James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions

FALL 2018 UPDATE
Yuval Levin, Editor of National Affairs and Hertog Fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center, delivered the Charles E. Test, MD Lectures on Why Institutions Matter in late April 2018.
Robert P. George Receives Heterodox Academy Leadership Award for Fostering Open Dialogue

The Heterodox Academy (HxA) is a politically diverse group of more than 1,800 professors and graduate students. It began as a blog in late 2015 and became a membership organization in response to requests from professors to join its mission to support viewpoint diversity in the academy.

2018 is the inaugural year for HxA’s Open Mind Awards. The Leadership Award, which includes a $10,000 prize, is given to “the person or group that has most effectively championed the principles of viewpoint diversity, mutual understanding and constructive disagreement in the academy and beyond.” Robert George, the McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence and Director of the James Madison Program at Princeton, received the Leadership Award along with Cornel West, the Professor of the Practice of Public Philosophy at Harvard University, and Princeton’s Class of 1943 University Professor Emeritus in the Center for African American Studies. George and West, both prominent public intellectuals, have co-taught courses and given presentations together from their viewpoints on opposite sides of the political spectrum—George is a political and social conservative and West is an activist who addresses issues of race and class.

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Meet Dr. Franck, Associate Director (as of Sept. 1)

Matthew J. Franck is the Associate Director of the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions and Lecturer in Politics at Princeton University. He is Professor Emeritus of Political Science at Radford University, in Radford, Virginia, where he taught constitutional law, American politics, and political philosophy, and was Chairman of the Department of Political Science from 1995 to 2010. He was a J. William Fulbright Professor of American Studies at the Graduate School of International Studies, Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea, 1998, and a Visiting Fellow in the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions at Princeton University, 2008-09. His responsibilities as Associate Director include mentoring the postdoctoral fellows in residence, providing educational programming oversight for the Undergraduate Fellows Forum, and acting as the course facilitator for the new EdX online courses taught by Professor George. In the spring, he will be teaching a freshman seminar entitled, “Uncompromising Political Perfection: Plato, Huxley, and Our Future.” He earned his B.A. in political science from Virginia Wesleyan College and his M.A. and Ph.D. in political science from Northern Illinois University.
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Update on the 2017-18 Visiting Fellows

Keegan Callanan, 2017-18 Visiting Fellow, was nominated by President Trump to Serve on the National Council on the Humanities on July 17, 2018. If confirmed by the Senate, he will serve a six-year term on the Council. Dr. Callanan is Assistant Professor of Political Science at Middlebury College. He returned to Princeton in September 2018 to serve as a panelist on the Madison Program’s “Speak Freely: Lessons from Middlebury and Evergreen State” event.

Where Are They Now? 2017-18 Postdoctoral Fellows

Bolek Kabala
Lecturer, North Carolina State University

Matthew Slaboch
Visiting Assistant Professor, Denison University

Deborah O’Malley
2018-19 Daniel Patrick Moynihan Postdoctoral Fellow, Assumption College

Kevin Vance
Visiting Assistant Professor, Clemson University

Nathan Pinkoski
Lecturer in Politics, Princeton University

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Undergraduate Fellow Allison Berger ‘18 Selected as a Winner of the Spirit of Princeton Award

Undergraduate Fellow Allison Berger ‘18 was selected as one of nine recipients of the 2018 Spirit of Princeton award. The prize is conferred to students who have made contributions to the University through “the arts, community service, students organizations, residential living, religious life and athletic endeavors.” Berger majored in economics with a certificate in political economy. She has served as the president of the American Whig-Cliosophic Society, editor for The Princeton Tory, and founder of the University’s chapter of the Network of Enlightened Women, a group for conservative female undergraduates, among other activities.

The 2018 Stephen Whelan ‘68 Senior Thesis Prize for Excellence in Constitutional Law and Political Thought

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. This year, the amount of the prize for each recipient was $1,400. The recipients were Elly Brown ‘18 for her thesis on “Politics in the Cave: Worldliness and Plurality in Plato, Augustine, and Arendt,” and Mikhael Smits ‘18 for his thesis on “The Stranger is You: A Biblical Framework for a Common Way Forward in the American Migrant Membership Debate.”

Honors, Awards, and Prizes Received by JMP Undergraduate Fellows of the Class of 2018

Departmental Honors

summa cum laude (Highest Honors):
Frederick Phillips Brooks III (Chemistry)
Elly Ann Brown (Politics)
Jennifer El-Fakir (History)
Jonathan Grant Feld (History)
Allison Margaret Halter (Politics)
Elizabeth Masey (East Asian Studies)
Bharath Srivatsan (Computer Science)
Eric Hu Wang (Woodrow Wilson School)

magna cum laude (High Honors):
Omid Langroudi Abrishamchian (Operations Research and Financial Engineering)
Allison Lee Berger (Economics)
Thomas Hikaru Clark (Computer Science)
Alejandro Samuel de la Garza (English)
Zachary Nathan Flamholz (Molecular Biology)
Theodore Raphael Furchtgott (History)
James A. Haynes (Classics)
Gabriela Isabel Molina (Spanish And Portuguese)
Connor Russell Pfeiffer (History)
Mikhael Gérardus Smits (Politics)
Noga Zaborowski (Philosophy)

cum laude (Honors):
Amy Naa Dedei Addo (English)
Paul Richard Draper (History)
Brandon Lum-Lern Jao (Religion)
Carolyn Ellen Liziowski (Politics)
Robert Roy Marshall (Philosophy)
Peyton Randolph McElroy (History)

Elected to Society Memberships

Phi Beta Kappa Society
Frederick Phillips Brooks III (Chemistry), Elly Ann Brown (Politics)
Thomas Hikaru Clark (Computer Science)
Jonathan Grant Feld (History)
Allison Margaret Halter (Politics)
Gabriela Isabel Molina (Spanish And Portuguese)
Bharath Srivatsan (Computer Science)

Society of Sigma Xi
Omid Langroudi Abrishamchian (Operations Research and Financial Engineering)
Frederick Phillips Brooks III (Chemistry)
Thomas Hikaru Clark (Computer Science)
Zachary Nathan Flamholz (Molecular Biology)
Charles Daniel Greenidge (Operations Research and Financial Engineering)
Kristin Qian (Music)
Bharath Srivatsan (Computer Science)

Tau Beta Pi National Engineering Society
Bharath Srivatsan (Computer Science)
Departmental Awards and Prizes

Amy Naa Dedei Addo (English): Thomas H. Maren English Department Senior Thesis Prize
Allison Lee Berger (Economics): Lynde Debate Prize-Allison Lee Berger, first place team
Frederick Phillips Brooks III (Chemistry): Robert Thornton McCay Prize
Ely Ann Brown (Politics): University Center for Human Values Senior Thesis Prize, Philo Sherman Bennett Prize in Politics, Stephen Whelan ’68 Senior Thesis Prize for Excellence in Constitutional Law and Political Thought
Magdalena Clare Duncan Collum (Comparative Literature): Comparative Literature Senior Thesis Prize
Alejandro Samuel de la Garza (English): Charles William Kennedy Prize
Jonathan Grant Feld (History): Laurence Hutton Prize in History, Prize in American History, William Koren Jr. Memorial Prize in History
Zachary Nathan Flamholz (Molecular Biology): Molecular Biology Senior Thesis Prize
Carolyn Ellen Liziewski (Politics): Harold Willis Dodds Achievement Prize, Lynde Debate Prize-second place speaker, second place team
Elizabeth Maxey (East Asian Studies): Marjory Chadwick Buchanan Senior Thesis Prize
Gabriela Isabel Molina (Spanish And Portuguese): Vicente Llorens Castillo Senior Prize in Spanish
Connor Russell Pfeiffer (History): Walter Phelps Hall Prize in European History
Sarah Arlyan Sakha (Woodrow Wilson School): Donald Stokes ’51 Dean’s Prize
Todd Joseph Smith (Electrical Engineering): John Ogden Bigelow Jr. Prize in Electrical Engineering, School of Engineering and Applied Science’s Calvin Dodd MacCracken Senior Thesis/Project Award
Mikhael Gérardus Smits (Politics): Stephen Whelan ’68 Senior Thesis Prize for Excellence in Constitutional Law and Political Thought
Bharath Srivatsan (Computer Science): Lynde Debate Prize-second place team
Noga Zaborowski (Philosophy): John Martyn Warbeke 1903 Prize in Metaphysics and Epistemology

Athletic Prizes

Luke J. Gamble (English): The Leon Lapidus Memorial Award (Tennis)
James J. Sincavage (Economics): Bayard W. Read, Class of 1926 Lightweight Crew Award

Commissions and Military Awards

Natalie Cook Fahlberg (Woodrow Wilson School): Commissions-United States Army, Distinguished Military Graduate Award, Robert L. McLean ’52 Award, Alumni and Friends of Princeton University

2017-18 Major Fellowships and Scholarships

Miranda Rosen (History): Fulbright Grant

Professor George welcomed Undergraduate Fellows back to campus and invited new students to join the Undergraduate Fellows Forum—September 17, 2018.
Politics-in-Film Series
On selected Monday and Wednesday evenings, the James Madison Program will show classic films from the Hollywood “studio age” (1930s to 1960s), each with a political theme or subject matter. The first two screenings are One, Two, Three (1961)—a Cold War comedy directed by Billy Wilder, with Jimmy Cagney—and Mr. Smith Goes to Washington (1939), director Frank Capra’s famous depiction of the U.S. Senate, with Jimmy Stewart ’32.

Reading Groups
The James Madison Program’s associate director Dr. Matthew J. Franck and visiting lecturer Mr. David Oakley are leading an informal reading group through one of the foundational texts of Western thought, Thomas More’s Utopia. Dr. John P. Dillulio ’18, postdoctoral research associate in the James Madison Program, is leading a second reading group taking up one of the most important twentieth century works of moral philosophy, G.E.M. (Elizabeth) Anscombe’s Intention.

Private, Off-the-Record Teas
Confirmed tea guests include The Honorable Thomas B. Griffith Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit (Tuesday, October 2), Karl Rove, Former Deputy Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor to President George W. Bush, (Monday, November 19), and Richard Epstein, Laurence A. Tisch Professor of Law, New York University Law School (Monday, November 26).

Supreme Court Trips
The chambers of Associate Justice Neil M. Gorsuch are arranging for a group of 20 students to hear oral arguments for 17-1042, BNSF Railway Co. v. Loos on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

Praxis Labs
The next Praxis Lab, scheduled for Monday, February 11, 2019, will feature three individuals who have built or who run nationally significant think tanks.

Dinners with Visiting Fellows
Undergraduate Fellows have the opportunity to dine at Prospect House with the program’s Visiting Fellows over the course of the academic year to discuss a paper that the scholar-in-residence has written.

Awards and Opportunities
The Spirit of ’76 Initiative exists to provide research and academic internship support for members of the Forum. We are able to provide up to $1,000 each academic year to Undergraduate Fellows whose projects fall within the intellectual mission of the Madison Program. Students are also invited to submit a paper and attend the Annual Undergraduate Conference on the American Polity (last year held at Skidmore College in Hamilton, NY). Papers written by JMP Undergraduate Fellows that address the principles of freedom upon which our constitutional republic is founded will be eligible for The John P. Hansel ’46 Founders Prize, with the winner receiving a set of 36 lectures on the History of Freedom by J. Rufus Fears and $250.
Meet our Current Visiting Fellows

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We will be joined by two visiting fellows in the spring semester:

Marc O. DeGirolami
2018-19 Spring Visiting Fellow; Professor of Law, St. John’s University School of Law

Kevin J. Weddle *03
2018-19 Spring Garwood Teaching Fellow; Professor of Military Theory and Strategy, US Army War College.

Research and writing is underway at fellows’ offices in Bobst and Whelan Halls, and the cohort has begun conducting lunch and dinner seminars to discuss their work with colleagues and students.

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### The James Madison Seminar on the Moral Foundations of the American Constitutional Order

**June 11-15, 2018**

Cosponsored by the Witherspoon Institute, this one-week residential seminar for postdoctoral and advanced graduate students in American political thought and political theory examined major interpretations of the founding, with a view to understanding the American constitutional order’s elements of republicanism, liberalism, natural law and natural rights, the common law, and Christianity.

### The James Madison Seminar on the Principles of American Politics

**July 9-13, 2018**

Cosponsored by the Witherspoon Institute, this one-week residential seminar for upper-level high-school students and rising college freshmen studied the fundamental questions of equality and liberty in American political life.

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### Survey Responses: Postdoc Seminar on Moral Foundations of the American Constitutional Order

**How has this experience affected your career plans or ideas for engagement in your community?**

- “The experience has helped me decide to engage in a long-term research project on American founding.”
- “I think the seminar gave me a greater appreciation for the challenges facing historians in the contemporary academy.”
- “My career plans are the same—to teach. But I’ve saved all of the material and plan to incorporate at least some of it into my future classes.”
- “It was my third seminar and another visit to Princeton. Each and every time I come back full of ideas. I would love to organize such [a] seminar at my university one day. Also, I learnt a lot not only about American constitutional order but also about teaching. I really admire the way you, Americans, lead classes and give students opportunity to learn from teachers but also from one another.”
- “It was a helpful way of getting on top of the literature.”

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### Summer 2018: The Inaugural James Madison Summer Seminars

**35 Summer Program Participants**
Civil Liberties on EdX Online

Princeton University’s course on Civil Liberties, taught by McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence and James Madison Program Director Robert P. George, is now available online on EdX. The free, seven-week course is open to the public and began on September 13, 2018. At the time of this printing, the course has over 2100 learners from 85 different countries or regions, with 67% of students from the United States. The youngest learner is a middle school student, while the oldest is well into retirement. The students represent a variety of professions, including lawyers, high school and college teachers, ministers, doctors, mediators, and business owners. Many of the students are Princeton alumni.

Constitutional Interpretation is currently being filmed (fall 2018) for future release as part of Princeton’s free offerings on EdX.

Looking Ahead: Public Events

The Transformation of Title IX
Shep Melnick, Thomas P. O’Neill, Jr. Professor of Politics, Boston College
Stuart Lecture Series on Institutional Corruption in America

The Society of Love and Its Enemies
R.R. Reno, Editor, First Things
An America’s Founding and Future Lecture

The Unfulfilled Promise of the Anti-Discrimination Laws
Richard Epstein, Laurence A. Tisch Professor of Law, New York University Law School
The Annual Walter F. Murphy Lecture on American Constitutionalism Cosponsored by the Program in Law and Public Affairs Funded by the Bouton Law Lecture Fund

The President Who Would Not Be King: Executive Power and the Constitution
Michael W. McConnell, Richard and Frances Mallory Professor and Director of the Constitutional Law Center, Stanford Law School; Senior Fellow, The Hoover Institution
Tanner Lectures on Human Values Organized by the University Center for Human Values in conjunction with the Princeton University President’s Office and cosponsored by James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions

Religious Traditions and the Law
Panelists: Gerard V. Bradley, Professor of Law, University of Notre Dame Law School; William S. Brewbaker III, Rose Professor of Law, University of Alabama; Samuel J. Levine, Director of the Jewish Law Institute and Professor of Law, Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center; Asifa Quraishi-Landes, Professor of Law, University of Wisconsin Law School Moderated by Matthew J. Franck, Associate Director, James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions, Princeton University Cosponsored by Firestone Library Funded by the Bouton Law Lecture Fund

The Annual Elizabeth M. Whelan Lecture
James Piereson, President, William E. Simon Foundation and Senior Fellow, The Manhattan Institute

2019 Charles E. Test, M.D., Distinguished Lecture Series
Diana Schaub, Professor of Political Science, Loyola University Maryland

The Annual Herbert W. Vaughan Lecture
Adrian Vermeule, Ralph S. Tyler, Jr. Professor of Constitutional Law, Harvard Law School