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January 2026 Lunch & Learn Series

“Piddle, Twiddle, and Resolve”:

The Second Continental Congress in History and Popular Culture

By Dr. Marianne Holdzkom

The Georgia Archives Lunch & Learn presentation, “*Piddle, Twiddle, and Resolve*”: *The Second Continental Congress in History and Popular Culture* by Dr. Marianne Holdzkom, will take place on-site on Friday, January 9, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the Georgia Archives, 5800 Jonesboro Road, Morrow, GA.

This event is free and open to the public, with no registration required.

The Second Continental Congress was an extralegal body with no authority beyond what the colonies were willing to grant it. Yet it took on leadership responsibilities during the American Revolution and shaped the colonial reaction to British authority. Join Dr. Holdzkom as she traces the history of the Second Continental Congress by examining the personalities of the delegates who served in it and its depictions in popular culture.

About the Speaker

Marianne Holdzkom is a professor of history at Kennesaw State University, specializing in the American Colonial and Revolutionary eras. She is especially interested in how events from these periods are remembered in popular culture. Her book, *Remembering John Adams: The Second President in History, Memory and Popular Culture*, published in 2023, examines the many scholarly and cultural depictions of this underappreciated Founding Father. The book has been named an Outstanding Academic Title by *Choice* Reviews. She is beginning research for her next book, *Commemorating a Moment in Time*, in which she will analyze major anniversary celebrations connected to the American Revolution. Marianne is honored to be an Adams Memorial Foundation Scholar and has contributed to their efforts to build a monument to John Adams and his family in Washington, D.C.

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