



# WHAT IS PAST IS PROLOGUE

The Prologue Society Newsletter

September 6, 2016

## Welcome to the 2016-2017 Season of Prologue!

Dear Friends of Prologue --

If we have your mailing address, you should have recently received our annual mailing, indicating that the 2016-2017 season of The Prologue Society is officially underway!

Please [visit our website](#) or return your Enrollment Card to register for your desired membership option. You may also register online for any of [our upcoming Fall Season luncheons](#).

Should you at any time misplace the brochure or most recent newsletter you've received, or forget the date of an upcoming luncheon, fear not ... everything is available on our website for viewing and download. And as always, call or email me with any questions.

If you haven't already done so, please [like us on Facebook](#), as it's an easy way to spread the word about Prologue and our upcoming events. *Tip: there's a link to our Facebook page on every website page.*

One final favor: Please share our good news with your friends and colleagues. We'd love to have them join us to learn more about Prologue.

We look forward to seeing you very soon!

Best,

Debbie Hirshson  
Program Coordinator

## NEXT LUNCHEON: Catherine Fletcher, September 22

*The Black Prince of Florence: The Spectacular Life and Treacherous World  
of Alessandro de' Medici*

### To register:

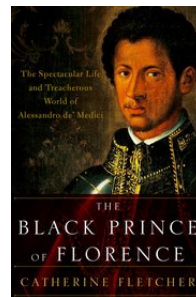
- **The deadline for members to register for this luncheon is Sunday, September 18.**
- **Online:** Go to [www.theprologuesociety.org](http://www.theprologuesociety.org) and follow the instructions;
- **OR by telephone:** Call 305-323-1154 and talk to Debbie Hirshson or leave a voicemail message that you plan to attend;
- **OR by regular mail:** Send note with a check for \$50.00 per person to The Prologue Society, 18495 S. Dixie Highway #373, Miami, FL 33157.
- **Include** the names of your guests.
- **IMPORTANT: IF YOU REGISTER BY MAIL, you must also call Debbie** (or reply to this email) so that she knows to expect you!

**To pay:**

- **Enter your credit card number** on the website;
- **OR mail a check** for \$50.00 per person to The Prologue Society, 18495 S. Dixie Highway #373, Miami, FL 33157;
- **OR bring a check** to the luncheon.

**Note:**

- **IMPORTANT: Remember that all luncheons are held at Riviera Country Club (Ballroom), 1155 Blue Road, Coral Gables, FL 33146.**
- To speed up luncheon check-in and accounting, our preference is that you: 1) pay online, OR 2) mail a check well in advance of the luncheon.
- Mail is taking a while to reach us. (Remember to call or email Debbie right away if you're registering via the mail.)
- **If you haven't yet sent in your membership application**, please do so right away (or activate and pay for your membership online). You will need to be on the membership rolls before we can accept your reservation for this and all future luncheons of this season.

**SEPTEMBER 22: CATHERINE FLETCHER*****The Black Prince of Florence: The Spectacular Life and Treacherous World  
of Alessandro de' Medici***

Ruler of Florence for seven bloody years from 1531 to 1537, Alessandro de' Medici was arguably the first person of color to serve as a head of state in the Western world. In *The Black Prince of Florence: The Spectacular Life and Treacherous World of Alessandro de' Medici*, Catherine Fletcher tells the riveting tale of Alessandro's spectacular rise and fall in the first modern biography on the subject, bringing to life the epic personalities of the Renaissance's most powerful families as they fought tooth and nail to rise to the top. Born out of wedlock to a dark-skinned maid and Lorenzo de' Medici, Medici was the last legitimate heir to the line of Lorenzo the Magnificent. Fletcher draws from new research and first-hand sources to tell the fascinating life of the Renaissance's most intriguing figure, combining archival scholarship, dramatic narrative, and discussions of race and class that are still relevant today.

**Catherine Fletcher** is a historian of Renaissance and early modern Europe. Her first book, *The Divorce of Henry VIII*, brought to life the Papal court at the time of the Tudors. She consulted on the Golden Globe-winning TV miniseries *Wolf Hall* and regularly broadcasts for BBC radio. She is Associate Professor in History and Heritage at Swansea University and has held research fellowships in London, Florence and Rome.

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