NEXT WEEK

Facebook Livestream Book Launch for

The Cabinet: George Washington and the Creation of an American Institution by Dr. Lindsay Chervinsky

April 7th, 5:00-6:30PM


Chervinsky will speak about Washington’s life and the creation of the first cabinet with Dr. Colleen Shogan, Senior Vice President and Director of the David M. Rubenstein National Center for White House History. Viewers on the Facebook livestream can ask Chervinsky questions during this online event.

WHEN: Tuesday, April 7th, 2020; 5:00-6:30 PM

WHERE: White House Historical Association Facebook Page: @WhiteHouseHistory

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“ The Cabinet: George Washington and the Creation of an American Institution explores the origins of the cabinet and its role in the presidency. I couldn't find any
While Alexander Hamilton, Thomas Jefferson, and their relationships with George Washington have received a lot of attention, most scholars assume the cabinet was inevitable and existed from the beginning. The reality is far more complicated, and I wanted to tell that story and its modern ramifications.”

-Lindsay Chervinsky, Historian and Author

**About *The Cabinet: George Washington and the Creation of an American Institution***:

The US Constitution did not create the president’s cabinet—the delegates to the Constitutional Convention explicitly rejected the idea. But faced with unprecedented diplomatic, constitutional, and domestic challenges, President George Washington concluded he couldn’t make decisions alone. Two-and-a-half years into his presidency, Washington convened the first cabinet meeting with some famous historic figures: Alexander Hamilton, Thomas Jefferson, Henry Knox, and Edmund Randolph. Over the next several years, they provided crucial support and advice, as Washington established cabinet precedent. Every president since Washington has followed his example and met with a cabinet, sometimes with mixed results — cabinet secretaries have brokered diplomacy, almost caused wars, and everything in between. *The Cabinet: George Washington and the Creation of an American Institution* explains how Washington formed this powerful institution and why its legacy is so important.

**About Dr. Lindsay Chervinsky**: Lindsay M. Chervinsky is White House Historian at the White House Historical Association. She previously was a postdoctoral fellow at the Center for Presidential History at Southern Methodist University.

**About The White House Historical Association**

First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy envisioned a restored White House that conveyed a sense of history through its decorative and fine arts. In 1961, the White House Historical Association was established to support her vision to preserve and share the Executive Mansion’s legacy for generations to come. Supported entirely by private resources, the Association’s mission is to assist in the preservation of the state and public rooms, fund acquisitions for the White House permanent collection, and educate the public on the history of the White House. Since its founding, the White House Historical Association has contributed more than $50 million in fulfillment of
its mission. To learn more about the White House Historical Association, please visit www.whitehousehistory.org.

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