

UNH Hosts Pulitzer and Bancroft Prize-Winning Historian Oct. 12

Laurel Thatcher Ulrich to speak at UNH

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Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, renowned historian and author, will speak at the University of New Hampshire Saturday, Oct. 12, 2019, at 4:30 p.m. in the Huddleston Hall Ballroom.

The address will focus on the value of public education and her 25 years at the University of New Hampshire. The talk is part of a 50th anniversary celebration of UNH's doctoral program in history. Ulrich's talk and two panels of recent doctoral graduates starting at 1:30 are free and open to the public.

Ulrich earned her Ph.D. in history at UNH in 1980 and was hired on as assistant professor in humanities. By 1992, she was full professor of history at UNH. She left in 1995 for Harvard University, from which she recently retired.

Among a slew of awards, Ulrich won the Pulitzer Prize and Bancroft Prize in history for her book, "A Midwife's Tale: The Life of Martha Ballard, Based on Her Diary, 1785-1812." Other books include "Well-behaved Women Seldom Make History," a phrase she coined early in her career that became a feminist slogan.

"Laurel is the most distinguished graduate of UNH's history program," says Kurk Dorsey, chair and professor of history. "As a faculty member at UNH, she helped shape the program for those who came after her. We are delighted to welcome her back for our 50th celebration."

The lecture is sponsored by the Class of '54 Academic Enrichment and Smith Sanborne Lecture Series funds, the William L. Dunfey Endowment for the Study of History, and the Department of History, all in the College of Liberal Arts at the University of New Hampshire.

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