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## Historians Discuss Jefferson on Global Stage

LEADERS REPRESENTING the Thomas Jefferson Foundation shared insight into Jefferson's most famous contribution to world history, the Declaration of Independence, during a visit to Sydney and Hobart, Australia, and Christchurch, New Zealand, August 11-17.

Leslie Greene Bowman, president and CEO of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation Inc., along with Saunders Director for the Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies (ICJS) Andrew O'Shaughnessy, Washington correspondent for the *Boston Globe* (and former visiting fellow of the ICJS) Michael Kranish, and Peter Onuf, author/editor and the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation professor of history at the University of Virginia, took part in the open discussion about the consequences, both intended and unintended, of Thomas Jefferson's Declaration of Independence. The scholars attended the symposium, *The Impact of the Declaration of Independence* in Australia, the "Curiosity" Seminar at the University of Tasmania, and the *Thomas Jefferson Seminars* in New Zealand.

Jefferson stands on the world stage today as one of the best known, most frequently cited and most respected figures of American history. The symposium *The Impact of the Declaration of Independence*, sponsored by the Thomas Jefferson Foundation, the School of Historical and Philosophical Inquiry and U.S. Studies Centre and the University of Sydney, brought together an international assembly of scholars,

including Maya Jasanoff (Harvard University), Richard Drayton (London University), Frank Cogliano (University of Edinburgh), and Cassandra Pybus (University of Sydney). This series of seminars focused on the impact of Thomas Jefferson's Declaration and how it inspired revolutions throughout the world.

Scholars discussed the international fascination with Thomas Jefferson during the "Curiosity" Symposium at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery in Hobart, Tasmania, August 13.

The *Thomas Jefferson Seminars* held at Canterbury University, Christchurch, New Zealand, included topics such as Jefferson and race, Jefferson and the Declaration of Independence, and Jefferson and idealism in foreign policy.



**Leslie Greene Bowman, president and CEO of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation, and Honorable Robert John Carr, former Premier of New South Wales (1995-2005), at *The Impact of the Declaration of Independence* in Australia.** TJF