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**OCTOBER 3—Alexander Hamilton's Blessing.** Inventor of the corporation, Wall Street, and author of America's first law book, Alexander Hamilton was also an immigrant, an orphan, and a college dropout. Historian Willard Sterne Randall examines the legacy of this youngest Founding Father.

**NOVEMBER 7—Where in the World is Kingdom County?** Vermont writer Howard Frank Mosher tells how he first came to the Northeast Kingdom and discovered a remnant of an earlier New England, full of stories of some of the last independent-minded individualists in America.

**DECEMBER 5—All about Eve.** Dartmouth Religion professor Susan Ackerman believes we may *think* we already know all about Eve, but that recent scholarship suggests otherwise.

**JANUARY 2—Ken Burns: No Ordinary Lives.** Award-winning filmmaker Ken Burns explores the most intimate human dimensions of World War II. This worldwide catastrophe demonstrates that in extraordinary times, there are no ordinary lives.

**FEBRUARY 6—Mr. and Mrs. Prince.** Author Gretchen Holbrook Gerzina tells the story of Lucy Terry and Abijah Prince, an accomplished African American couple in pre-Civil War New England, whose lives embodied the paradoxes of slavery in our region.

**MARCH 5—Remembering Angelica: The Life and Times of an 18<sup>th</sup>-Century Artist.** Painter Angelica Kauffman (1741–1807) was praised for her sensitive portraits of Enlightenment luminaries. Author Angela Rosenthal explores the 18<sup>th</sup>-century art world through Angelica's extraordinary career.

**APRIL 2—Witnesses at the Gate.** Author Marjorie Ryerson shares compelling and inspiring stories of witnesses who were present through the final days and moment of death of a beloved.

**MAY 7—Don Quixote: The Greatest Novel Ever.** After the Bible, Cervantes' masterpiece *Don Quixote* is the most popular book worldwide. How does a secular book, 400 years old, remain current? Professor Ilan Stavans discusses the timelessness of this strikingly modernist novel.