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Alexandros Mavrokordatos and the Making of Modern Greece

In Celebration of the Greek Independence Day, on Sunday, March 19, 2017, Hellenic Link–Midwest, presents Dr. Dean Kostantaras in a lecture titled: *"Alexandros Mavrokordatos and the Making of Modern Greece."* The event will be held at 3:00 pm at the Park Ridge Library, First Floor Meeting Room, 20 S. Prospect Ave, Park Ridge, IL 60068. Admission is free.

Alexandros Mavrokordatos (1791-1865) played a central role in the Greek Revolution and was a leading figure in the governments that followed. The presentation will provide an introduction to key aspects of Mavrokordatos's life and times, such as his Phanariot background and early undertakings in the Danubian Principalities, his political leanings, and his struggle to build and maintain the unity of the revolutionary movement. The lecture will draw especially on Mavrokordatos's own writings, which offer a first-hand and compelling view of these seminal events in the history of modern Greece.

Dean Kostantaras (Ph.D, George Washington University) is Lecturer of History at the University of Illinois at Chicago. His publications include the monograph Infamy and Revolt: The Rise of the National Problem in Early Modern Greek Thought and research articles in European History Quarterly, Nations and Nationalism, Journal of Early Modern History, European Review of History, History Compass, and The Historical Review/La Revue Historique. His new monograph, Nationalism and Revolution in Europe, 1763-1848, is under contract to Amsterdam University Press.