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Marc Landy is Professor of Political Science at Boston College, Co-Director of the Initiative on the Study of Constitutional Democracy, and a former Chair of the Political Science Department. He graduated from Oberlin College and has a Ph.D in Government from Harvard. He teaches courses on American Political Development, the American Presidency and American Federalism, and directed the Adams Landmarks Workshop in 2006 and 2007. As the Faculty Chair of the Boston College Irish Institute, Landy coordinates the academic component of its executive programs on various topics in American Government, most of which are sponsored by the U.S. State Department. Program participants are local officials, NGO representatives, legislators, and politicians from Ireland and Northern Ireland. For the past three summers he has taught a one-week summer workshop for high school teachers on the topic of "Presidential Greatness and Presidential Statesmanship" at Ashland College, sponsored by a Teaching American History Grant from the U.S. Department of Education. This summer he will teach an additional one-week workshop at Ashland on political parties. His first academic post was at a Junior College: Alice Lloyd College in Pippa Passes, Kentucky. He eventually served as Chair of its Social Science Division, directed and wrote its re-accreditation self-study, and obtained an NEH grant to develop its Appalachian Oral History Project, of which he was the first director. He and Sidney Milkis wrote *Presidential Greatness* (Kansas U. Press, 2000) and *American Government: Balancing Liberty and Democracy* (Cambridge, 2008). He is a co-author of *The Environmental Protection Agency From Nixon to Clinton: Asking the Wrong Questions*, and an editor of *Creating Competitive Markets: The Politics of Regulatory Reform* (2007), *Seeking the Center: Politics and Policymaking at the New Century* (2001), and *The New Politics of Public Policy* (1995).

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Dennis Hale is a member of the Political Science Department at Boston College. He received his BA in Government at Oberlin College in 1966 and completed a Ph.D.

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Jayne Gordon became the first Director of Education and Public Programs for the Massachusetts Historical Society in 2006. Previously, she was Executive Director of the Thoreau Society, the world's oldest and largest organization devoted to the legacy of an American author. Trained as a history teacher, Jayne taught for several years at the high school level before entering the museum field, serving as Director of the Orchard House (home of the Alcotts) for sixteen years. Jayne has held the position of Director of Education at both the Thoreau Institute (Walden Woods Project) and the Concord Museum, and Education/Interpretive Specialist at Minute Man National Park. For the past decade, she has taught a graduate course in Curriculum Development for the Museum Studies Program at Tufts as an adjunct faculty member. She has been an educational consultant, interpretive planner, course instructor and workshop facilitator for dozens of non-profit, academic and government organizations, and has written the historical narrative and educational curriculum guide for a DVD and website called *Life With Principle: Thoreau's Voice in our Time*. Jayne lives in Concord right behind Walden Pond.

Jim Taylor

Jim Taylor earned a doctorate in early American history from the University of Tennessee in 1981. He taught American history at the University of South Carolina for more than twenty years where he also served as project director of the Papers of Henry Laurens. Upon the completion of the sixteenth and final volume of that project in 2002, he accepted the position of Editor in Chief of the Adams Papers at the Massachusetts Historical Society in Boston. The Adams Papers project, with a full-time staff of seven documentary editors, now produces a volume a year and has published forty-two volumes to date. During the past three years he has also overseen a project funded by the MHS, Harvard University Press, and the National Endowment for the Humanities to digitize the modern edition of Adams Papers. Now all of the Adams documents published in the modern edition are available

online at the MHS website. In 2007 he co-edited *My Dearest Friend*, a new selection of Abigail and John Adams' letters. Also in 2008, he launched a special three-year project to publish the diary and autobiographical writings of Louisa Catherine Adams. In 2006 he assumed the additional responsibility of Director of Publications at the Society. He is also currently chair of the Founding Fathers Papers editors, a Fellow of the Massachusetts Historical Society, and a member of the Massachusetts Colonial Society.

**Beth Prindle Boston
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Beth Prindle is manager for the John Adams Library project at the Boston Public Library in Copley Square. She served as curator of the 2006-2007 exhibition, *John Adams Unbound*, at the BPL and oversaw development of the John Adams Library companion website, johnadamslibrary.org. Beth holds degrees from Stanford and Harvard Universities and taught high school English and American Studies in Weston, Massachusetts, before coming to the BPL. She has most recently developed a traveling version of the *Adams Unbound* exhibition to tour nationwide.

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