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**DAAS: Camelia Elias** (Author of *The Way of The Sign: Cultural Text Theory in Two Steps*)

**FASA: Bo Pettersson** (Author of *The World According to Kurt Vonnegut: Moral Paradox and Narrative Form*)

**SAAS: Magnus Ullén** (Author of *The Half-Vanished Structure: Hawthorne’s Allegorical Dialectics*)

**Annette Gordon-Reed** (History Pulitzer for *The Hemingses of Monticello*, 2009)

**Daniel Walker Howe** (History Pulitzer for *What Hath God Wrought*, 2008)

**Peter Onuf** (Author of *The Mind of Thomas Jefferson*, 2007)

**Andrew O’Shaughnessy** (American History Book Prize for *Men Who Lost America*, 2014)

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