AMERICA 250 SYMPOSIUM

November 12, 2026
Karácsony Sándor Hall

UNIVERSITY OF DEBRECEN

The North American Studies Department and the Institute of English and American Studies, University of Debrecen cordially invites you to the AMERICA 250 Symposium to discuss the significance of America's founding document and on this anniversary occasion of the semiquincentennial to explore its implications and examine the complex legacy of the Framers from the perspective of 250 years of the history of the United States of America.

SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM

12:30 Opening remarks

13: 00-13:45 KEYNOTE LECTURE
Csaba Lévai (University of Debrecen): The Declaration of Independence—Authorship and Historical Fame
Chair: Zoltán Peterecz (Eszterházy Károly Catholic University)

13:45-14:15 Coffee break

14:15-16:15 SYMPOSIUM SESSION: ***The Legacy of the Framers—the Promise of Freedom and Liberty***
Chair: Éva Mathey (University of Debrecen)

14:15-14:35 Zoltán Peterecz (Eszterházy Károly Catholic University): Manifest Destiny: Race, Conquest, Modernity, and Destiny in the United States in the First Half of the Nineteenth Century

14:35-14:55 Ashley Johnson Bavery (Fulbright László Országh Distinguished Chair in American Studies, University of Debrecen; Eastern Michigan University): 250 Years of an Immigrant Nation

14:55-15:15 Eric Beckett Weaver (University of Debrecen): The Export of Democracy: Assumptions, Successes, and Failures

15:15-15:35 Tibor Glant (University of Debrecen): America and the World

15:35-16:00 Discussion

16:00 Closing remarks

17:00-19:00 20th Anniversary Reception at the American Corner Debrecen (Méliusz Juhász Péter County Library)

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