



**PULITZER PRIZE WINNER JON MEACHAM TO SPEAK IN PHOENIX FOR
“DINNER WITH JEFFERSON: AN EVENING AT MONTICELLO”**

June 14, 2016 (Phoenix, AZ) – On Friday, October 14, 2016, the Sandra Day O’Connor Institute will present *Dinner With Jefferson: An Evening At Monticello* featuring Pulitzer Prize winning author and Presidential historian Jon Meacham. This tribute to one of our nation’s most revered Founding Fathers will take place at the Arizona Biltmore. Dinner Co-Chairs for this unique history dinner are Penny and Larry Gunning together with Ina and Murray Manaster. Former U.S. Senator Jon Kyl will serve as the distinguished moderator. Presenting Sponsor for *Dinner With Jefferson* is Sharon Dupont McCord.

Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power, a New York Times #1 Bestseller brings to life the complete man, from birth to his last days — through the Revolutionary War and his years as President. It was named one of the “Best Books of the Year” by both *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*.

“In *Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power*, Meacham, despite his subtitle, accomplishes something more impressive than dissecting Jefferson’s political skills by explaining his greatness, a different task from chronicling a life, though he does that, too — and handsomely.” - *The Washington Post*

Jon Meacham is regarded as one of America's most prominent public intellectuals. Known for his depth of knowledge about politics, religion, and current affairs, he understands and skillfully analyzes how issues and events impact our lives. Mr. Meacham’s other national bestsellers include *Franklin and Winston*, *American Gospel*, and *American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House*, which won the Pulitzer Prize in 2009. His latest Presidential biography, *Destiny and Power: The American Odyssey of George Herbert Walker Bush*, debuted at #1 on the *New York Times* Best Seller list in November 2015.

As part the evening, a menu inspired by Thomas Jefferson and cuisine he brought to our new nation after serving as United States Minister to France will be served. *Dinner With Jefferson: An Evening At Monticello* promises to be a truly memorable occasion. Guests will also receive a signed copy of Jon Meacham’s best-selling book, *Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power*.

Individual seats start at \$300 each. Tables of 10 and event sponsorships are also available. To purchase a table or seat online, visit OConnorInstitute.org. For more information, contact the O’Connor Institute, 602-730-3300 or info@OConnorInstitute.org

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