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## Monticello & Jefferson Scholars Highlighted in History Channel Film: *Jefferson*

MORE THAN 2.3 MILLION PEOPLE tuned in to view the History Channel's premiere of *Jefferson* on prime time television, August 24, 2010. The History Channel estimates an international audience of 1.6 million also watched the show. The two-hour film showcased commentary from several Monticello scholars:

- **Susan Stein**, Richard Gilder senior curator at Monticello and Thomas Jefferson Foundation's vice president for museum programs
- **Andrew Jackson O'Shaughnessy**, Saunders director, Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies at Monticello
- **Lucia (Cinder) Stanton**, senior historian at Monticello

The film also included remarks from Jefferson scholar and 2009 Pulitzer Prize winner Annette Gordon-Reed, who serves on the International Center for Jefferson Studies Advisory Board.

"Thomas Jefferson was a complex man who drafted what many regard as the founding creed of the United States

in the preamble of the Declaration of Independence. He said that he intended it to be an expression of the American mind," said Andrew Jackson O'Shaughnessy. "The Robert H. Smith International Center for

Jefferson Studies is the premier forum for the study and dissemination of scholarship and information about Jefferson and we welcome opportunities like this History Channel film to discuss Jefferson on a global stage."

The History Channel crew filmed inside Jefferson's bedroom and cabinet as well as a number of exterior locations, including the garden and views from Montalto.

"We know the genius of Thomas Jefferson elicits a keen curiosity, still relevant in today's culture. Curiosity about Jefferson's life and legacy is what brings people to visit Monticello. We believe this film provides another platform to engage people in our mission of preservation and education," said Monticello president and CEO Leslie Greene Bowman.



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