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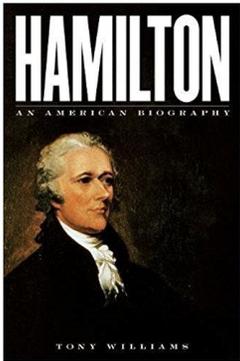
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BOOK LAUNCH AND SIGNING OF *HAMILTON: AN AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY*

Smithfield, VA- On April 21st, 2018 at 1 p.m., Virginia's Oldest Church, Historic St. Luke's, presents the launch and signing of Author Tony Williams's newest book, *Hamilton: An American Biography*. Tickets are \$15 per person and seating is limited. Advanced ticket purchase is encouraged and tickets can be found on our website, www.historicstlukes.org. Light refreshments will be provided.



“In *Hamilton: An American Biography*, Tony Williams provides readers with a concise biography that traces the events and values that enabled Hamilton to rise from his youth as a dispossessed orphan to Revolutionary War hero and Founding Father, a life uniquely shaped by America and who, in turn, contributed to the creation of the American regime of liberty and self-government. He was one of key leaders in the American Revolution, a chief architect of America's constitutional order of self-government, and the key figure in Washington's administration creating the institutions that governed America. Williams expertly weaves together biography with historical events to place Hamilton as one of the most important founding fathers.”

Tony Williams is the author of many books including *America's Beginnings: The Dramatic Events that Shaped a Nation's Character* (2011), *The Jamestown Experiment: The Remarkable Story of the Enterprising Colony and the Unexpected Results that Shaped America* (2011), *Pox and the Covenant: Franklin, Mather, and the Epidemic that Changed America's Destiny* (2010), and, *Hurricane of Independence: The Untold Story of the Deadly Storm at the Deciding Moment of the American Revolution* (2008). Williams is a Senior Teaching Fellow at the Bill of Rights Institute and holds history degrees from Syracuse University and Ohio State University. He taught history for fifteen years and was a fellow at the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. Tony Williams has lectured across the country including Colonial Williamsburg, the Virginia Festival of the Book, the U.S. State Department, the U.S. Department of Education, National Park Service Revolutionary War Battle Sites, NASA, several universities and countless civics and history groups.



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***Hamilton: An American Biography* has already received rave reviews:**

"*Hamilton: An American Biography* is an erudite but accessible biography of a man who remains one of the least understood Founding Fathers despite (and perhaps because of) the hoopla surrounding the Broadway production based on Ron Chernow's massive opus. Tony Williams manages, where Chernow did not, to present a clear and succinct case for Hamilton's continued relevance in the twenty-first century United States." (Edward G. Lengel, author of "General George Washington: A Military Life" and chief historian of the White House Historical Association)

"In *Hamilton: An American Biography*, Tony Williams has crafted a wonderfully accessible exploration of Alexander Hamilton's life, political philosophy, and contributions to the establishment of the American Republic...I can easily see this book in the hands of students around the country eager to learn more about Alexander Hamilton, or even a casual reader of American history looking for an easily readable volume before he or she goes to see the hit Broadway musical." (Julie Silverbrook, executive director, The Constitutional Sources Project (ConSource))

"This lively and well researched short biography is a wonderful introduction to the noblest, yet most tragically flawed American founder. It may be ideal for precocious youths seeking greater challenges in their reading. Because Hamilton's story of rising from obscurity to greatness parallels the rise of America, it is also a marvelous civics lesson." (Karl Walling, United States Naval War College)

About Historic St. Luke's Church

Historic St. Luke's Restoration, established in 1954, is a 501(c)(3) educational nonprofit is Virginia's Oldest Church built in the 17th-century and remains an enduring symbol of Americans' pursuits of religious freedom and separation of church and state as imbued in the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States. Today it operates as a National Historic Landmark, National Patriotic Shrine, Museum, and Gift Shop. Throughout the year daily guided tours are provided to the general public and private groups and educational special events and lectures are held. The museum displays a number of artifacts from throughout its history including America's Oldest Organ - a 1635 English Chamber Organ. Historic St. Luke's does not receive any funding from the federal, state, or municipal governments - all funding comes from private sources including individuals and foundations. Historic St. Luke's is also a certified non-profit with the [President's Volunteer Service Award program](#). For those federal employees and Armed Services personnel wishing to earn community volunteer service hours, contact the museum for more information about opportunities. Historic St. Luke's is also a proud participant in the [Blue Star Museum](#) program offering complimentary admissions to military personnel and their dependents between Memorial and Labor Day each year.

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