

## News Release

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### **Renowned historian to host lecture, exciting performance at the Hampton History Museum**

**Hampton, VA** – The Hampton History Museum will host a talk by anthropologist Buck Woodard entitled ‘The Kecoughtan and the Expansion of the Pamunkey Chiefdom,’ during Native American Heritage Month, for the Port Hampton Culture Series (formerly Lecture Series) on Monday, November 7 from 7-8 p.m. Later in the month, award-winning country and Americana artist Troy Breslow & The Company Band will perform as part of the Front Porch Music Series on Wednesday, November 16 from 6-8 p.m.

#### **Port Hampton Culture Series**

#### **The Kecoughtan and the Expansion of the Pamunkey Chiefdom**

**Monday, November 7, 7-8 p.m.**

**Museum members free, non-members \$5**

Anthropologist Dr. Buck Woodard of American University in Washington D.C. shares his deep knowledge of the complex history and culture of Native American Nations in Virginia, specifically on the Peninsula, in his illustrated lecture.

Prior to English colonization of the tidewater region of Virginia, the Algonquian-speaking peoples of the Chesapeake region experienced social upheaval and political reorganization. Early historical sources from the Ajacan, Roanoke, and Jamestown colonies indicate that an elite Pamunkey lineage headed by Wahunsenacah, also known as Chief Powhatan, strategically utilized kinship, marriage alliance and warfare to dominate Chesapeake social politics.

Through the lens of historical anthropology, Woodard provides a reassessment of the documentary record and a discussion about the rise of Wahunsenacawh during the late sixteenth-century. Special attention will be given to the Kecoughtan and the implications for the expansion of the Pamunkey Chiefdom into the Peninsula.

Dr. Woodard is a cultural anthropologist specializing in historical and applied research, with interests in ethnographic and ethnohistorical writing, and ethnological study of indigenous North America. His research areas include cosmology and ritual life, heritage tourism, kinship, material culture and political economy. Currently, Dr. Woodard is continuing fieldwork among Algonquians and Iroquoians in Oklahoma, New York and

Virginia.

**Front Porch Music Series  
Troy Breslow & The Company Band  
Wednesday, November 16, 6-8 p.m.  
Museum members free, non-members \$5**

Join us in welcoming Troy Breslow, one of the region's most celebrated Americana artists, to his first concert at the museum.

Troy is a country and folk singer-songwriter from Hampton Roads, Virginia. In 2018, he was recognized *Country Artist of The Year* by Veer Music Awards and nominated for *Americana Artist of The Year* by The Tennessee Music Awards. Since his debut EP, 'Politics & Roadrage' was released in 2017, he has toured all over the region, as well as throughout the midwest and the southern states, bringing with him his own brand of Americana music.

The line-up includes Troy on lead vocals, guitar and harmonica; Andrew Magruder, backing vocals, mandolin, fiddle; Paul Warren, bass; and Mike Behlmar on drums.

Admission must be paid at the door. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Beer and wine will be available for purchase. Proceeds benefit the Hampton History Museum.

**Museum Series Events Available Online**

The museum's lecture and concert series are recorded live and posted on the museum's Facebook page, YouTube channel and website, [www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org](http://www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org).

**Hampton History Museum**

The Hampton History Museum is located at 120 Old Hampton Lane in Downtown Hampton. There is free parking in the garage across the street from the museum. For more information call 757-727-1102 or visit [www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org](http://www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org)

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Descriptions:

HHM Nov 1: The image of Native American headmen and their warriors was taken by Buck Woodard on the set of the SKY 1 TV show "Jamestown" in 2018. Courtesy Buck Woodard

HHM Nov 2: Troy Breslow image courtesy of Troy Breslow

Partially bordered by the Hampton Roads harbor and Chesapeake Bay, Hampton, with the 344,000 sq. ft. Hampton Roads Convention Center and the award-winning Hampton Coliseum, is located in the center of Coastal Virginia and the Hampton Roads metropolitan area. Hampton is the site of America's first continuous English-speaking settlement, the site of the first arrival of Africans in English North America, and is home

to such visitor attractions as the Virginia Air & Space Science Center, Fort Monroe National Monument, Hampton History Museum, Hampton University Museum, The American Theatre, among others.