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ELIZABETH COVART REVEALS NEW PERSPECTIVE ON ALBANY'S EVOLUTION AT AIHA MARCH 11

ALBANY, NY— Elizabeth M. Covart will share new perspectives on how Albany evolved in a lecture entitled "Albany after the Revolution: An American City in Transition" on Sunday, March 11 at 2 PM at the Albany Institute of History & Art. The event is *FREE with museum admission*.

Covart, who was recently awarded her Ph.D. from the University of California at Davis, conducted her research at the Albany Institute and New York State Library. She will share her findings, which reveal new perspectives on how Albany changed physically, demographically and linguistically in the years following the American War for Independence. Covart will begin with Washington's 1783 visit to the city, examine how the Erie Canal shaped the cultural landscape, and end with the year 1830 when Albany's population reached almost 25,000 residents.

Following the lecture, Covart will be available to answer questions. Visitors are encouraged to explore the Albany Institute galleries for a more in-depth look at Albany's history. The lecture will take place in the Key Cultural Center at the Albany Institute of History & Art, located at 125 Washington Avenue, Albany.

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The Albany Institute's distinguished collections and acclaimed exhibitions comprise the definitive expression of the cultural, historical, and artistic heritage of Albany and the upper Hudson Valley. From its world-renowned Hudson River School collection, to the famous Albany Mummies, to the wide range of performances, lectures, and festivals, to its outstanding educational and family programming, this distinctive and engaging institution provides visitors of all ages and interests with a splendid museum experience. Visit www.albanyinstitute.org for more information, and be sure to follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/albanyinstitute) and Twitter (www.twitter.com/albanyinstitute).

The Albany Institute of History & Art is open Wednesday through Saturday, 10 AM-5 PM and Sundays NOON-5 PM. The museum is closed on Monday and open for pre-registered groups only on Tuesday. The library is open Thursdays 1:30-4:30 PM and by appointment.

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