

## ***Who is Fredrick Law Olmsted? An Examination of This Visionary's Life, Work, and Living Legacy***

Famed landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted has been called the most important historical figure that Americans know the least about. This course aims to change that by introducing the multi-faceted life, career, and legacy of Olmsted who was not only a landscape architect, but also a journalist, conservationist, farmer, and public servant.

Five experts will lead us in an examination of the work of Olmsted and his firm, that over 100 years, literally designed the American landscape. From Olmsted's birth in 1822 to his death in 1903, we will travel his fascinating life and career as he gathered experiences before finally settling down at the age of 43. We will travel to England with Olmsted on his influential visit to Birkenhead Park; learn more about his groundbreaking work as an undercover reporter for *The New York Times*; examine his design philosophy; and zero in on specific work at the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition and the West.

We will also learn about the Olmsted firm, which operated for nearly 50 years after Olmsted's death. There, Olmsted's sons, John Charles Olmsted and Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr, carried on their fathers work and professionalized the field of landscape architecture. 2024 marks the 125th birthday of the American Society of Landscape Architects which they founded.



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### **YOUR INSTRUCTOR: Dede Petri, JD**



Dede Petri has served as the president and CEO of the Olmsted Network since 2020. For over 30 years, she has been a leader and innovator in a wide range of nonprofit organizations. She was the 42nd president of The Garden Club of America, co-founded the American Council of Trustees and Alumni, serving as president from 2003 to 2016, and served as general counsel and congressional liaison for the National Endowment for the Humanities. She graduated Phi Beta Kappa and magna cum laude from Harvard College with an AB in American history and literature, and she received her JD from Harvard Law School.

**WEDNESDAYS, OCTOBER 2 THROUGH NOVEMBER 6**

**9am AK | 10am PT | 11am MT | Noon CT | 1pm ET**

Each session is 90 minutes

- Live Lecture 1, Wednesday, October 2
- Live Lecture 2, Wednesday, October 9
- Live Lecture 3, Wednesday, October 16
- Live Lecture 4, Wednesday, October 23
- Live Lecture 5, Wednesday, October 30
- Live Lecture 6, Wednesday, November 6

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