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Wagner College Announces the 10th Annual Kaufman-Repape Lecture

I'm pleased to announce that on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in Spiro 2, author, speaker and historian Dr. Bruce Chadwick, who is at home in front of large crowds discussing everything from George Washington's Presidency to Abraham Lincoln's preparation for the Gettysburg Address to the history of baseball, will be our Kaufman-Repape speaker.

Bruce Chadwick spent 23 years as a journalist and then began a second career in higher education in 1994, earning a doctorate later in life and embarking on a new career as a professor, historian, lecturer and author of 29 books, including ten works on American history. His latest book, James and Dolley Madison: America's First Power Couple, came out in March, 2014. He is also the author of I Am Murdered, a story of an early 19th century forensics homicide investigation involving three British trained doctors. Chadwick is currently working on a book about New York City on the eve of the Civil War.

The early part of Dr. Chadwick's career was spent as a reporter and columnist with the New York Daily News, He also wrote more than 150 freelance articles for magazines such as Sports Illustrated, House Beautiful, McCall's, The Sporting News, Town and Country and Cosmopolitan.

He was graduated from Syracuse University's Newhouse School of Communications, earning a bachelor's degree in a joint journalism/political science program. He earned a Master's in communications at Montclair State University.

Chadwick authored a series of books on baseball history for the Abbeville Press, beginning in 1991. One of them When the Game Was Black and White, was on the history of the Negro Leagues. Chadwick lectured on sports history for the Smithsonian and several Universities. He then turned to general history when he left journalism in 1992 and returned to graduate school to earn a doctorate in American history at Rutgers University, in New Jersey, studying American politics at Princeton University as part of his program. His doctorate was a springboard for a series of books on history and leadership that will continue.

In 2005, Bruce Chadwick appeared on the History Channel as an on-air scholar for a one hour special on Presidential Prophecies (dreams and psychic predictions). He appeared as on-air scholar on the History Channel again in the summer of 2006 on an eight part series on the generals of the American Revolution and in the fall of 2006 on a thirteen part general interest series on the Revolution. He appeared in a film documentary on the American South, Moving Midway. He was also taped for the National Geographic Channel's documentary on George Washington. In September, 2015, he was featured in a Travel Channel Monumental Mysteries series episode about an attempt to kidnap George Washington. He has worked for four years as an entertainment critic for the History News Network, the website for history lovers, where he writes reviews on plays and movies about history.

Chadwick is also an authority on forensics and its history. In addition to his book on forensics and homicide, he has taught a course on the subject at Rutgers University for 15 years. Over the years, he has given multiple series of lectures on forensics and its history, plus how forensics has become such an enjoyable part of movies and television. His talks cover forensics from ancient Rome to the reign of Alfred the Great in England to contemporary culture in America.

Since the early 1990s, Chadwick has worked as a full time journalism and history professor at New Jersey City University. He is a part-time lecturer at Rutgers, where he has taught History and Film, Murder in America, Images and Narratives of War and a course on organized crime in American culture.



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