

# What Is So Different About Boston?



A celebrated chronicler of Boston history, Dr. Thomas O'Connor, Boston College's Professor Emeritus and University Historian, will speak about the characteristics that make Boston such a great historic city and at the same time progressive in Massachusetts' history. Dr. O'Connor won an Emmy Award in 1996 for his role as historical consultant and narrator for the WGBH documentary "*Boston: The Way it Was*."

**Presenter:** *Thomas H. O'Connor*

Thomas H. O'Connor is a native of South Boston and graduate of Boston Latin School. He received his A.B. and M.A. degrees from Boston College and his Ph.D. from Boston University. From 1962 to 1970, he served as chairman of the History Department and attained the rank of professor of History. In addition to several history textbooks, Dr. O'Connor has produced a number of studies dealing with Boston history. Among his latest publications are *Civil War Boston* (1997); *Boston Catholics* (1998); *The Hub: Boston Past and Present* (2001); and *The Athens of America: Boston, 1825–1845* (2006). Dr. O'Connor is a member of the board of trustees of the Bostonian Society, a resident fellow at the Massachusetts Historical Society, and a member of the Massachusetts Archives Commission and has served as a member of the President's Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States.

**Date & Time:** Thursday, May 3, Noon-1:30 pm.

**Locations:** Room 204A, 3<sup>rd</sup> fl., McCormack Hall, UMass Boston Campus