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Happy Independence Day! Join Dr. Schuldenrein and professor Dr. Jeff Hantman as they discuss the American colonial period, paying particular attention to Thomas Jefferson. In 1783, while the Rev War was raging and he was serving as Virginia's Governor, Jefferson lead the first scientific archaeological excavation in the United States, digging a Monacan native mound in Monticello. Jefferson held a complicated and often contradictory view of native peoples, at once extolling their virtues in an effort to counteract derogatory views of America held by many Europeans, while also advocating for Na

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Dr. Jeff Hantman

Dr. Jeff Hantman is a professor of archaeology and the former director of the Archaeology Interdisciplinary Program at the University of Virginia. He received his Ph.D. from Arizona State University in 1983. Throughout his career, Dr. Hantman has focused his research on Native American societies and cultures, most recently in the Chesapeake region of the eastern United States. He is concerned primarily with the early colonial period and constructing new histories based on a merger of archaeology, ethno-history and indigenous world-views. Dr. Hantman is currently involved in writing a history of the Monacan people of Virginia, employing a collaborative archaeology in order to create a more

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