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THE POLITICAL THOUGHT OF MARTIN DIAMOND AND HERBERT STORING

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Prospect House, Princeton University

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THIS CONFERENCE IS DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF MARTIN DIAMOND AND HERBERT J. STORING,
TWO GREAT THINKERS AND TEACHERS,
ON THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR DEATHS.
In the summer of 1977, within weeks of one another, two preeminent teachers and scholars of the American founding and American constitutional democracy died suddenly and unexpectedly. On the 40th anniversary of their deaths, the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions, in collaboration with the Program in American Studies and the Bouton Law Lecture Fund at Princeton University, is honored to offer a conference examining anew the nature, influence, and significance of their work—The Rebirth of American Constitutionalism: The Political Thought of Martin Diamond and Herbert Storing.

Martin Diamond and Herbert Storing were early students at the University of Chicago of the great teacher and scholar of political philosophy, Leo Strauss. While most of Strauss’s students followed him in concentrating on the long tradition of political philosophy begun by Plato and Aristotle, a few of Strauss’s students chose to learn all that they could from him, gaining, as Storing wrote, the “context of [their] intellectual concern,” while choosing to focus their own scholarship on the constitutional thought, institutions, and politics of the American regime. Diamond and Storing stand out in this regard. On the day of Diamond’s death, Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan stated quite accurately that Diamond “almost single-handedly . . . established the relevance of the thought and doings of the American founders for this generation of the students of American government.” Of Storing’s scholarship, his friend and longtime colleague at Chicago, Joseph Cropsey, said it is “an intelligent, capacious, and varied structure to be crowned by the monumental Anti-Federalist [The Complete Anti-Federalist, published in 1981 in seven volumes], which will earn him the gratitude of generations not yet on the horizon.”

Those who had the good fortune to study as students of Martin Diamond and Herbert Storing find expression for their experience in words paraphrased from Wordsworth: Bliss was it in that dawn to be alive, when Reason seemed the most to assert her rights. Many of our conference participants were in the classroom with those incomparable teachers. Others know them as colleagues or through their writings. All know Martin Diamond and Herbert Storing as co-founders of a new tradition, that of taking the Constitution seriously.
CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

9:00 TO NOON  
Keynote Address  
Michael Zuckert, Nancy R. Dreux Professor of Political Science, University of Notre Dame

10:45 TO 12:45  
The Political and Constitutional Thought of Herbert Storing  
Panelists:  
Joseph Bessette, Alice Tweed Tuohy Professor of Government and Ethics, Claremont McKenna College  
David Nichols, Associate Professor of Political Science, Baylor University  
Ralph A. Rossum, Salvatori Professor of American Constitutionalism, Claremont McKenna College  
Catherine Zuckert, Nancy Reeves Dreux Professor of Political Science, Emeritus, University of Notre Dame  
Chair:  
Gary Schmitt, Resident Scholar and Co-Director of the Marilyn Ware Center for Security Studies and Director of the Program on American Citizenship, American Enterprise Institute

2:00 TO 3:45  
The Political and Constitutional Thought of Martin Diamond  
Panelists:  
Alan Gibson, Professor of Political Science, California State University  
William A. Schambra, Senior Fellow, Hudson Institute  
M. Richard Zinman, University Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy, Michigan State University  
Chair:  
Jeffrey Salmon, Deputy Director for Resource Management, U.S. Department of Energy

4:15 TO 6:00  
Concluding Reflections  
Panelists:  
Paul Carrese, Professor of Political Science; Director of the School of Civic and Economic Thought and Leadership, Arizona State University  
James Ceaser, Professor of Politics, University of Virginia  
Jeffrey J. Poelvoorde, Associate Professor of Politics, Converse College  
Chair:  
Michael Maibach, Managing Director, James Wilson Institute on Natural Rights and the American Founding
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