

# *Vision in History*

## **Bilson Lecture**

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**Reception 6:00 PM**

**Lecture 7:00 PM**

**Battleford Ballroom,  
Bessborough Hotel**



Vision has influenced many important historical decisions, whether literally – what people could or could not see – or metaphorically, what people imagined or wanted to believe. This lecture examines the crucial role of vision at two junctures in American history. It reveals how antebellum entrepreneurs' vision of industrial greatness fell afoul of geographical reality, and how General Robert E. Lee's view of the Civil War battlefield at Gettysburg shaped his command decisions. Both studies are built around the visual methodology of historical GIS.

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