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About Us

Founded in the summer of 2000, the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions in the Department of Politics at Princeton University is dedicated to exploring fundamental and enduring questions of political thought and constitutional law. The James Madison Program promotes a greater appreciation of the Western tradition of legal and political thought. It also supports the application of fundamental principles to modern social problems, particularly as they are manifested in the domain of public law. By supporting the study of foundational issues, the James Madison Program seeks to fulfill its mandate of offering civic education of the highest possible quality.

James Madison, a graduate of Princeton University, was the principal architect of the Constitution and fourth President of the United States. In his honor, the James Madison Program builds upon Princeton’s traditional strengths in public law and jurisprudence. This tradition goes back to Woodrow Wilson, the first McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence in the Department of Politics, and has been carried on with great distinction by his successors: W.F. Willoughby, Edward S. Corwin, Alpheus T. Mason, Walter F. Murphy and Robert P. George. These distinguished scholars have dedicated themselves to the rigorous philosophical and social scientific study of constitutional law and related subjects.

Cover: Bradford Wilson at a James Madison Program event, September 2022. Photo credit: Tori Repp, Fotobuddy
As Princeton University launches its 2023-24 academic year, the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions is flourishing. Our Program continues to attract to its Undergraduate Fellows Forum many of the University’s most outstanding students. Our programming for them and, indeed, all Princeton students who wish to avail themselves of our offerings, is the envy of the University.

Thanks in no small measure to the dedication and hard work of the Madison Program’s superb staff, we are making good every day on our promise to provide our young men and women with an understanding of the American civic order that fortifies them to be effective citizens and future leaders of the world’s oldest and greatest experiment in republican government and morally ordered liberty.

We have similarly been blessed with success in attracting to our Visiting Fellows programs, including our Post-doctoral Fellows program, exceptional scholars in the fields of political science, law, philosophy, and history. These intellectual leaders enrich the life of our Program during their time with us and go on from Princeton to other colleges and universities inspired and empowered to make a positive difference there. In many cases, our former fellows have founded programs of their own, modeled on the James Madison Program. Imitation is indeed the highest form of flattery, and we are delighted to see our gospel being spread!

I’m enormously proud to say that the Madison Program has taken the lead in upholding freedom of speech on the Princeton campus. At a time in American higher education when the right to dissent from prevailing dogmas and dominant orthodoxies on campus is under unprecedented threat, our Undergraduate Fellows and Faculty Associates are in the forefront of defending freedom. This past year we launched our Initiative on Freedom of Thought, Inquiry, and Expression, led by Madison Program faculty associates Keith Whittington, Bernard Haykel, and Gregory Conti. The Initiative helps to ensure that the University of Chicago Free Speech Principles, which were adopted by the Princeton faculty in 2015, effectually protect—and are understood and honored by—everyone in the Princeton community.

James Madison himself famously said that “only a well-instructed people can be permanently a free people.” Truer words were never spoken. Republican government, that is to say, government not only of and for the people but by the people, cannot be sustained if the people themselves do not understand, value, and discipline themselves to live by the constitutional principles and procedures—the ideals and institutions—of their country. That’s why civic education at every level—including the collegiate level—is so critically important. Never was it more important than it is today.

Robert P. George
This fall we have a major staffing change. Executive Director Bradford Wilson, who for almost two decades has served our program with distinction, has announced his plans to retire. Brad came to the Madison Program in our early years and has been instrumental in leading our growth on campus, in the local community, and in the sphere of influence of higher education. His career, spanning over four decades, includes distinguished teaching; numerous publications, articles, and book chapters; and service as Research Associate to two Chief Justices of the United States, Warren E. Burger and William H. Rehnquist.

While we will miss Brad dearly, we are excited to announce his successor, Shilo Brooks. Shilo has served admirably as our Assistant Director for the past year and was a 2019-20 Visiting Fellow here at the Madison Program. For the upcoming year, Brad will serve half-time with the Madison Program and half-time as a senior research fellow at the Witherspoon Institute. There, he will continue his important work on the thought of the American Founders before officially retiring. We are grateful for Brad's many years of service, and we are excited to welcome Shilo to his new role.
Annika Nordquist, Communications Coordinator at the James Madison Program and host of the program's official podcast, "Madison's Notes," was honored as one of the Intercollegiate Studies Institute's Top 20 Under 30 this year. The award recognizes the incredible accomplishments of ISI alumni. Those recognized have taken part in an ISI program and have made an impact in their field (journalism, education, law, business, etc.).

Annika attended Stanford University, where she studied Classics and Linguistics and was the Editor-in-Chief of ISI's Collegiate Network paper, The Stanford Review. She has hosted over thirty episodes of "Madison's Notes," which have garnered over 166,000 downloads on podcast platforms. Her podcast guests have included political economist Nicholas Eberstadt, American medievalist Rachel Fulton Brown, legal scholar John Yoo, and broadcast news personality Larry Kudlow, among others.
The Summer of Law

Following a series of major Supreme Court decisions in the summer of 2023, Madison’s Notes launched a three-episode series to shed light on legal history and our current moment.

First in the series was an episode featuring John Yoo, the Heller Professor of Law at the University of California at Berkeley, on The Supreme Court’s Past, Present, and Future. Yoo is also a Nonresident Senior Fellow at the American Enterprise Institute and a Visiting Fellow at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University. He has written eight books and over 100 academic articles, and is a regular contributor to a wide variety of publications including the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, and National Review. The episode covers Yoo’s latest book, The Politically Incorrect Guide to the Supreme Court (Regnery Publishing, 2023). Along the way, it unpacks legal thought on issues such as affirmative action, abortion, court-packing, the administrative state, and the unique position of the Supreme Court as an unelected institution.

Hadley Arkes joined the podcast for the second episode in the "Summer of Law" series, Mere Natural Law. Arkes, the Edward Ney Professor of Jurisprudence Emeritus at Amherst College and the Founder and Director of the James Wilson Institute on Natural Rights & the American Founding, discussed his recent book, Mere Natural Law: Originalism and the Anchoring Truths of the Constitution (Regnery Publishing, 2023).

To wrap up the series, Judge Amul Thapar discussed his recent book, The People's Justice: Clarence Thomas and the Constitutional Stories that Define Him (Regnery Publishing, 2023), digging into Justice Thomas’s judicial legacy and some of his most interesting, influential, and surprising decisions. Thapar serves as a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. He became the first South Asian Article III judge in American history when President George W. Bush nominated him to serve on the Eastern District of Kentucky, where he then also served as the United States Attorney. In 2017, he became President Donald J. Trump’s first appellate court nominee. The podcast episode is titled Talking Clarence Thomas.

Season Three

The third season of Madison’s Notes launched with an episode featuring Andrew T. Walker of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, titled How Should Protestants Engage With Natural Law Theory? Walker discussed his book, Social Conservatism for the Common Good: A Protestant Engagement with Robert P. George (Crossway, 2023), which features essays from a variety of Protestant scholars on Professor George and the importance of his contributions to the field of natural law. Walker is Associate Professor of Christian Ethics at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and an associate dean in their School of Theology. He also serves as the executive director of the Carl F. H. Henry Institute for Evangelical Engagement, as Managing Editor of WORLD opinions, and as a fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center.
The Antonin Scalia Constitution Day Lecture
Sherif Girgis ’08, Associate Professor of Law at Notre Dame Law School, delivered this year’s Antonin Scalia Constitution Day Lecture on the topic of "The Supreme Court's Traditionalist Turn."

The Walter F. Murphy Lecture in American Constitutionalism celebrates the lifetime achievements of the late Walter F. Murphy, McCormick Professor Emeritus of Jurisprudence. Eugene Volokh, Gary T. Schwartz Distinguished Professor of Law, UCLA, will deliver the Murphy lecture in April 2024.

The Harold T. Shapiro Lecture on Ethics, Science, and Technology is named in honor of economist and Princeton University President Emeritus Harold Shapiro, under whose presidency the Madison Program was established. The Shapiro lecturer for 2023-24 is Jayanta Bhattacharya, Professor of Health Policy at Stanford University.

The Herbert W. Vaughan Lecture on America’s Founding Principles promotes understanding of the founding principles and core doctrines of American constitutionalism, which may be drawn from the fields of political science, history, philosophy, law, religion, and related disciplines. The Vaughan lecturer for 2023-24 is Lucas Morel, John K. Boardman, Jr. Professor of Politics at Washington and Lee University.

The Charles E. Test, M.D., Distinguished Lectures serve to enrich the University’s understanding of American ideals and institutions. The Charles E. Test, M.D. Distinguished Visiting Scholars who deliver these lectures exemplify the highest possible standards of excellence in the humanities and social sciences. The Test lecturer for 2023-24 is Niall Ferguson, Milbank Family Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University.

Alpheus T. Mason Lectures on Constitutional Law and Political Thought: The Quest for Freedom
Named in honor of Princeton’s fourth McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence, these lectures are designed to instill a deeper appreciation of American ideals and institutions.

Elizabeth M. Whelan Lecture
This annual lecture series, named for the late President and Founder of the American Council on Science and Health (ACSH), has included lectures on the humanities, economics, politics, and history. The 2023-24 Whelan lecturer is Reihan Salam, President of the Manhattan Institute for Policy Research.

The Annual Robert J. Giuffra ’82 Conference
This bi-annual conference, cosponsored by the James Madison Program at Princeton University and the Association for the Study of Free Institutions (ASFI), doubles as a reunion of alumni visiting fellows. The next Giuffra conference will be held in 2025.
Spring 2023 Events

The 2023 Harold T. Shapiro Lecture on Ethics, Science, and Technology was given by John Tasioulas, Professor of Ethics and Legal Philosophy; Director of the Institute for Ethics in AI; and Senior Research Fellow, Balliol College at the University of Oxford. The well-attended lecture was on the subject of “Artificial Intelligence, Ethics, and a Right to a Human Decision.”

In March, the Madison Program was joined by Michael Paulsen, University Chair & Professor of Law at the University of St. Thomas and Spring 2018 James Madison Program Visiting Fellow. Paulsen argued that the Constitution embraces sweeping political power over the Supreme Court – control over appointments, jurisdiction, the Court’s size, and even impeachment and non-execution of judgments.

Stephen E. Sachs, the Antonin Scalia Professor of Law at Harvard Law School, delivered the Herbert W. Vaughan Lecture on America’s Founding Principles in April 2023. The lecture, "Good and Evil in the American Founding," focused on the founders’ historical legacy and why we might respect and honor their contributions with open eyes.

Also on the topic of the American Founding was an Alpheus T. Mason Lecture on Constitutional Law and Political Thought: The Quest for Freedom. The lecture was given by Samuel Fleischacker, LAS Distinguished Professor of Philosophy at the University of Illinois-Chicago, and titled "A Little Lower than the Angels: What the American Founders Learned about Human Nature from Adam Smith."
The James Madison Program’s 2023 Princeton University Reunions Event drew a large McCosh Hall audience for a panel discussion titled "When Professions Go Woke, Can Dissenters Survive?" Panelists included J. Joel Alicea ’10, Assistant Professor of Law, Columbus School of Law, The Catholic University of America; Ryan T. Anderson ’04, President, Ethics and Public Policy Center; Kristin Collier, MD, FACP, Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, University of Michigan Medical School; and Ramesh Ponnuru ’95, Editor, National Review. Robert P. George, Director of the James Madison Program and McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence, moderated the conversation about the future of dissenters in the working world.

In May, the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions and the Association for the Study of Free Institutions hosted the 2023 Robert J. Giuffra ’82 Conference on “America’s Once and Future History.” The conference began with the presentation of the James Q. Wilson Award for Distinguished Scholarship on the Nature of a Free Society to Gordon S. Wood, Alva O. Way University Professor and Professor of History Emeritus, Brown University. The program included scholars from a variety of disciplines in the social sciences and humanities and doubled as a reunion of former visiting fellows and members of the James Madison Society. The 2023 conference was the first in-person conference since May 2019. Speakers included: Stephen H. Balch, Association for the Study of Free Institutions; Michael D. Breidenbach, Ave Maria University; Shilo Brooks, Princeton University; Robert P. George, Princeton University; Allen C. Guelzo, Princeton University; Mark David Hall, George Fox University; James Hankins, Harvard University; Carson Holloway, University of Nebraska at Omaha; Alan Charles Kors, University of Pennsylvania, Emeritus; Joyce Lee Malcolm, George Mason University, Emerita; John Matsui, Hun School of Princeton; Wilfred M. McClay, Hillsdale College; Louise Mirrer, New-York Historical Society; Vincent Phillip Muñoz, University of Notre Dame; Paul A. Rahe, Hillsdale College; Colleen Sheehan, Arizona State University; Darren M. Staloff, City College of New York, Emeritus; Jenna Silber Storey, American Enterprise Institute; Bradley C. S. Watson, Hillsdale College; and Michael Zuckert, University of Notre Dame, Emeritus.
Initiative on Freedom of Thought, Inquiry, and Expression


At the start of the fall semester, Princeton students of all disciplines and levels were invited to a conversation on the "Free Speech Rights of Students" featuring Keith Whittington, William Nelson Cromwell Professor of Politics, and Myles McKnight, an alumus from Princeton's Class of 2023 and former president of the Princeton Open Campus Coalition. Professor Whittington is the author of Speak Freely: Why Universities Must Defend Free Speech (Princeton University Press, 2019). Following the event, students attended the Undergraduate Fellows Forum open house where Robert P. George, McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence and Director of the James Madison Program, discussed the forum's opportunities and how to join.

The Initiative also cosponsored an event presented by Princetonians for Free Speech featuring George F. Will *68. The event was titled "Consciousness as the Political Project: How the Legacy of America's Great Universities Is Being Destroyed From Within." George Will's newspaper column has been syndicated by The Washington Post since 1974. Today it appears twice weekly in more than 300 newspapers. In 1976 he became a regular contributing editor of Newsweek magazine, for which he provided a bimonthly essay until 2011. In 1977 he won a Pulitzer Prize for commentary in his newspaper columns.
Princeton Principles for a Campus Culture of Free Inquiry
In March of 2023, a group of scholars convened at Princeton University to establish a set of principles meant to revitalize free inquiry on campus. The principles provide a blueprint for efforts to restore the reciprocal rights and duties that constitute the foundation of the trust reposed in the modern American university. The project was endorsed by over 75 scholars and academic freedom leaders.

Initiative on Politics and Statesmanship
Last spring, the Initiative on Politics and Statesmanship presented a special musical event with an aim to embed American classical music in the larger narrative of American culture. The program, cosponsored by the Department of Music, considered Joseph Horowitz's Dvorak's Prophecy (W. W. Norton & Company, 2021). In the book, Horowitz proposes a “new paradigm” privileging Charles Ives, George Gershwin, and Black classical music beginning with Harry Burleigh. The event included Sidney Outlaw singing Burleigh; John McWhorter reconsidering Gershwin; and Allen Guelzo exploring Ives and the Civil War.

More recently, the Initiative convened a symposium to mark the 150th anniversary of one of the most influential decisions ever handed down by the U.S. Supreme Court, in The Slaughter-House Cases. The symposium's talks included "The Slaughter-House Dissents and the Reconstruction of American Liberalism" by the University of Michigan's Pamela Brandwein; "The Slaughter-House Cases and the Rise of the Fourteenth Amendment, Section One" by the University of Maryland Carey School of Law's Mark A. Graber; and "Defending Slaughterhouse: Miller's Opinion and Bingham's Amendment" by the University of Richmond's Kurt Lash. The event was cosponsored by the Princeton University Department of Politics and funded by the Bouton Law Lecture Fund.
The Undergraduate Fellows Forum’s intention is to foster a hospitable intellectual environment for students to seek a better understanding of constitutional politics and the moral and philosophic dimensions of political life. The Forum welcomes applications from Princeton students of any academic discipline committed to a spirit of open inquiry and serious intellectual engagement.

Class of 2023 Graduates, Undergraduate Fellows Forum

Jovan Aigbekaen
James Anderson
Abigail Anthony
Nazdar Ayzit
Ellen Battaglia
Joe Becker
Forest Belli
Beatrix Bondor
Jordan Bowman-Davis
Jane Burdick
Sienna Byrne
Theodore Clement
Summer Crown
Yara Daraiseh
Oliver Effron
Lizzie Evanko
Jamie Feder
Amichai Feit
Michael Fording
Eliana Gagnon
Brandon Gauthier
Larry Giberson
Isaac Goldston
Kate Gross-Whitaker
William Hillman III
Aaron Hilton
Alison Hirsch

Adam Hoffman
Trevor Holmes
Thomas Huleatt
William Hunt
Cassandra James
Rosmeilyn Jerez
James Jourlait
Christopher Kane
Matthew Karns
Frederick King
Davis Kline
Henry Koffler
Alexander Krauel
Gabriel Lebeau
James Lee
Aaron Leung
Carrie Li
Kate Liu
Daniel Lyons
Julio Martinez
Riley Martinez
Kennedy Mattes
Myles McKnight
Logan Mundy
Margaret Murphy
Justin Ong
Riley Owen

Gregory Petrov
Madeleine Polubinski
Reece Rabin
Beck Reiferson
Kaller Roemer
Sameed Sayeed
Claire Schmeller
Chloe Searchinger
Taryn Sebba
Iman Sennoun
Nathan Shapiro
Claire Silberman
Jasman Singh
Nishant Singhal
Sophie Singletary
Zachariah Sippy
Jake Snyder
Kathleen Song
Joshua Spergel
Ceon Sun
Alexis Sursock
Yoo Shin Tanai
Billy Wade
Tony Ye
Jason Yuan
Yaakov Zinberg
In addition to providing exclusive opportunities to the 200+ members of the Undergraduate Fellows Forum, the James Madison Program invites all members of the undergraduate community to participate in its courses, co-curricular events, and academic track.

The Department of Politics, in collaboration with the James Madison Program, offers the Program in American Ideas and Institutions (AIIP), an academic track for students who wish to further and to demonstrate their understandings of the three branches of the federal government and the values, ideas, and theories that underlie them.
The Madison Program’s Convivium, a weeklong seminar series held at the University of Oxford, was launched in the summer of 2023 for members of the program’s Undergraduate Fellows Forum. Participants stayed at Jesus College, where they read and discussed a variety of philosophical, literary, theological, and scientific texts related to the theme of ambition.

Reviews
“I found the Convivium to be a highly valuable opportunity to simultaneously spend time analyzing great literature, reflecting on the implications of this literature on our own lives, meeting new people, and exploring a beautiful and historic center of learning.”

“I really enjoyed the Convivium and was very grateful to have been able to participate! It was wonderful to discuss such interesting readings and important topics with Dr. Brooks and Dr. Cratty and my classmates in a low-pressure setting where we could exchange ideas freely without the pressure of grades, and everyone was enthusiastic about the subject material! It was an especially unique experience for me because, although I have taken several humanities seminars at Princeton, as a molecular biology major I have not had as many opportunities to engage in these types of discussions.”
Fall 2023 Course Offerings

Constitutional Interpretation
Instructor: Robert P. George, McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence and Director of the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions
A study of the structure of the American constitutional system and of the meaning of key constitutional provisions. Students will critically evaluate competing theories of, and approaches to, constitutional interpretation.

Abraham Lincoln Politics: Concepts, Conflict, and Context
Instructor: Allen C. Guelzo, Thomas W. Smith Distinguished Research Scholar and Director of the James Madison Program Initiative on Politics and Statesmanship
This seminar considers a range of issues in philosophy of law within the United States, with particular focus on major thinkers, schools of thought, and controversies of the 20th and 21st centuries, although with occasional reference to sources outside of the American context when needed. Topics will include: formalism and realism, positivism, proceduralism, liberalism, natural law jurisprudence, varieties of originalism, postmodern jurisprudence, developments of critical legal studies, and common good constitutionalism.

The Collapse of Civilization
Instructor: Shilo Brooks, Assistant Director of the James Madison Program and Lecturer in Politics
Does modern progress corrupt our morals and degrade our humanity? Has the march of civilization exhausted our souls? This course engages classic literary and philosophic works that explore how humanity has been shaped by modernizing forces. Students will investigate the enlightenment's promise to improve the human condition through the accumulation of knowledge, the technological mastery of nature, and the conferral of natural rights. They will consider—and question—modernity's faith in the goodness of progress, liberalism, socialism, science, technology, and democracy.
Current Visiting Fellows

Megan Brand
2023-24 Thomas W. Smith Postdoctoral Research Associate
Ph.D. in International Relations and Comparative Public Law, Princeton University

John Breen
2023-24 Visiting Fellow
Georgia Reithal Professor of Law, Loyola University Chicago School of Law

Kevin Burns
2023-24 Visiting Fellow
Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science and Economics, Christendom College

Keegan Callanan
2023-24 Forbes Visiting Research Collaborator
Associate Professor of Political Science, Middlebury College

Michael Gonzalez
2023-24 Thomas W. Smith Postdoctoral Research Associate
Ph.D. in Political Science, Baylor University

Aaron Herold
2023-24 Visiting Fellow
Associate Professor & Chair of Political Science and International Relations, SUNY Geneseo
Ian Tuttle
2023-24 John and Daria Barry Postdoctoral Research Fellow
Ph.D. in Political Theory, The Catholic University of America

Qian (Habi) Zhang
2023-24 John and Daria Barry Postdoctoral Research Fellow
Ph.D. in Political Science, Purdue University

Hugh Liebert
2023-24 Visiting Fellow
Professor of American Politics, United States Military Academy

Anthony Marsh
2023-24 John and Daria Barry Postdoctoral Research Fellow
Ph.D. in Philosophy, Columbia University

Oliver Traldi
2023-24 John and Daria Barry Postdoctoral Research Fellow
Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Notre Dame

Ian Tuttle
2023-24 John and Daria Barry Postdoctoral Research Fellow
Ph.D. in Political Theory, The Catholic University of America

Zena Hitz
2023-24 Visiting Fellow
Tutor at St. John’s College
Updates on the 2022-23 Visiting Fellows

▲ Fellows of the James Madison Program with Robert P. George, Spring 2023

Nicholas Anderson, 2022-23 John and Daria Barry Postdoctoral Research Fellow, is a Postdoctoral Fellow at UT Austin’s Thomas Jefferson Center.

Steele Brand, 2022-23 Garwood Visiting Fellow, is now Professor of History at Cairn University.

Timothy W. Burns, 2022-23 John and Daria Barry Visiting Fellow, has returned to Baylor University as Professor of Political Science.

Keegan Callanan, 2022-23 Forbes Visiting Research Collaborator and Associate Professor of Political Science at Middlebury College, has returned to the James Madison Program at Princeton University as a 2023-24 Forbes Visiting Research Collaborator.

Alexis Carré, 2022-23 Thomas W. Smith Postdoctoral Research Associate, is a Postdoctoral Fellow in the Program on Constitutional Government at Harvard University.

Shawn Phillip Cooper, 2022-23 John and Daria Barry Postdoctoral Research Fellow, is Managing Editor of Humanitas, the flagship journal for the Center for the Study of Statesmanship at The Catholic University of America.

Agata Czarnecka, 2022-23 Visiting Fellow, has returned to Nicolaus Copernicus University as Assistant Professor of Law.

Solveig L. Gold ’17, 2022-23 Thomas W. Smith Postdoctoral Research Associate, is enjoying life with her new baby girl.

Mark David Hall, 2022-23 Garwood Visiting Fellow, is now Professor in the Robertson School of Government at Regent University.
James Hankins, 2022-23 Garwood Visiting Fellow, has returned to Harvard University as Professor of History.

Thomas D. Howes, 2022-2023 Postdoctoral Research Fellow, is a Lecturer in Politics at Princeton University.

Nasser Hussain, 2022-23 Postdoctoral Research Associate and Lecturer in Politics is now a Postdoctoral Research Associate and Director of the Civil Discourse Initiative in the Transformative Ideas Program at Duke University.

Stefan Kolev, 2022-23 Visiting Fellow, has returned to the University of Applied Sciences Zwickau as Professor of Economics.

Juan Tello Mendoza, 2022-2023 Margarita Salas Visiting Postdoctoral Research Fellow, is now Visiting Assistant Professor for International Human Rights Law at The Catholic University of America.

Rosemarie Monge, 2022-23 Visiting Fellow, has returned to the University of St. Thomas as Associate Professor in Department of Ethics and Business Law within Opus College of Business.

Ronen Shoval, 2022-23 Associate Research Scholar, is now Dean of the Argaman Institute and Visiting Fellow in Jewish Thought at the Ethics and Public Policy Center.

Abigail Staysa, 2022-23 John and Daria Barry Postdoctoral Research Fellow, is now a Postdoctoral Fellow in the Civitas Institute at the University of Texas at Austin.

Ján Tomastík, 2022-23 Visiting Student Research Collaborator has returned to Masaryk University, Czech Republic as a PhD Candidate in Political Science.

Geoffrey M. Vaughan, 2022-23 Visiting Fellow, has returned to Assumption University as Professor and Chair of the Political Science Department.
John and Daria Barry Scholarship
Undergraduate Fellow Abigail Anthony ’23 was awarded the John and Daria Barry Scholarship for study at the University of Oxford following graduation. Anthony, who majored in Politics and earned certificates in Linguistics and Creative Writing, will pursue a Master of Philosophy in Linguistics, Philology, and Phonetics. The scholarship provides full funding for a minimum of two years of study, including full tuition, a generous living stipend, and yearly stipends for research and travel. An initiative of the Canterbury Institute, the award is generously funded by the John and Daria Barry Foundation.

Stephen Whelan ’68 Senior Thesis Prize for Excellence in Constitutional Law and Political Thought
Abigail Anthony ’23 also made James Madison Program news when she was awarded the Stephen Whelan ’68 Senior Thesis Prize for Excellence in Constitutional Law and Political Thought. Her thesis was titled “The Republic of Drunkards: The Political Pathogenesis of Addiction and Development of the Temperance Philosophy in America, From the Plymouth Colony to 1850,” was advised by Gregory Conti, Assistant Professor of Politics. The Stephen Whelan ’68 Senior Thesis Prize for Excellence in Constitutional Law and Political Thought is an endowed University prize awarded by the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions. It is awarded to a senior whose thesis in the area of constitutional law or political thought is judged to be of superlative quality.

Decades of Service as Princeton's Parliamentarian
Robert P. George, McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence and James Madison Program Director, was recognized at the May meeting of the faculty of Princeton University for his more than three-and-a-half decades of service as Princeton’s official parliamentarian. It was also announced by Dean of the Faculty Gene Jarrett that Professor Frances Lee, a faculty associate of the James Madison Program and a member of its executive committee, will begin serving as parliamentarian in the fall.

Biola University’s Charles W. Colson Award
In April, Biola University awarded Professor George the ninth annual Charles W. Colson Conviction and Courage Award. Recipients of the Colson Award are committed to advancing Christianity, defending religious freedom, advocating for the weak and defenseless, and modeling bold Christian leadership. Professor George was honored for his work in the fields of law, philosophy, bioethics, and civil liberties, as well as his efforts to learn from others with different viewpoints while still standing firm in his convictions.

Madisonian honored with ISI's "Conservative Book of the Year"
Daniel Mahoney, 2020-21 Garwood Visiting Fellow, was awarded the Intercollegiate Studies Institute’s 2023 Conservative Book of the Year Award, for his book, The Statesman as Thinker: Portraits of Greatness, Courage, and Moderation. In the book, Dr. Mahoney, a professor emeritus at Assumption University and fellow at the Claremont Institute, puts forth portraits of great statesmen who struggled to preserve freedom in times of crisis, from Cicero and Burke to Churchill and Havel.
What’s the point of a Princeton education? What is liberal arts learning all about? How can students make the most of opportunities afforded to them by liberal arts colleges and universities?

Two of Princeton’s most distinguished scholars and acclaimed teachers, Professors Robert P. George and Sanjeev Kulkarni, explored these questions in a public dialogue during First-Year Families Weekend.

Sanjeev Kulkarni
William R. Kenan, Jr., Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering and Operations Research and Financial Engineering

Robert P. George
McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence and Director of the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions

Introduction by Jennifer Rexford
Provost and the Gordon Y.S. Wu Professor in Engineering and Professor of Computer Science
Participants of the 2022 James Madison Program Summer Seminar on The Principles of American Politics

The Moral Foundations of Law

July 24-28, 2023

12 law and graduate students participated in the Moral Foundations of Law seminar, which covered some of the most contested areas of inquiry in legal philosophy today, including legal positivism, practical reason, human good and positive law, morals legislation, pluralism, crime and punishment, property, and rights and duties.

Faculty
Gerard V. Bradley, Professor of Law, University of Notre Dame Law School
John M. Finnis, Professor Emeritus of Law & Legal Philosophy, University of Oxford; Biolchini Family Professor of Law Emeritus, University of Notre Dame Law School
Robert P. George, McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence and Director of the James Madison Program, Princeton University
Adam MacLeod, Professor of Law, Jones School of Law, Faulkner University

Participant Feedback
“The Moral Foundations of Law seminar was an incredible experience and I’m so thankful the James Madison Program considers it a priority. For those of us who are not trained lawyers but who still understand how the moral dimensions of the law affect our society so significantly, the seminar provides an outstanding context for rich discussion over matters of jurisprudential first principles. As an ethics professor at the largest Protestant seminary in the United States, the conversations and principles discussed in the Moral Foundations of Law seminar have left a lasting impression on me and, in turn, what I teach to my students. This seminar bears much fruit!”
— Andrew T. Walker, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Christian Ethics and Public Theology, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
The Principles of American Politics
June 26-30, 2023

22 upper-level high-school students participated in the seminars, engaging in discussion with instructors Adam Seagrave and Jeffrey Poelvoorde around fundamental questions of liberty and equality in American political life.

Faculty
S. Adam Seagrave, Associate Professor, School of Civic and Economic Thought and Leadership, Arizona State University
Jeffrey J. Poelvoorde, Associate Professor of Politics (retired), Converse University

Participant Feedback
“This experience dramatically deepened my knowledge on America’s founding and helped me to view certain issues in ways I would have never even considered. My critical thinking skills were put into practice and sharpened. I also became friends with some really cool people, and I feel like having to meet new people and step out of my comfort zone helped me also grow in confidence.”

Statesmanship in American History
July 16–21, 2023
Supported by the Jack Miller Center
Presented in cooperation with the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History

20 high school teachers participated in a weeklong in-person professional development event on the study of statecraft. Select lectures were also live-streamed to participants nationwide. The total Zoom attendance across the four live-streamed lectures was 258, averaging 65 teachers per lecture. From George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and Frederick Douglass to the present day, participants considered America’s statesmen and what students need to know to understand the difficult art of political statecraft.

Faculty
Allen C. Guelzo, Director, James Madison Program’s Initiative on Politics and Statesmanship, Princeton University
Shilo Brooks, Assistant Director, James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions; Lecturer in Politics, Princeton University
Matthew J. Franck, Senior Fellow, The Witherspoon Institute
Nathan McAlister, Gilder Lehrman Master Teacher and 2010 National History Teacher of the Year

Participant Feedback
“The new content I learned not only provided me with information and ideas to take back to my class, but it also reminded me why I love learning and teaching history. The joy I derived from the experiences at this seminar, both in the lectures and group activities, re-inspired me as I look forward to the new school year. I needed this!”