

Society

FOR THE
NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Foundation Welcomes A'Lelia Bundles as Chair, President

Society member, best-selling author, and journalist A'Lelia Bundles began her three-year term as Chair and President of the Board of Directors of the Foundation for the National Archives in January. Bundles has been involved with the Foundation since 2005 and served as an officer on the board's Executive Committee before being elected to her current position.

After a 30-year career as a network television news producer and executive with ABC News and NBC News, Bundles now is president of the Madam Walker/A'Lelia Walker Family Archives and a Columbia University trustee. *On Her Own Ground: The Life and Times of Madam C.J. Walker*, Bundles' best-selling biography of her great-great-grandmother, was named a *New York Times* Notable Book. She is currently at work on her third book, *Joy Goddess of Harlem: The Life and Times of A'Lelia Walker*, a biography of her great-grandmother.

As a long-time researcher at the National Archives, Bundles is excited



A'LELIA BUNDLES
PHOTO BY MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM

to lead the Foundation's plans over the next three years, including a new introduction to research and retail space, which will open at the National Archives Building in Washington later this year. In 2013, the David M. Rubenstein Gallery will open. This exhibition gallery will become the home of the 1297 Magna Carta as well as a permanent exhibition focusing on the rights of Americans,

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SAVE THE DATE!

Promise of America Breakfast and July 4th Celebration

WHEN: Wednesday, July 4, 2012

WHERE: National Archives Building, Washington, DC

"Attachments" Members Open House

WHEN: Wednesday, July 18, 2012

WHERE: National Archives Building, Washington, DC

"Cuban Missile Crisis: Eavesdropping on History" Exhibition Preview and Reception

WHEN: Thursday, October 11, 2012

WHERE: Lawrence F. O'Brien Gallery

McGowan Forum on Communications: Communications in Presidential Elections

WHEN: Thursday, November 8, 2012

WHERE: William G. McGowan Theater

Foundation for the National Archives Gala and Award Ceremony

WHEN: Tuesday, November 13, 2012

WHERE: National Archives Building, Washington, DC

Please contact the Special Events staff at (202) 357-6814 or foundationevents@nara.gov with any questions or to RSVP to an event.

Society Members on Stage



COKIE ROBERTS
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MICHAEL BESCHLOSS
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BESS ABELL
PHOTO BY BRUCE GUTHRIE



KEN BURNS
PHOTO BY STEFANIE MATHEW

Throughout the year, prominent Society members often find themselves on the stage of the William G. McGowan Theater.

In the fall of 2011, Society member Nick Kotz moderated a discussion with civil rights leader Julian Bond and Southern Poverty Law Center President Richard Cohen, following the Charles Guggenheim Center for the Documentary Film's screening of *A Time for Justice*.

At the beginning of the year, Society member Cokie Roberts and writer Max Byrd discussed the letters of Clover Adams, wife of Henry Adams and Gilded Age Washington's liveliest hostess. In May, Roberts sat down with former CBS News Anchor Dan Rather to reflect on his 60 years as a professional journalist and his most recent book, *Rather Outspoken*.

Roberts was joined by Society Member and former White House Social

Secretary Bess Abell, as well as Anita McBride, former chief of staff for Laura Bush; Susan Sher, former chief of staff to Michelle Obama; and Jean Becker, former deputy press secretary to Barbara Bush, for a panel discussion on *Women in Leadership for the First Ladies* at the fifth annual forum on Women in Leadership.

In March, the National Archives celebrated the 2012 Environmental Film Festival with a special "sneak preview"

GALA

Society Members Join to Honor David M. Rubenstein

Last November, the 2011 Foundation Gala and Records of Achievement Award Ceremony brought Society members and special guests to the National Archives, where the Foundation honored philanthropist David M. Rubenstein. The event was co-chaired by Caroline Kennedy and Edwin Schlossberg. The Foundation's annual award recognizes an individual whose life's work has cultivated a broader national awareness of the history of the United States and the importance of primary sources. Rubenstein was honored for his loans of important American documents to cultural institutions around Washington, DC. This includes the National Archives, where the 1297 Magna Carta as well as a rare Stone engraving of the Declaration of Independence are on display.



THORA COLOT, DAVID S. FERRIERO, DAVID M. RUBENSTEIN, CAROLINE KENNEDY, KEN LORE, AND EDWIN SCHLOSSBERG

of Society member Ken Burns' documentary, *The Dust Bowl*. Burns introduced excerpts from his film about one of the worst ecological disasters in American history. After the program, Burns also discussed the film with members of the Foundation's Young Founders Society.

That same month, Society member and historian Michael Beschloss introduced a free screening of *California State of Mind: The Legacy of Pat Brown*, and moderated a post-screening discussion with Director Sascha Rice, Executive Producer Hilary Armstrong, and Producer Julia Mintz. The National Archives partnered with The Charles Guggenheim Center for the Documentary Film to present the film, the premiere account of the life of Governor Edmund G. "Pat" Brown, an ordinary man who rose to face extraordinary challenges and shaped the future of modern California in the turbulent 1960s.



DAVID M. RUBENSTEIN NEXT TO THE MAGNA CARTA DISPLAY
PHOTO BY MARGOT SCHULMAN

Magna Carta Returns

In February, Society member David M. Rubenstein discussed his 1297 Magna Carta at an invitation-only reception celebrating its return to the National Archives after a conservation treatment. The newly re-encased document is on display in the Rotunda Galleries. In 2013, it will move to the new David M. Rubenstein Gallery, where it will be featured in a permanent exhibition on the struggle for rights in the United States.



MARIS CUNEO, BARBARA REISS, PETER CUNEO, DAVID S. FERRIERO, KEN LORE, AND ROBERT REISS.



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GOV. JAMES BLANCHARD, JANET BLANCHARD, ZINA KRAMER, AND MICHAEL KRAMER

Foundation Welcomes A'Leia Bundles as Chair, President

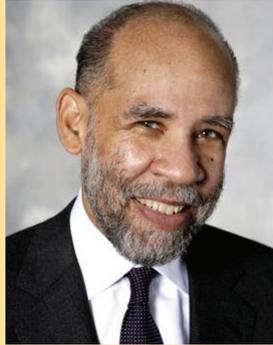
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including women, African-Americans, and immigrants.

“Every time I enter the doors of the National Archives, I'm struck by the magic and the magnitude of this institution,” she said. “As the home of the Magna Carta and the Charters of Freedom, as well as the documents that tell the family stories of all Americans, we embody the strengths and aspirations of our nation. I'm truly excited for our commitments and challenges as we bring these treasures to more Americans, both as visitors and researchers.”

IN MEMORIAM

JOHN PAYTON



With great sadness, the Foundation remembers Society member and respected civil rights attorney John Payton.

A member of the Foundation Board and Society since 2010, Payton was president and director-counsel for the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

He graduated from Harvard Law School and went on to argue cases before the Supreme Court, winning critical cases involving voting rights and employment discrimination. Payton had also been a partner at the law firm of Wilmer, Cutler, Pickering, Hale, and Dorr, corporation counsel for the District of Columbia, and DC Bar president. He was a member of the Council of the American Bar Association's Section on Individual Rights and Responsibilities and the ABA's Commission on Immigration Policy. He is survived by his wife, Gay McDougall.

“His endless energy and dedication to justice and equality for all Americans is an inspiration to us all as we work to perfect our democracy,” said Thora Colot, the Foundation's executive director. “He will be missed.”

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