

A Potent Force: A Material Memory Program

THE LIBERTY TREE FLAG & THE SPIRIT OF AMERICAN PROTEST

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023

6:30 PM - 8:15 PM VIA ZOOM

Join Revolutionary Spaces, Ford Hall Forum, and GBH Forum Network on March 14th as we unearth a treasure from our expansive collection, the iconic Liberty Tree Flag, and explore the great American tradition of protest. Commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party, which ignited from the Meeting of the Body of the People at Old South Meeting House, we will examine how this artifact relates to protest and the fight for freedom in its time, connecting it to our broader understanding of American history.

Revolutionary Spaces Associate Director of Collections Lori Erickson will showcase the Liberty Tree Flag and discuss the artifact, which was used to mark the Liberty Tree as a site of memory that symbolized the power of protest. Almost every subsequent protest in Revolutionary Boston genuflected in some way to the Liberty Tree. Later, the flag was brought out at anti-slavery meetings and feminist meetings as a reminder of the power of protest to make change.

This virtual panel discussion with Revolutionary Spaces President and CEO **Nathaniel Sheidley, PhD** and esteemed professor and award-winning author **Robert David "KC" Johnson, PhD** will examine how this artifact relates to the great American tradition of protest, from colonial to present day. The program will conclude with an audience Q&A.

This essential virtual program will provide context for future programs at Revolutionary Spaces and other institutions throughout the anniversary year of the Boston Tea Party, as we grapple with the notion of protest in our midst.

This program is made possible through the generous support of the Lowell Institute.



NATHANIEL SHEIDLEY, PHD

The program will conclude with audience Q&A.

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This event is free and open to the public.



ROBERT DAVID "KC" JOHNSON, PHD