

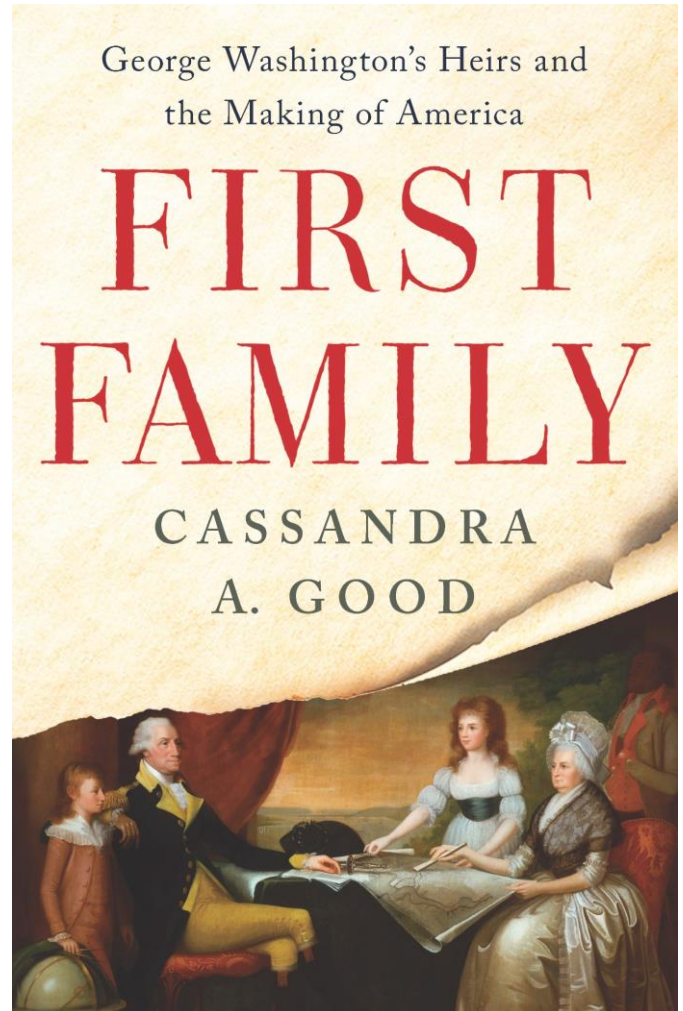
First Family: George Washington's Heirs and the Making of America with Cassandra Good

Online course: Thursdays on Zoom, 10/5, 10/19, 11/2, 11/16, 6:00-7:30 p.m. ET
Participants will receive Zoom link a week before the course starts

Cassandra Good's new book *First Family*, follows the saga of George Washington's celebrity stepgrandchildren from the Revolution to the Civil War. We'll be going behind the scenes to learn about the research for the book and examine original documents and objects, including some in the Rosenbach's collection. In our discussions, we'll tackle big issues in early American history: What is the legacy of the founders? How did slavery coexist with ideals of liberty? What role did women play in early American politics? While this is a story of early America, it also raises questions for us today about the political power of families and, even more broadly, what defines family itself.

Required text:

First Family: George Washington's Heirs and the Making of America
by Cassandra Good
ISBN: 1335449515



Reading schedule from *First Family*

Oct 5: prologue, ch 1, 2

Oct 19: ch 3, 4, 5

Nov 2: ch 6, 7, 8

Nov 16: ch 9, 10, epilogue

About the instructor

Cassandra Good is a historian and writer who has taught at Marymount University, George Washington University, and University of Mary Washington. She received her PhD in history from the University of Pennsylvania. Her latest book, *First Family: George Washington's Heirs and the Making of America*, was published by Hanover Square/Harper Collins in June 2023. She is also the author of *Founding Friendships: Friendships Between Men and Women in the Early American Republic* (Oxford, 2015) and narrated an audio course, “America’s Founding Women” for The Great Courses and Audible.com. She also has experience in museums, new media, and public history through her work at the Smithsonian Institution.