

In celebration of the 250th anniversary of the foundation of the United States of America, Triton College invites its students, faculty, staff and community members to a cycle of four lectures on the 1776 *U.S. Declaration of Independence*

We Hold These Truths

250th of the *U.S. Declaration of Independence*

Created Equal: The Premises and Promises of the *Declaration of Independence*

Eric Slauter, University of Chicago

This lecture focuses on the text of the *Declaration of Independence*, how it originated and how it has been interpreted in U.S. history.

Tuesday, Sept. 22 ▪ 1 p.m.
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Independence in Illinois Country

Michaela Kleber, Northwestern University

This lecture focuses on the native nations of Illinois at the time of the *Declaration of Independence*, when Illinois was not yet a state of the Union.

Wednesday, Oct. 14 ▪ 1 p.m.
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Republican Virtue and Walmart: The Jeffersonian Republic and Pursuit of Happiness

Anthony Catenazzo, Triton College

This lecture focuses on the philosophical ideas that inspired the *U.S. Declaration of Independence* and how they are still relevant today.

Wednesday, Nov. 11 ▪ 1 p.m.
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Declaring Freedom: Lessons from Black Freedom Struggle

Eddie O'Byrn, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

This lecture focuses on how social and political movements in the U.S. appeal to the ideas in the *Declaration of Independence* to bring about social change.

Thursday, Dec. 3 ▪ 1 p.m.
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