



## News Release

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### Salisbury House & Gardens Welcomes Acclaimed Authors To Fall 2012 History Series

Des Moines, IA (September 10, 2012) — Salisbury House & Gardens (SH&G) is pleased to announce an impressive roster of authors for the fall *History Series at Salisbury House*. Established as a thought provoking and innovative lecture series, the *History Series at Salisbury House* will feature three highly-regarded historians this fall.

On September 27<sup>th</sup>, Dava Sobel, an internationally acclaimed author and journalist, will present a lecture on her latest work, *A More Perfect Heaven*. A former *New York Times* science reporter, Ms. Sobel is the author of *Longitude*, *Galileo's Daughter*, and *The Planets*. She is a frequent writer for magazines including *Audubon*, *Discover*, *Life* and *The New Yorker*, as well as a contributing editor to *Harvard Magazine*.

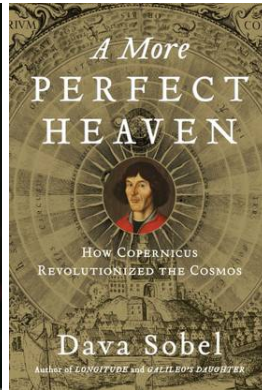
Fr. Augustine Thompson of the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology (DSPT) in Berkeley, California will speak about his latest work, *Francis of Assisi*, on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Thompson has been a professor of religion and history for over 25 years at the University of California Berkley, the University of Oregon, and the University of Virginia and DSPT.

On December 13<sup>th</sup>, historian Joan Hoff will talk about the evolution of the modern American presidency's role in foreign policy, referencing her latest work, *A Faustian Foreign Policy: From Woodrow Wilson to George W. Bush*. A commentator on the presidency for "The News Hour with Jim Lehrer" and a professor of history at Montana State, she is the former president for the Center for the Study of the Presidency. Dr. Hoff is the author of *The Cooper's Wife is Missing: The Trials of Bridget Cleary*, *Nixon Reconsidered*, and *Law, Gender, and Injustice: A Legal History of U.S. Women*.

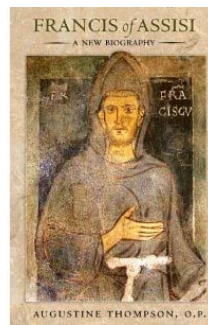
The *History Series at Salisbury House* lectures start at 7:30 pm and are made possible through the generous support of Harry Bookey, Pamela Bass-Bookey and Fred and Charlotte Hubbell. Tickets are \$12.50 for adults, \$11.25 for members and \$5 for students. Advance registration is encouraged, as seating is limited. For more information about the *History Series at Salisbury*

House visit historyseries.net or to purchase tickets, visit salisburyhouse.org or call (515) 274-1777.

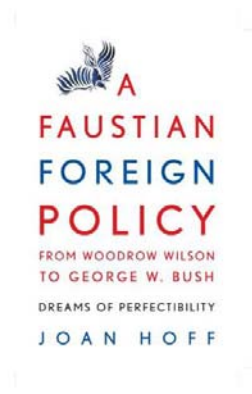
Salisbury House & Gardens is a 42-room historic house museum owned and operated by the Salisbury House Foundation. Built by cosmetics magnate Carl Weeks and his wife, Edith, between 1923 and 1928, the estate was modeled after King's House in Salisbury, England, and still houses the Weeks family's historic and significant collection of paintings, sculpture, rare books and documents, antique furniture, and decorative arts.



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