

About the Speaker

Richard Loutzenheiser PhD is a historian and legal scholar with expertise in late colonial and early republic periods of America (~1750 to 1810). He frequently teaches courses on the American Revolution and American Political Thought at small liberal arts college. His published research focuses on the Scottish Highlanders that fought in the French and Indian War but his passion and interest runs the entire gamut of the period, and of all the peoples involved. His love for American colonial history started with his grandmother and stories of their ancestors that she told based upon her genealogical research. He is a direct descendent of David Perry whose memoirs are perhaps the most widely quoted personal recollection of the French and Indian War battles of Carillon (1st Ticonderoga) and of the Plains of Abraham (Quebec). Perry and other of his verified ancestors were present at the Battles of Bunker Hill, Saratoga, and the Siege of Boston during the American Revolution. The jumbled misremembered tales of his grandmother fueled an intense interest in these locales and the events that unfolded there and ultimately led to adult professional research of not only his ancestors but of the events that surrounded and defined them. He lives in Hastings, Nebraska and is currently working on monograph regarding the Highlanders in the French and Indian War for a major academic publisher.

Dr. Loutzenheiser has experience with giving talks to all age ranges and levels of interest. He is happy to prepare and present on almost any topic relating to the period that a group would desire. His particular areas of interest include:

- The Military Battles and Campaigns of French and Indian War
- The Cultural Impacts of French and Indian War, its Aftermath, and the Long American Revolution
- The War for American Independence
- Common Sense and the causes of the Revolution
- The Declaration of Independence
- The Constitutional Convention
- The Federalist Papers
- The formation of American Identity
- de Tocqueville and American Exceptionalism