

Louisa May Alcott's Orchard House
2025 Summer Conversational Series
Adult & Teacher Education

Revolutions of Thought – Changing the World with Ideas

Sunday - Thursday July 13 - 17, 2025
Concord School of Philosophy & Virtual

Sunday, July 13th

2:30 - 4:00 pm

Joint Session with The Thoreau Society

“‘Our Fatal Shadows’ – The Transcendental Child in the
Works of Bronson Alcott, Ralph Waldo Emerson,
and Henry David Thoreau”

Kristina West

Scholar / Author

Monday, July 14th

10:00 - 11:00 am Michael Frederick

Historian / Non-profit Consultant

“The Quiet Revolution – Emerson, Thoreau,
and the Ethics of Nonconformity”

Monday, July 14th *(continued)*

11:00 - 11:15 am Break

11:15 am - 12:15 pm Clare L. Comm

UMASS - Lowell

“The Application of DEI to Achieve Change in Turbulent Times”

12:15 - 1:00 pm Break / Lunch

1:00 - 2:00 pm Mark Hamilton Ostrander

Storyteller / Content Creator / Educator

“‘An Obscure Instinct’ – The Alcotts and
the Battle at Boston Court House”

Tuesday, July 15th

10:00 - 11:00 am Mathieu Beau

International School of Boston / UMASS-Boston

“The Quantum Revolutions and their
Impacts on Modern Philosophy”

11:00 - 11:15 am Break

Tuesday, July 15th *(continued)*

11:15 am - 12:15 pm Kristi Lynn Martin

Scholar / Historical Interpreter

“‘My Life is One of Daily Protest’ –
Revolutionary Ideas and Everyday Choices”

12:15 - 1:00 pm Break / Lunch

1:00 - 2:00 pm Cathlin Davis

CSU - Stanislaus

“Unlikely Heroes – Alcott’s Revolutionary Women”

Wednesday, July 16th

10:00 - 11:00 am Gabrielle Donnelly

Journalist / Author

“From Drunken Paddy to Upright Citizen – Prejudice and
Inclusivity in the Alcotts’ *Day* and *In Our Own*”

11:00 - 11:15 am Break

11:15 am - 12:15 pm Roberta Pardi-Oláh

Writer / Poet / Screenwriter

“From *Little Women* to *Good Wives*? Educating Girls
in the Transcendentalist Alcott Family”

Wednesday, July 16th *(continued)*

12:15 - 1:00 pm Break / Lunch

1:00 - 2:00 pm Julie Morfee

University of California, Berkeley & De Anza College - Cupertino, CA

**“Declarations of Independence – Celebrating Louisa May Alcott’s
Contributions to Feminist Revolutions in Thought”
(Virtual presentation)**

Thursday, July 17th

10:00 - 11:00 am Panel Discussion, Part First

“Revolutions in Consciousness”

Jason Giannetti *(Philosopher / Academic)*, **William J. Healey III**
(Psychotherapist / Academic), **David E. Storey** *(Academic)*

11:00 - 11:15 am Break

11:15 am - 12:15 pm Panel Discussion, Part Second

12:15 - 1:00 pm Break / Lunch

1:15 pm Guided Tour of Orchard House

by Cathlin Davis

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Thursday, July 16th *(continued)*

5:00 - 8:00 pm “Evening Edifications”

Guided Tours of Orchard House

and

6:00 pm Colonial Music Concert

performed by

The Concord Minute Men Fife & Drum Corps