



THE AMERICAN  
CIVIL WAR CENTER  
*At Historic Tredegar*

## **LSU Press Partners with Center to Publish Conference Lectures** ***Thirteen Historians to Publish Works***

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**Richmond, Va.** – Today The American Civil War Center *at Historic Tredegar* announces their partnership with the Louisiana State University Press, one of the nation’s premier academic presses. The Center’s first publication, in conjunction with LSU, will be ***In the Cause of Liberty: How the Civil War Redefined American Ideals***, a book of essays by 10 of the nation’s leading historians and edited by authors William J. Cooper of Louisiana State University and John M. McCardell, Jr. of Middlebury College. A result of the continued efforts to further the Center’s mission “to tell the whole story of the conflict that still shapes our nation,” the publishing deal is a coup for the museum, barely six months old.

The book will emerge from a conference of the same name that the Center will host at the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond on March 23-24, and to which the general public is invited. “The Center has assembled an impressive group of historians on this project, which should make for an excellent book. We’re honored to present our plan for its publication,” said Mary Katherine Callaway, Director of the Louisiana State University Press.

Eminent Princeton scholar and Pulitzer Prize-winner James McPherson will keynote the conference on Friday morning. “What you are doing – programming that presents Union, Confederate and African American perspectives – is lacking today and is much needed for future generations to understand how the Civil War shaped the nation we take for granted,” Professor McPherson, one of the Center’s academic advisors, has told Center leaders. Other prominent historians such as Richard Carwardine of Oxford University, Wilson Moses of Penn State, and George Rable of the University of Alabama will also speak. Walk-ins are welcomed or participants may register online in advance at [www.tredegar.org](http://www.tredegar.org).

The conference, co-sponsored by Dominion and Verizon, is drawing attendees from throughout the country. To date, 200 are registered and walk-ins are expected. Participants from Atlanta and

New York are among those registered due in part to the recent programs that the Center hosted at the Atlanta History Center and New York Historical Society.

Educators are encouraged to attend and earn nine Continuing Education Units (CEUs).

Registration fees range from \$30 to \$110. Fees include meals and a reception at the Center on Friday evening at 5 p.m.

The Center is open daily, Monday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is located at the Historic Tredegar Iron Works near the Richmond Riverfront and Canal Walk. For details on upcoming activities and special programs, visit [www.tredegar.org](http://www.tredegar.org).

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**The mission of The American Civil War Center is to “tell the whole story of the conflict that still shapes our nation.” The Center is located at the Tredegar Iron Works, an 8.3 acre National Historic Landmark site by the James River in Richmond. The 1861 Gun Foundry is home to the 10,000-square-foot flagship exhibit, *In the Cause of Liberty*, the nation’s first exhibit to explore the war’s causes, course, and legacies from Union, Confederate and African American perspectives. The Center offers History Labs and digital history programming for students K-12, while the Tredegar Institute provides ongoing adult educational opportunities through community dialogues and symposia.**