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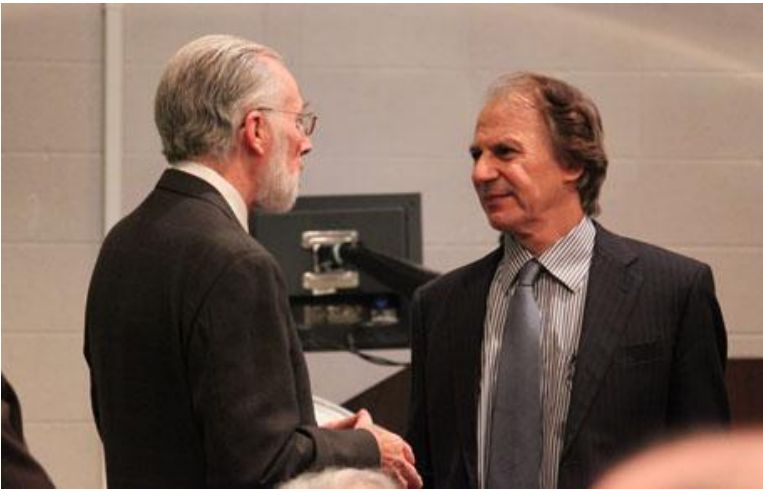
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Who were the most influential people in Roger Williams' life, and what did he overcome to forge the defining character of early American politics? Bestselling author and historian John M. Barry revealed the story behind University namesake and the founder of Rhode Island – and how he created political ideals still treasured and debated today – in his latest book, “Roger Williams and the Creation of the American Soul: Church, State and the Birth of Liberty.”

As part of the Mary Tefft White Cultural Center Lecture Series at Roger Williams University, Barry delivered a lecture to the community and sat down with President Farish for a conversation about his book on November 1. Check out the video below for Barry's perspective on Roger Williams, "soul liberty," and the separation of church and state in American government and politics.

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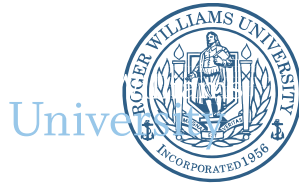
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