

## Dr. Elizabeth A. Williams

### **Gorham Silver: Designing Brilliance, 1850-1970**

Cover Image: designer: Thomas Pairpoint, American, 1838-1902; manufacturer: Gorham Manufacturing Company, American, founded 1831; epergne (1872) with plateau (1876); silver with gilding  
The Gorham Collection. Gift of Textron Inc. 1991.126.80

DATE **November 9, 2023**

TIME 10:00 A.M. Lecture

### NOTES

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<https://tinyurl.com/2zfr9t3z>

Website for Gorham Silver: Designing Brilliance exhibit at RISD  
<https://risdmuseum.org/exhibitions-events/exhibitions/gorham-silver>

Three-part PBS series on Gorham Manufacturing  
<https://www.pbs.org/show/chasing-silver-story-gorham/>

Brief history on Gorham Manufacturing, along with video and audio files  
<https://rhodetour.org/items/show/17>

RISD catalog of their 2019 exhibition Designing Brilliance, edited by Dr. Williams  
<https://tinyurl.com/5ek35asv>