

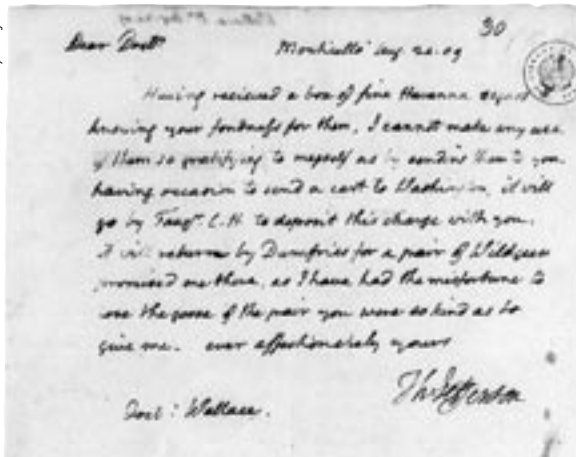


Center to Host Conference Focusing on Retirement Years

The Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies will sponsor a two-day conference, “Jefferson and the Founding Fathers in Retirement,” in March at Monticello’s Jefferson Library.

Scheduled for March 3-4, the conference will coincide with Princeton University Press’ publication of Volume I of *The Papers of Thomas Jefferson: Retirement Series*, which covers the period from Jefferson’s return to private life on March 4, 1809, to Nov. 15 of that year.

Publication of Volume I of the *Retirement Series* will inaugurate the latest stage in the definitive compilation of Jefferson’s papers, a project that began at Princeton University in 1943. The Thomas



A letter from Jefferson to James W. Wallace dated Aug. 24, 1809, one of the documents in Volume 1 of the *Retirement Series*.














Jefferson Foundation assumed full editorial and financial responsibility for Jefferson’s retirement years in 1999, and the *Retirement Series* editorial staff is based at the Jefferson Library.

The March conference, made possible through the support of The Pew Charitable Trusts, will bring together documentary editors and historians from the United States and abroad. The general themes in Volume I of the *Retirement Series* – the conclusion of Jefferson’s presidency, his life at Monticello, financial affairs, and family concerns – will serve as starting points for discussion by conference participants.

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Six panel presentations will focus on new research into topics related to Jefferson and the other Founding Fathers in their retirement years. *Retirement Series* editors and other Monticello staff members will present papers at the conference.

The keynote speaker will be Joyce Appleby, emeritus professor of history at the University of California, Los Angeles, and past president of the Organization of American Historians and American Historical Association. She is the author of the recent biography *Thomas Jefferson*, published by Henry Holt & Co. as part of its series on U.S. presidents.

Additional information about the conference can be obtained by calling the Smith International Center at (434) 984-7500 or by sending an e-mail to icjs@monticello.org.

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