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.
As the 2022-23 academic year gets into full swing, the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions is bigger and stronger than ever. We are also more influential—on our campus and in the broader academic world—than at any prior point in our twenty-two year history. That's less a boast than it is a recognition of our responsibility to chart the way forward for American civic education—education for citizenship.

The urgency of that responsibility cannot be exaggerated. Ignorance of the principles and institutions of the American civic order has gravely undermined our national morale and the ability of our people to play their indispensable role in sustaining our grand national experiment in republican democracy and morally ordered liberty.

The Madison Program is proud to shoulder the burden and grateful for all our alumni and friends do to enable us to do our work.

Robert P. George

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The program welcomed four new staff members this year. Pictured left to right: Christie Johnson, Jonathan Garaffa, Annika Nordquist.

Annika Nordquist is the James Madison Program’s Communications Coordinator and host of the Program’s podcast, Madison’s Notes. She graduated from Stanford University in 2021, where she studied Classics and Linguistics. She was also Editor-in-Chief of the Stanford Review and a member of the varsity fencing team. Previously, she was a Research Assistant in Education Policy at the American Enterprise Institute.

Jonathan Garaffa is the Special Initiatives Coordinator of Princeton University’s James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions. He graduated from Princeton University in 2020, where he studied Philosophy and received a certificate in Cognitive Science. Since graduation, he has worked for Princeton University’s Humanities Council and Princeton University’s Office of Corporate Engagement & Foundation Relations.

Christie Johnson is the Fellowship and Events Coordinator of Princeton University’s James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions. She graduated from Rowan University in 2021, where she received a degree in Law & Justice studies, a minor in German Studies, and a certificate of undergraduate study in Arabic. She also graduated from the Auguste Escoffier School of Culinary Arts in 2022 with a diploma in baking and pastry.
Shilo Brooks is Assistant Director of the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions and Lecturer in the Department of Politics. He was previously Associate Teaching Professor at the University of Colorado, where he was Faculty Director of the Engineering Leadership Program and Associate Faculty Director of the Benson Center for the Study of Western Civilization. He has also held appointments as Visiting Professor of Government at Bowdoin College, Fellow in the Program on Constitutionalism and Democracy at the University of Virginia, and Visiting Fellow in the James Madison Program at Princeton.

Dr. Brooks is author of Nietzsche’s Culture War, in addition to scholarly and journalistic articles on a variety of topics. His teaching and research interests lie in the history of political philosophy, statesmanship, and the humanities. He received his PhD in political science from Boston College and his BA in liberal arts from the Great Books Program at St. John’s College, Annapolis.
Recent Episodes

Where Did Conservatism Go? A Conversation with Yoram Hazony
Israeli political philosopher Yoram Hazony ’86 joined the podcast to discuss the Enlightenment, the American Founding, Conservatism’s past and future, and his latest book: *Conservatism: A Rediscovery*. Dr. Hazony is the President of the Herzl Institute, based in Jerusalem, and the chairman of the Edmund Burke Foundation, a public affairs institute based in Washington D.C.

Inflation, Past and Present: A Conversation with Tyler Goodspeed
We all know that things are a little more expensive when we head to the grocery store. But what does inflation actually mean? What does history have to say about our current economic situation? Annika explores these questions with Tyler Goodspeed of the Hoover Institution. Dr. Goodspeed served as Acting Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers from 2020-2021 and was formerly on the Faculty of Economics at the University of Oxford.

Reclaiming a Lost Vision of Feminism: A Conversation with Erika Bachiochi
The overturning of Roe v. Wade has led to a flurry of commentary and wondering, “Where next?” What is the history of abortion and sex-positivity within the feminist movement, and how did Roe affect our views on sex? Feminist legal scholar Erika Bachiochi joined the podcast to discuss these questions as well as her recent book on Mary Wollstonecraft, *The Rights of Women: Reclaiming a Lost Vision*. She is the founder and director of the Wollstonecraft Project at the Abigail Adams Institute and a fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center.

The Origins of the Modern Self: A Conversation with Carl Trueman
Modern social and political discussions all seem to revolve around the concept of identity. Theologian Carl Trueman discusses how thinkers like Marx, Freud, and Nietzsche created a world in which sexuality is politicized, and in which we all instinctively know what it means to “identify as.” He is the author two recent books, *The Rise and Triumph of the Modern Self*, and a shorter, study-version on the same topic, *Strange New World*. 
Lectures and Events

The Antonin Scalia Constitution Day Lecture
Judge Amul R. Thapar of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit delivered this year’s Antonin Scalia Constitution Day Lecture on the topic of Originalism in Theory and Practice.

The Walter F. Murphy Lecture in American Constitutionalism celebrates the lifetime achievements of the late Walter F. Murphy, McCormick Professor Emeritus of Jurisprudence. Michael Stokes Paulsen, Distinguished University Chair and Professor of Law at the University of St. Thomas School of Law, will deliver the 2022-23 Murphy lecture.

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 2022-23 is John Tasioulas, Professor of Ethics and Legal Philosophy and Director of the Institute for Ethics in AI at the University of Oxford.

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 2022-23 is Stephen Sachs, Antonin Scalia Professor of Law at Harvard Law School.

Lectures on America’s Founding and Future
This lecture series invites speakers to examine the founding and the fundamental principles of American democracy and their applications to current social, political, legal, and cultural issues.

The Charles E. Test, M.D. ’37 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. Teresa M. Bejan, Professor of Political Theory and Fellow of Oriel College at the University of Oxford will deliver the 2022-23 Test lectures.

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. Vincent Phillip Muñoz, Tocqueville Associate Professor of Political Science and Concurrent Associate Professor of Law at the University of Notre Dame will give an Alpheus T. Mason Lecture this year.

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 2022-23 Whelan lecturer is Matthew Continetti, Senior Fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, Journalist, Author, and Intellectual Historian. He will deliver a lecture on The State of Conservatism 2022.

The Annual Robert J. Giuffra ’82 Conference
This 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. This year, the conference honors the work of Gordon S. Wood, Alva O. Way University Professor and Professor of History Emeritus at Brown University.
Spring 2022 Events

Kimberley Strassel ’94 of the Wall Street Journal Editorial Board delivered the 2022 Elizabeth M. Whelan Lecture on Modern Threats to the First Amendment. This event was also part of our Initiative on Freedom of Thought, Inquiry, and Expression.

The James Madison Program was also joined by Jason L. Riley, senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute and columnist for the Wall Street Journal. Riley joined Professor Guelzo for a discussion on Thomas Sowell and why his writings—on everything from school choice and affirmative action to economic inequality and social justice—continue to be relevant to our policy discussions today.

In May 2022, Undergraduate Fellows of the James Madison Program had the opportunity to participate in an off-the-record discussion with Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court Neil Gorsuch. The virtual discussion was moderated by Professor George, and each student was provided a signed copy of his book, A Republic, If You Can Keep It.

Senator Ben Sasse also met with a group of Undergraduate Fellows in a private virtual event this spring. Twenty students attended and asked questions related to Senator Sasse’s work in the intelligence, judiciary, finance, and budget committees.
Initiative on Freedom of Thought, Inquiry, and Expression

Through events, seminars, and other programming, the James Madison Free Speech Initiative creates opportunities for the Princeton community—faculty, students, staff, and the public—to learn how and why freedom of thought and inquiry is essential to the health of universities and free societies.

The initiative’s inaugural event was held in April 2022. Geoffrey R. Stone, Edward H. Levi Distinguished Professor of Law, University of Chicago, delivered a lecture entitled Understanding Free Speech on Campus: The Ten Critical Judgments the Supreme Court Has Made About the Meaning of the First Amendment.

Mr. Stone is the author or co-author of many books on constitutional law, including Social Media, Freedom of Speech, and The Future of Our Democracy (forthcoming 2022); National Security, Leaks and Freedom of the Press (2021); Democracy and Equality: The Enduring Constitutional Vision of the Warren Court (2020); The Free Speech Century (2018); Sex and the Constitution (2017); and Perilous Times: Free Speech in Wartime (2004). In 2014, Mr. Stone chaired the University of Chicago committee that drafted what has come to be known as The Chicago Free Speech Principles, which have been adopted by more than eighty colleges and universities across the nation.
On October 6, 2022, Former ACLU president and New York Law School Professor Emerita Nadine Strossen joined Princeton politics professor Gregory Conti for a discussion about free speech and academic freedom on campus. Strossen’s 2018 book, *HATE: Why We Should Resist it With Free Speech, Not Censorship*, has earned praise from ideologically diverse experts, including Harvard University Professor Cornel West and Princeton University Professor Robert George.

On November 11, 2022, the Institutional Neutrality and the Mission of the University conference will consist of two public panels investigating the role and impact of the landmark Kalven Report, followed by a private, closed session where invited scholars will draft a new updated statement on institutional neutrality. Taking into account our contemporary political circumstances, this updated statement will define the critical role of the University in defending free speech.

Initiative on Politics and Statesmanship

Lectures sponsored by the James Madison Program Initiative on Politics and Statesmanship feature leading scholars of statesmanship in modern democratic societies.


John Wilsey, Associate Professor of Church History at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, returned to Princeton to deliver a lecture on his recent book, *God’s Cold Warrior: The Life and Faith of John Foster Dulles*. Allen C. Guelzo, Director of the Initiative on Politics and Statesmanship, moderated a public discussion with Dr. Wilsey on John Foster Dulles, President Eisenhower’s longtime secretary of state.
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 2022 Graduates, Undergraduate Fellows Forum

Harshini Abbaraju  
Amina Ahmad  
Naser Al-Fawakhiri  
Andrew Arking  
Arman L. Badrei  
Danice Ball  
Henry B. Barrett  
Elizabeth Brooke Baxter  
Reade Matthew Ben  
Silma S. Berrada  
Shelby B. Brainard  
Alexandra M. Buzzini  
Julia Campbell  
Miguel Caranti  
Noelia Carbajal  
Jackson Q. Cohlan  
Oliver Crane  
Justin L. Curl  
Marcus James Dykeman Curlin  
Guillermo A. de la Torre  
Leland J. Domaratzky  
Molly Gibbons  
Geralysa Ferrer  
Rebecca J. Han  
Isaac D. Hart  
Christian A. Hernandez  
Naomi I. Hess  
Maya Elyse Houser  
Patrick Huang  
Claudia Humphrey  
Samin Mubasshir Islam  
Juan Jose Lopez  
Nathanael Mengistie  
Sungho Park  
Tammy Pham  
Bradley David Phelps  
Christian G. Potter  
Sebastian Quiroga  
Hannah J. Reynolds  
Alberto Cabrera  
Chiara Salvati  
Zachary Shevin  
Joseph Max Shipley  
Avi Siegal  
John V. Sposito  
Lucas da Silva Stewart  
Jack Sullivan  
Bennett S. Thompson  
Emma Treadway  
Andrew John Tufillaro  
Sophia Wang  
Dilan Zeytun West  
Elan W. Zohar
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. This year, there are 22 students—11 seniors and 11 juniors—in the track.
Sponsored Courses

The James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions is pleased to participate in and contribute to the academic life at Princeton University through its support of course offerings. The Program provides full funding support for courses that are of interest both to students in the Department of Politics and to students in other departments such as religion, philosophy, history, and the School of Public and International Affairs. Offered regularly is a course on American Statesmanship funded by the William Garwood family.

In the Spring 2022 semester, the Madison Program sponsored a course co-taught by Professors Robert P. George and Allen C. Guelzo. The course, *The Politics of Higher Education: Competing Visions of the University*, examined the history, contemporary reality, and likely future of higher education in the United States and abroad. Students in the course considered the changing and often conflicting ideals and aspirations of parents, students, instructors, and administrators from classical Rome to Christian institutions in the European Middle Ages to American athletic powerhouses today, seeking answers to fundamental practical, economic, and political questions provoking vigorous contemporary debate. At the conclusion of the course, Professors George and Guelzo hosted a musical gathering, pictured below.

Also offered in Spring 2022 was a freshman seminar on *Central Dilemmas of Israeli Politics*, taught by Benjamin Schvarcz, Ph.D., 2021-2022 James Madison Program Postdoctoral Research Associate.
Contemporary Natural Law Theory  
Instructor: Thomas Howes, 2022-2023 Postdoctoral Research Associate and Lecturer in Politics; Ph.D. in Philosophy, Catholic University of America

Natural Law theory has a rich and varied history extending back to the classical period. Although in recent decades it has often been associated with religious thinkers, especially Catholic ones, it also has non-Catholic, and even non-religious adherents. This theory offers a first-personal account of practical reason that acknowledges diverse basic values as fundamental aspects of living a fulfilled life. For some, contemporary natural law theory offers a compelling alternative to other ethical theories. For others, it offers a stimulating sparring partner that helps philosophers of different perspectives to refine their own argument.

American Identity at a Crossroads?  
Instructor: Nasser Hussain, 2022-2023 Postdoctoral Research Associate and Lecturer in Politics; Ph.D. in Cultural Anthropology, Columbia University

Is America a country built on systemic oppression or a land of opportunity where anybody can flourish and prosper? We engage the key texts in discussions on race, religion, class, and gender to evaluate these conflicting claims. We examine the meaning of ‘justice’ in social justice movements by assessing their core tenets alongside the ideas and values long undergirding American institutions. The seminar encourages students to reflect on what it means to live in America in this pivotal cultural moment. Students will also have the opportunity to meet guest speakers, themselves leading figures at the forefront of these debates.

Secession, the Civil War, and the Constitution  
Instructor: Allen C. Guelzo, Thomas W. Smith Distinguished Research Scholar and Director of the James Madison Program Initiative on Politics and Statesmanship

This seminar explores constitutional and legal issues posed by the attempted secession of eleven states of the Federal Union in 1860-1865 and the civil war this attempt triggered. Issues to be examined include the nature of secession movements (both in terms of the constitutional controversy posed in 1860-1861 and modern secession movements), the development of the “war powers” doctrine of the presidency, the suspension by the writ of habeas corpus, the use of military tribunals, and abuses of civil rights on both sides of the Civil War.
Current Visiting Fellows

Nicholas Anderson
2022-23 John and Daria Barry Postdoctoral Research Fellow

Steele Brand
2022-23 Garwood Visiting Fellow; Associate Professor of History, The King’s College

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

Keegan Callanan
2022-23 Forbes Visiting Research Collaborator; Associate Professor of Political Science, Middlebury College

Alexis Carré
2022-23 Thomas W. Smith Postdoctoral Research Associate

Shawn Phillip Cooper
2022-23 John and Daria Barry Postdoctoral Research Fellow

Agata Czarnecka
2022-23 Visiting Fellow, Assistant Professor of Law, Nicolaus Copernicus University

Solveig L. Gold ’17
2022-23 Thomas W. Smith Postdoctoral Research Associate

Mark David Hall
2022-23 Garwood Visiting Fellow; Professor of Politics, George Fox University
James Hankins
2022-23 Garwood Visiting Fellow; Professor of History, Harvard University

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

Nasser Hussain
2022-23 Postdoctoral Research Associate; Lecturer in Politics, Princeton University

Stefan Kolev
2022-23 Visiting Fellow; Professor of Political Economy, University of Applied Sciences Zwickau

Juan Tello Mendoza
2022-2023 Margarita Salas Visiting Postdoctoral Research Fellow

Ronen Shoval
2022-23 Associate Research Scholar

Abigail Staysa
2022-23 John and Daria Barry Postdoctoral Research Fellow

Geoffrey M. Vaughan
2022-23 Visiting Fellow; Professor of Political Science, Assumption University

Not Pictured
Rosemarie Monge
2022-23 Visiting Fellow; Associate Professor of Ethics and Business Law, St. Thomas University

Ján Tomastík
2022-23 Visiting Student Research Collaborator; PhD Candidate in Political Science, Masaryk University, Czech Republic
Updates on the 2021-22 Visiting Fellows

**Stephanie M. Ahrens**, 2021-22 John and Daria Barry Postdoctoral Research Fellow, is a Postdoctoral Associate at Boston University’s Kilachand Honors College.

**Jacob R. Boros**, 2021-22 John and Daria Barry Postdoctoral Research Fellow is an Instructor at Arizona State University.

**Keegan Callanan**, 2021-22 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 2022-23 Forbes Visiting Research Collaborator.

**Kyu-Been Chun**, 2021-22 Thomas W. Smith Postdoctoral Research Associate is a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Penn Initiative for the Study of Markets in the Economics Department at the University of Pennsylvania.

**Emily Finley**, 2021-22 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.

**Solveig L. Gold ’17**, 2021-22 Senior Research Assistant, has returned to the James Madison Program at Princeton University as a 2022-23 Thomas W. Smith Postdoctoral Research Associate.

**Amanda Greene**, Fall 2021 Visiting Research Scholar and Assistant Professor of Philosophy at University College London, is now Associate Professor of Political Philosophy, University of California Santa Barbara.

**Nasser Hussain**, 2021-22 Thomas W. Smith Postdoctoral Research Associate, has returned to the James Madison Program at Princeton University as a 2022-23 James Madison Program Postdoctoral Research Associate.
Peter K. Koritansky, 2021-22 John and Daria Barry Visiting Research Scholar, has returned to the University of Prince Edward Island (Canada) as Professor of History, Philosophy, and Religious Studies.

Angus McClellan, 2021-22 Garwood Postdoctoral Research Associate, is a Technical Writer/Editor at Schatz Publishing Group.

Allen Porter ’10, 2021-22 John and Daria Barry Postdoctoral Research Fellow, is a Postdoctoral Fellow in the Hamilton Center for Classical and Civic Education at the University of Florida.

Benjamin Schvarcz, James Madison Program 2021-2022 Postdoctoral Research Associate has returned to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem as a Postdoctoral Fellow.

Stephen Wolfe, 2021-22 Postdoctoral Research Associate, is an instructor at Kepler, an online platform for classical Christian education.

2021-22 Visiting Fellows were inducted into the James Madison Society at the final Tuesday Coffee of the academic year.
Presitigious Book Awards for James Madison Society Members

The James Madison Program is pleased to announce that two Madisonians have won major book awards this year. Congratulations to Dr. Kevin Weddle and Dr. Andrew Porwancher, both former Visiting Fellows, for their impressive work!

Kevin J. Weddle, 2018-19 Garwood Visiting Professor with the Madison Program, has won the 2021 Gilder Lehrman Prize for Military History for his book: *The Compleat Victory: Saratoga and the American Revolution*. This prize is awarded by the New York Historical Society, co-sponsored with the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, and comes with a $50,000 honorarium. It honors the best English-language book on the subject of military history.

Notre Dame's de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture to Award 2023 Evangelium Vitae Medal to Robert P. George

Acclaimed legal philosopher, constitutional and political theorist, and James Madison Program Founding Director Robert P. George will receive the University of Notre Dame’s 2023 Evangelium Vitae Medal—the nation’s most important award for heroes of the pro-life movement—at a celebration hosted by the de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture on April 29, 2023.
Andrew Porwancher, Spring 2018 Garwood Visiting Fellow with the Madison Program, has won the 2021 Journal of the American Revolution Book-of-the-Year Award for his book: The Jewish World of Alexander Hamilton. Awarded since 2014 by the Journal of the American Revolution, this award honors the best nonfiction book on the Revolutionary and Founding Eras, and which best delivers engaging, creative, and intelligent content making the American Revolution accessible to a broad audience.

The Notre Dame Evangelium Vitae Medal, named after Pope John Paul II’s 1995 encyclical, is the nation’s most important lifetime achievement award for heroes of the pro-life movement, honoring individuals whose efforts have advanced the Gospel of Life by steadfastly affirming and defending the sanctity of human life from its earliest stages.

Previous recipients of the medal include Dr. John Bruchalski, founder of Tepeyac OB/GYN; Vicki Thorn, founder of Project Rachel post-abortion healing ministry; the Women’s Care Center Foundation; Mother Agnes Mary Donovan and the Sisters of Life; Congressman Chris Smith, co-chair of the Bipartisan Congressional Pro-Life Caucus, and his wife, Marie Smith, director of the Parliamentary Network for Critical Issues; Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and the Knights of Columbus; the Little Sisters of the Poor; the Jérôme Lejeune Foundation; and Mary Ann Glendon, Harvard Law School professor emerita.
The Theory and Practice of Statesmanship
June 27–July 1, 2022
Supported by The Jack Miller Center

12 college undergraduates participated in the 2022 seminar on the theory and practice of statesmanship, led by instructors Allen Guelzo, Theresa MacArt, and Nathan Pinkoski.

Faculty
Allen C. Guelzo, Senior Research Scholar and Director of the James Madison Program’s Initiative on Politics and Statesmanship, Princeton University
Theresa MacArt, Assistant Professor of Politics & Public Service, Holy Cross College
Nathan Pinkoski, Research Fellow and Director of Academic Programs, Zephyr Institute

Reviews
“It provided a good foundation for a continued exploration of the western political tradition and fuelled my interest. For me it confirmed that political science is the area of study I want to pursue and also inspired a modest sense of confidence and hope.”

“This was a growing experience for me. Other than learning the great values of statesmanship, and waking my curiosity to keep learning, the seminar helped me identify a place (James Madison Program at Princeton) where I am interested in learning about politics in the future.”
The Principles of American Politics
June 20-24, 2022

20 upper-level high-school students participated in the seminar, 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, Converse College, retired

Reviews
“This experience meant a lot. It confirmed my passion for American politics and constitutional law, and it also broadened my interests in other areas of American thought. It served as a great primer for what I will experience at Princeton in the fall, and it made me want to learn more about the subject material in the seminar.”

“Overall, our instructors are funny, energetic, and entertaining. Both Professor Poelvoorde and Professor Seagrave did a phenomenal job in explaining concepts that are difficult to grasp. In addition, the professors did great in remaining neutral on hot, controversial topics.”

The Moral Foundations of Law
July 25-29, 2022

16 law and graduate students participated in the 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
Grégoire Webber, Canada Research Chair in Public Law and Philosophy of Law, Queen's University

Reviews
“I feel better equipped to meaningfully discuss distinctions between natural law and positive law in my law program. I will think about policy proposals differently now with an eye toward the basic good (if any) a purported policy seeks to facilitate the pursuit of.”

“It was the most profound experience I have had with academics interested in the philosophy of law. I had been to conferences and events given by the so-called legal realist philosophers, but never reached a theoretical level as high as the one I experienced in this seminar. I am motivated to continue studying the natural law tradition, especially through the works of Professors Finnis and George.”