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Program

Welcome & Introductions

Dr. Lori Cox Han

Professor of Political Science

Director, Presidential Studies Program

Doy B. Henley Chair of American Presidential Studies

Q&A with Featured Guest

Dr. Douglas Brinkley

New York Times Bestselling Author & Acclaimed

Presidential Historian for CNN

Moderators

Dr. Lori Cox Han

&

Dr. Luke Nichter

Professor of History

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Douglas Brinkley is the Katherine Tsanoff Brown Chair in Humanities and Professor of History at Rice University, a CNN Presidential Historian, and a contributing editor at Vanity Fair. He has received seven honorary doctorates in American Studies. He works in many capacities in the world of public history, including for boards, museums, colleges, and historical societies. Six of his books were named New York Times “Notable Books of the Year,” and seven became New York Times bestsellers.

His *The Great Deluge: Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans, and the Mississippi Gulf Coast*, 2007, received the Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Book Award. Nancy Reagan selected him to edit President Ronald Reagan’s presidential diaries (2011). His 2012 book *Cronkite* won Fordham University’s Ann M. Sperber Prize for outstanding biographies. His two-volume annotated *The Nixon Tapes* in 2016 won the Arthur S. Link – Warren F. Kuehl Prize. He received a Grammy Award 2017 as co-producer of *Presidential Suite: Eight Variations on Freedom (Best Jazz Ensemble)*. The New York Historical Society selected Brinkley in 2017 as their official U.S. Presidential Historian. He is on the Board of Trustees at Brevard College and the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library. He is a member of the Century Association, Council of Foreign Relations, and James Madison Council of the Library of Congress.

He lives in Austin, Texas, with his wife and three children.