The Department of History Presents

“History, Princeton and (occasionally) Myself...”

A Valedictory Lecture by
Sir David Cannadine

Friday, April 28, 2023
3 p.m. | Betts Auditorium
Princeton University
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Cannadine received his doctorate from the University of Oxford and was awarded a Litt. D. by the University of Cambridge in 1993. He is also the recipient of honorary doctorates from South Bank University, the University of East Anglia, the University of Birmingham, the University of Worcester, the Open University, the University of London, the University of Leicester, Queen’s University, Belfast, the University of Aston, and Strathclyde University.
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Program of Events

University Welcome

Angela N. H. Creager
Thomas M. Siebel Professor in the History of Science
Chair, Department of History | Princeton University

Introduction

David A. Bell
Sidney and Ruth Lapidus Professor in the Era of North Atlantic Revolutions | Princeton University

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Immediately following the lecture, guests are invited to continue the celebration with a reception at:

Louis A. Simpson International Building - Atrium

Additional remarks will be given by:

Martha Groppo *19
Assistant Professor | Department of History, Philosophy, and Religious Studies | Eastern Kentucky University

Sean Wilentz
George Henry Davis 1886 Professor of American History
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