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**HISTORIANS RICHARD BROOKHISER AND EDWARD LARSON
DISCUSS WASHINGTON AND LINCOLN
AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER**

Philadelphia, PA (September 24, 2014) – The National Constitution Center welcomes Pulitzer Prize-winning historian **Edward J. Larson** and the *National Review's* **Richard Brookhiser** in October for programs that will reveal new sides of two of America's most famous presidents—George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. The Constitution Center is among the first venues to host events for both authors as they embark on book tours in connection with new biographies on Washington and Lincoln.

Edward J. Larson will visit the Constitution Center on **Monday, October 13, 2014 at 12 p.m.** for a discussion of his new book, [The Return of George Washington: 1783-1789](#). Larson will speak on a crucially important, yet often overlooked chapter of George Washington's illustrious career, revealing how Washington "saved" the United States by coming out of retirement to lead the Constitutional Convention and serve as America's first president. Noted legal scholar Akhil Reed Amar says that Larson's *Return of Washington* is "an indispensable book about America's 'indispensable man.'" Admission to the program is FREE. A book sale and signing with Larson will follow the program.

On **Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.**, Richard Brookhiser, whose previous works have focused on the lives of the Founding Fathers, returns to the Constitution Center to unveil his newest work, [Founders' Son: A Life of Abraham Lincoln](#), an examination of their influence on America's 16th president. This is Brookhiser's first appearance in connection with his new book. The book follows Lincoln from his humble origins in Kentucky to his assassination in Washington, D.C., from lawyer to congressman to president, who returned time and time again to the rhetoric and vision of the Founding Fathers. *Kirkus Reviews* notes "for years now,

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Brookhiser has helped bring the Founders back to life, precisely Lincoln's purpose as the president contemplated for his country a new birth of freedom, "the old freedom" they envisioned in 1776 but couldn't quite perfect."

Admission is \$7 for members and groups of 15 or more, and \$10 for non-members. A book sale and signing opportunity with Brookhiser will follow the program. Brookhiser last appeared at the museum in December, 2012.

About the authors

The author of nine books and nearly 100 published articles, **Edward J. Larson** has taught and written about issues of law, politics, and science from a historical perspective for over 20 years at the University of Georgia and Pepperdine University. His book, *Summer for the Gods: The Scopes Trial and America's Continuing Debate Over Science and Religion*, received the Pulitzer Prize in History in 1997. He served as a Fellow at the Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington at Mount Vernon from 2013-2014, a visiting professor of law at Stanford University in 2012, and a visiting professor teaching American Constitutional Law at the University of Melbourne in 2011. Larson participated in the National Science Foundation's Antarctic Writers and Artists program from 2003-2004; delivered the Fulbright Program's John Adams Chair in American Studies for 2001; was the American Association for the Advancement of Science Sarton Award Lecture in 2000; and was a resident scholar at the Rockefeller Foundation's Bellagio Study Center in 1996. He earned a B.A. from Williams College, a M.A. from University of Wisconsin, a J.D. from Harvard, and a Ph.D in the History of Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Richard Brookhiser is a senior editor of *National Review* and the author of 11 books, including *James Madison*; *Alexander Hamilton, American*; *Founding Father: Rediscovering George Washington*; and *What Would the Founders Do?: Our Questions, Their Answers*. For over 20 years, Brookhiser penned a column for the *New York Observer*. He has also freelanced for a number of magazines including *The New Yorker*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Commentary*, and *Vanity Fair*. He was awarded the National Medal of the Humanities in 2008 and a Guggenheim fellowship in

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2011. Brookhiser graduated from Yale University in 1977.

About the National Constitution Center

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