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OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE
AT BRANDEIS PRESENTS:

Abigail and John Adams:
A Revolutionary Marriage

Dates & Times:
Tuesdays February 9th, 16th, 23rd, and March 1st:
10:30am-12:00pm

Course Description:
One thousand, one hundred and sixty letters passed between Abigail and John Adams, revealing sentiments not only of love for each other, but also of love for liberty and freedom. Cast against the upheavals of the American Revolution and the uncertainty of the new American Republic, the Adams’ marriage was remarkable in featuring both parties as active thinkers, and champions of the nation’s cause. Tracing their relationship from its start until its mortal end, this course will examine major historical events from a personal viewpoint, while also navigating the complexities of marriage. Following them from America to France to Britain and back again, we will seek to understand why Abigail who was often regarded as "Mrs. President," though it was her husband who held the office.

Instructor:
Dr. Craig Bruce Smith holds a PhD in American History from Brandeis University. He specializes in the American colonial and early republican history, and is the recipient of an outstanding Brandeis teaching fellow award. He is the author of a book manuscript entitled, Rightly to Be Great: Honor, Virtue, Ethics and the American Revolution.

Complimentary for BOLLI members.
There’s no need to RSVP

Questions?
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