

# W. BRENT BURGIN LUNCH AND LEARN LECTURE SERIES

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Noon*

*"The Dawes Family and the  
Reform of Citizenship"*



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When people think of Henry Dawes, they think of the Dawes Act and see him as a misguided Indian reformer. By examining his family and their role in various reform movements from the Civil War through the end of the nineteenth century, it demonstrates how he and his family saw themselves as advocates for citizenship and not Indian reform, reshaping how we view the Dawes Act and its effects.

