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## **Carter Library & B\*ATL Event**

**Atlanta, GA.-** The Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and B\*ATL host history professor and author Wendy Hamand Venet for a unique look at the Civil War and the Battle of Atlanta. Venet is the editor of *Sam Richard's Civil War Diary: A Chronicle of the Atlanta Home Front*. She will discuss the diary at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> in the Carter Museum Theater. The discussion and book signing is free and open to the public.

This previously unpublished diary is the best surviving firsthand account of life in Civil War-era Atlanta. Bookseller Samuel Pearce Richards (1824-1910) kept a diary for sixty-seven years. This volume excerpts the diary from October 1860, just before the presidential election of Abraham Lincoln, through August 1865, when the Richards family returned to Atlanta after being forced out by Sherman's troops and spending a period of exile in New York City. The Richards were among the last Confederate loyalists to leave Atlanta. Sam's recollections of the Union bombardment, the evacuation of the city, the looting of his store, and the influx of Yankee forces are riveting.

Also, mark you calendar for these upcoming author programs...

### **AUGUST....**

Monday, Aug. 1 at 7pm ....Garrett Graff, author of *The Threat Matrix: The FBI at War in the Age of Global Terror*

Wednesday, Aug. 3 at 7pm..... Cam McWhirter, author of *Red Summer: The Summer of 1919 and the Awakening of Black America*

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### **SEPTEMBER:**

Thursday, Sept. 1 at 7pm....Robert Olen Butler, author of *A Small Hotel*

Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 5pm ..Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, author of *Read My Pins*

Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 2pm ...Former Senator Bob Graham, author of *Keys to the Kingdom*

Thursday, Sept. 15 at 7pm ....Hugh Ambrose, author of *The Pacific*

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### **OCTOBER**

Tuesday, Oct. 11 at 7pm..... William Kennedy, author of *Chango's Beads and Two-Tone Shoes*

Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 7pm....Twesigye Kaguri, author of *A School for My Village: A Promise to the Orphans of Nyaka*

Wednesday, Oct. 19 at 7pm... Jeff Frieden, author of *Lost Decades: The Making of America's Debt Crisis and the Long Recovery*

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### **NOVEMBER**

Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 7pm .....Simon Winchester, author of *Atlantic*

Thursday, Nov. 10 at 7pm ....Peter Eichstaedt, author of *Consuming the Congo: War and Conflict*  
*Minerals in the World's Deadliest Place*

Wednesday, Nov. 16 at 7pm.....Harry Belafonte, author of **My Song, A Memoir**

Thursday, Nov. 17 at 7pm .....Tom Brokaw author of **The Time of Our Lives**

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