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IMPERIAL ECHOES, FRONTIER VOICES: Mythmaking, Stories, and National Identity



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SSFS AUTHOR TALK MAY 13, 2026 | 7 PM YARNALL LIBRARY

Authors and historians Mark Ehlers and Megan Kate Nelson will be discussing their most recent books for this special event. The author talk will be moderated by Jenny Yacovissi, a Bethesda, MD native whose debut novel is a fictionalized account of her mother's family in Washington, D.C. between the Civil War and the Great Depression.

This vibrant conversation will focus on the historical and current significance of Mark and Megan's books in today's world and political climate. Please join us for an enlightening and thoughtful exploration of how the past and present connect.

- **Mark Ehlers, Ph.D.**
SSFS Upper School History Teacher, Author:
Napoleon in America: Bonaparte and Rhetoric of U.S. Expansion
- **Megan Kate Nelson, Ph.D.**
Visiting Historian, Former Friends School Teacher, Author:
The Westerners: Mythmaking and Belonging on the American Frontier
- **Jenny Yacovissi**
Moderator, President of the Washington Independent Review of Books, Author:
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