

# **New Orleans at 300: Why, Where, and How the City Was Founded, 1682-1722**

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## **ABSTRACT**

This illustrated lecture, *New Orleans at 300: Why, Where, and How the City Was Founded, 1682-1722*, will explain the establishment of New Orleans three hundred years ago, by contextualizing the events of the spring of 1718 within the larger 40-year era during which France launched the Louisiana colony, and particularly the five-year period (1717-1722) when New Orleans came into being.

## **BIOGRAPHY**



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