *The History Series* featuring all three lectures are \$25 and are available for purchase through November 16, 2017. Tickets to a single lecture are \$10 each. Students are free with presentation of an I.D. and are subject to availability. Tickets are available at salisburyhouse.org or by calling 515-274-1777.

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Salisbury House & Gardens is a private, non-profit organization governed by the Salisbury House Foundation. Located in the Salisbury Oaks Neighborhood in the heart Des Moines, Salisbury House & Gardens is a historic house museum that is open to the public and welcomes thousands of guests each year for its cultural, historical, educational and social events. Completed in 1928, Carl and Edith Weeks modeled their country estate after the King’s House in Salisbury, England. The 42-room English manor house is filled with valuable collections from the Weeks family estate, including paintings, sculpture, textiles, rare books and documents, and decorative arts.