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Secret Lives of First Ladies and Bosnia in Poetry & Pictures Coming to Carter Library Free Author Lectures & Book Signings

Cormac O'Brien
Secret Lives of the First Ladies
Dec. 2...7:30 p.m.

Sara Terry & Lee Peterson
Bosnia in Poetry & Pictures
Dec. 6th...7:30 p.m.

ATLANTA, GA.- The lives of first ladies and a look at Bosnia through pictures and poetry highlight the first week in December at the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum.

Cormac O'Brien, the author of the popular *Secret Lives of the U.S. Presidents* presents another rambunctious look at White House history—and this time, women are in the spotlight. *Secrets Lives of the First Ladies* features outrageous and uncensored profiles of all the presidents' wives. You'll discover that Dolley Madison loved to chew tobacco. Mary Todd Lincoln was committed to an asylum, and Mamie Eisenhower never missed an episode of *As the World Turns*.

O'Brien will speak Friday night, December 2nd at 7:30 p.m. His lecture is free and open to the public. Following the talk, O'Brien will sign copies of his book.

On Wednesday, December 6th, photographer Sara Terry and poet Lee Peterson will present a moving portrait of Bosnia in photographs and poetry.

Publishers Weekly wrote "Sara Terry's camera documents this grim story's human aspect with rich detail. In lush, vividly colored and carefully composed images (that nonetheless avoid prettification), Terry assembles a panorama of a society coming to terms with overwhelming trauma. Despite dark images, what emerges most strongly from the collection is the sense that "life goes on no matter what, for better or for worse." By showing us this persistence, Terry's book reaffirms photography's crucial role as witness and spur to conscience."

"Lee Peterson's *Rooms and Fields: Dramatic Monologues from the War in Bosnia* doesn't have a single wasted breath; its sense of necessity never lets up. The work is compassionate and single-mindedly alive to its high purpose. What a rare thing it is to find the meeting of historical, political, and poetic wisdom." —*Jean Valentine*

Author lectures and book signings are free and open to the public. These events are sponsored by the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and the Georgia Center for the Book. For additional information, call 404-865-7101 or visit www.jimmycarterlibrary.org