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Dr. Michael Hattem, in conversation with Dr. Chuck Jones, Monmouth County Historical Association

For nearly 250 years, Americans have developed an unusually deep emotional connection to their founding, making the Revolution the nation's "origin myth" — a story with a prominent place in American politics and culture throughout our history. In this talk, Dr. Hattem explores how and why Americans have such a unique attachment to their Revolution, and traces the surprising early history of one of its most enduring legacies: the Declaration of Independence.

Dr. Hattem received his PhD in History from Yale University and is the author of *The Memory of '76: The Revolution in American History* (Yale University Press, 2024), a finalist for the 2025 George Washington Prize, and *Past and Prologue: Politics and Memory in the American Revolution* (Yale University Press, 2020).

His forthcoming book, *The Declaration of Independence: A Concise History* (Oxford University Press), will be published in November 2026.

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Historian and author Michael Adelberg has been researching the American Revolution in Monmouth County for more than 30 years. He will present a lecture focusing on the Revolutionary War on Rumson Neck — featuring the Battle at Black Point and the stationing of Continental troops in Rumson after the Battle of Monmouth. Adelberg will be signing copies of his new book, *The Revolutionary War on the Jersey Shore*, publishing June 2026. He is the author of the award-winning *The American Revolution in Monmouth County*, and three other books.

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