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AU HOSTS HAMILTON EXHIBIT AND SYMPOSIUM

From March 7 through April 15, 2008, a groundbreaking national traveling exhibition entitled "Alexander Hamilton: The Man Who Made Modern America" will be on display in the Special Collections & Archives Department of the Ralph Brown Draughon Library on the campus of Auburn University.

Hamilton served in the American Revolution; co-authored the Federalist Papers, which gained popular support for ratification of the United States Constitution; and served as Secretary of the Treasury during the administration of President George Washington. The exhibition was organized by the New-York Historical Society, the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History and the American Library Association, and has been made possible in part through a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

On March 7 from 1-5 PM, Special Collections also will host a symposium on Alexander Hamilton's life and times in tandem with the exhibition. The speakers will include four Auburn University historians: Kathryn Braund, Anthony Carey, Jennifer Newman and Abigail Swingen. The speakers will discuss topics such as slavery in the United States during Hamilton's times, relations between the federal government and Indians during the same period, British interests in the New World during the early national period and the arrest of Aaron Burr, who killed Hamilton in a duel. The symposium is funded by the Alabama Humanities Foundation, a state agency of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Locally, both the exhibition and the symposium are sponsored by the Auburn University Libraries and the Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts & Humanities and the History Department in the Auburn University College of Liberal Arts.

All are welcome to attend the symposium on March 7 or to view the exhibition between March 7 and April 15. For further information, contact Dwayne Cox, Head, Special Collections & Archives, Auburn University Libraries, 334-844-1707 or coxdney@auburn.edu.