



# Foundation Publishes Two Monographs

Books about Thomas Jefferson's scientific pursuits and his most enduring writings are the latest additions to the Monticello Monograph Series published by the Thomas Jefferson Foundation.

*Jefferson and Science* by Silvio A. Bedini and *Letters from the Head and Heart: Writings of Thomas Jefferson* by Andrew

Burstein bring to 11 the number of titles in the Monograph Series, which was launched in 1993 to commemorate the 250th anniversary of Jefferson's birth. The series' softcover books, which are designed and written for a wide audience, address various aspects of Jefferson's diverse interests and legacy.

*Jefferson and Science* offers a broad look at why Jefferson is recognized, in the words of the late Dumas Malone, "as an American

pioneer in numerous branches of science, notably paleontology, ethnology, geography, and botany." The illustrated book covers Jefferson's lifelong devotion to measurement and observation; his interest in the planets and stars, minerals, fossils, artifacts, and plants; his correspondence with leading scientists of the time; his promotion of scientific exploration (most notably the Lewis and Clark Expedition); and his own wide-ranging experiments.

Bedini, who is Historian Emeritus at the Smithsonian



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Institution, has written numerous works on the history of science and technology, including *Thomas Jefferson: Statesman of Science*. He also organized the 1981 exhibition *Thomas Jefferson and Science* at the National Museum of American History.

The book's preface is by Donald Fleming, Jonathan Trumbull Professor of American History at Harvard University.

*Letters from the Head and Heart* explores Jefferson through his public writings, including the Declaration of Independence and his first inaugural address, and his personal letters to family members, friends, and other great figures of his era, highlighted by extracts of his famous late-life correspondence with John Adams. The book examines both the style and substance of Jefferson's words, which richly convey the world in which he lived while remaining powerful and relevant today.

Burstein is Mary Francis Barnard Professor of History at the University of Tulsa and the author of numerous books, including *The Inner Jefferson: Portrait of a Grieving Optimist* and *Sentimental Democracy: The Evolution of America's Romantic Self-Image*.

The book's preface is by Peter J. Onuf, Thomas Jefferson Foundation Professor of History at the University of Virginia.

*Jefferson and Science*, *Letters from the Head and Heart*, and other Thomas Jefferson Foundation publications are available in bookstores, at the two Monticello Museum Shops, online through the Web site [www.monticello.org](http://www.monticello.org), and by telephone at (800) 243-1743.

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