Dr. Paul Cimbala, Professor of History at Fordham University, will speak at Historic Augusta, Inc., 415 Seventh Street in Augusta, Georgia on Thursday, October 27, 2016 at 6 p.m. Dr. Cimbala will present “When the War was Almost Over: The Freedmen’s Bureau, Veterans and Defining Union Victory in Reconstruction in Georgia, 1865-1870” as this year’s annual Dr. Edward J. Cashin Memorial Woodrow Wilson Lecture.

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The event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be provided following the presentation. For more information, call Historic Augusta, Inc. at 706-724-0436.