About the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions

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.

A Note about the 2019 - 2020 Academic Year at Princeton University

In mid-March 2020, when the novel coronavirus struck the United States, Princeton University students were asked to not return to campus after spring break. Staff and faculty were advised to work from home where possible. For the remainder of the spring semester, classes and events were held online as students and attendees tuned in from around the globe.

The James Madison Program began using an online platform for our private and public events, allowing us to reach a wider audience. In August, University officials announced the continuation of fully remote teaching during the fall semester. In keeping with the state, local, and University guidelines, the Madison program works remotely and collaboratively to facilitate the exploration of American ideals and institutions.

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▼ “The Challenge to ‘Brain Death’: Are We Taking Organs from Living Human Beings, and If We Are, Does It Matter?” A panel discussion cosponsored by the Center for Human Values, featuring (from L to R): Peter Singer, Princeton University; Patrick Lee, Franciscan University of Steubenville; D. Alan Shewmon, M.D., University of California, Emeritus; and Robert P. George (not pictured).
Program Updates

Donald L. Drakeman *88 served as Chair of the James Madison Program Advisory Council from 2000 - 2020. We thank Mr. Drakeman for his many years of service and his continued guidance to the Program.

Gregory A. Ciongoli ’97 has been elected Chair of the James Madison Program Advisory Council. Mr. Ciongoli is a partner at The Baupost Group, LLC. We look forward to this new chapter under his leadership.

Antonin Scalia joined the Madison Program staff in December 2019 as the Communications Coordinator. Mr. Scalia produces the program’s podcast, executes the social media strategy, and is a liaison to campus partners and press. He previously served as an appointee at the U.S. Departments of Education and State.

Evelyn Behling, the Madison Program’s Event Coordinator of three years, left Princeton in July 2020 to pursue her doctoral studies at the University of Notre Dame.

Current Visiting Fellows

Keegan Callanan
2020-21 Forbes Visiting Fellow
Associate Professor of Political Science, Middlebury College

Adam Carrington
2020-21 Garwood Visiting Fellow
Associate Professor of Politics, Hillsdale College

Amanda Greene
2020-21 Visiting Fellow
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University College London

Christopher-Marcus Gibson
2020-21 John and Daria Barry Postdoctoral Research Fellow
Ph.D. in Philosophy, Princeton University

Heather E. Heying
2020-21 Visiting Fellow

Thomas Howes
2020-21 Thomas W. Smith Postdoctoral Research Associate
Ph.D. in Philosophy, Catholic University of America

Daniel Mahoney
2020-21 Garwood Visiting Fellow
Augustine Professor of Politics, Assumption College

Colleen Mitchell
2020-21 John and Daria Barry Postdoctoral Research Fellow
Ph.D in Political Science, University of Notre Dame

Alan Mittleman
2020-21 Visiting Fellow
Professor of Jewish Philosophy, Jewish Theological Seminary

Jasmina Nedevska
2019-20 Postdoctoral Research Associate
Senior Lecturer in Political Science, Mälardalen University, Sweden

Ethan Schrum
2020-21 John and Daria Barry Visiting Fellow
Associate Professor of History, Azusa Pacific University

Benjamin Schwarcz
2020-21 Postdoctoral Research Associate
Ph.D. in Political Science, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Bret Weinstein
2020-21 Visiting Fellow

Jacob Wolf
2020-21 John and Daria Barry Postdoctoral Research Fellow
Ph.D. in Political Science, Boston College

Jonathan Yudelman
2020-21 Thomas W. Smith Postdoctoral Research Associate
Ph.D. in Political Science, Boston College
Madison’s Notes Podcast

Madison’s Notes, the official podcast of the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions, is now available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Stitcher, and Podbean. The podcast, hosted by Nino Scalia, features lectures by and conversations with leading scholars and public figures on topics related to politics, philosophy, religion, history, and more. It frequently features members of the James Madison Society.

Episodes

Humble Beginnings: A Conversation with Robert P. George
In this inaugural episode of Madison’s Notes, Robert P. George, Director of the James Madison Program, speaks about his childhood, his decision to enter academia, the purpose of the university, and academic freedom.

Administrative State 101: A Conversation with Adam J. White
What is the Administrative State? Where did it come from? Is it a cause for concern or celebration? Adam J. White, Resident Scholar at the American Enterprise Institute and Director of the C. Boyden Gray Center for the Study of the Administrative State at George Mason University’s Antonin Scalia Law School, answers these questions.

The Founding: A Conversation with Robert P. George
On July 4, 2000, the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions was founded at Princeton University. Director Robert P. George returns to Madison’s Notes to discuss how and why the Madison Program came to be. After the conversation with Professor George, Allen C. Guelzo, Director of the Madison Program’s Initiative on Politics and Statesmanship, reads Abraham Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address—a fitting and proper way to celebrate the 4th of July.

God, The Founders, and Natural Law: A Conversation with V. Phillip Muñoz
How did the American Founders understand religious liberty? Why should students study the Founding? What is the relationship between the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution? Vincent Phillip Muñoz, the Tocqueville Associate Professor of Political Science and Concurrent Associate Professor of Law at the University of Notre Dame, joins Madison’s Notes to discuss these questions and more. Professor Muñoz was a 2008-09 William E. Simon Visiting Fellow in Religion and Public Life at the James Madison Program and is a member of the James Madison Society.

Robert P. George and Cornel West: A Plea for Honesty and Courage
In this special episode of Madison’s Notes, Professors Robert P. George and Cornel West urge Americans to be honest and courageous in confronting the challenges we face as a Nation. Professor Cornel West*80 is Professor of the Practice of Public Philosophy at Harvard University and has been a Senior Scholar in the James Madison Program.

Abortion and the Pro-Life Movement: A Conversation with Alexandra DeSanctis
Alexandra DeSanctis, a Staff Writer for National Review and a Visiting Fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center, joins Madison’s Notes to discuss abortion, the Pro-Life movement in America, and the state of free speech in journalism.

Land of Hope: A Conversation with Bill McClay
Wilfred M. McClay is the G. T. and Libby Blankenship Chair in the History of Liberty at the University of Oklahoma and the author of Land of Hope: An Invitation to the Great American Story. Professor McClay is a member of the James Madison Society. He joins the show to discuss Land of Hope, the state of the history profession, nationalism, and the New York Times’ 1619 Project.

Lincoln and the American Founding: A Conversation with Lucas Morel
What did Abraham Lincoln read? What makes him “America’s greatest defender”? What should we do with Confederate memorials? Lucas Morel, the John K. Boardman, Jr. Professor of Politics at Washington and Lee University, joins the show to shed light on these questions. Professor Morel was a 2008-09 Garwood Visiting Fellow at the James Madison Program and is a member of the James Madison Society. He is the author, most recently, of Lincoln and the American Founding.

Lost in Thought: A Conversation with Zena Hitz
Zena Hitz, Tutor at St. John’s College, joins the show to discuss the ‘great books,’ what makes them great, and if the cultivation of an intellectual life is especially important to citizens of a democratic republic. Dr. Hitz is a member of the James Madison Society and was a 2010-11 James Madison Program Visiting Fellow. Her new book is Lost in Thought: The Hidden Pleasures of an Intellectual Life.

America at the Point of No Return? A Conversation with Michael Anton
Is America still a democracy? What is at stake in the 2020 presidential election? Michael Anton, Lecturer at Hillsdale College and Senior Fellow at the Claremont Institute, joins the show to answer these questions and discuss his new book, The Stakes: America at the Point of No Return.

Supreme Disorder: A Conversation with Ilya Shapiro ’99
Is the Supreme Court too powerful? When did judicial nominations become so contentious? Should we have term limits for judges and justices? Ilya Shapiro ’99, Director of the Cato Institute’s Robert A. Levy Center for Constitutional Studies, joins the show to answer these questions and discuss his new book, Supreme Disorder: Judicial Nominations and the Politics of America’s Highest Court.
Looking Back:
The First 20 Years

JULY 4, 2000
The James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions was founded at Princeton University in the summer of 2000.

2002
The first Undergraduate Fellows Forum Tea took place in 2002. Since then, guests have included Henry Kissinger, Amy Coney Barrett, Lord Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, Donald Rumsfeld, Ross Douthat, and more.

2008
Justice Antonin Scalia visited the James Madison Program for a private tea with Undergraduates. He returned to Princeton in 2012 and hosted students on a visit to the Supreme Court in 2014.

2003
One of the Program’s early conferences, “Faith and the Challenges of Secularism,” brought together distinguished scholars and religious leaders representing a range of important perspectives on questions of faith.

2010
The Program celebrated its 10th anniversary with a lecture by George Will ’68 and dinner remarks by Steve Forbes ’70.

2013
Senator Ted Cruz ’92 returned to his alma mater for a conversation on the future of the conservative movement during Princeton Reunions 2013.
Academic Year 2019-20

Public Events
The James Madison Program hosted over 20 public events in the fall of 2019 and early spring 2020, including two community events as part of the Princeton University Humanities Council’s Being Human festival. In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Program took the remainder of the spring semester events to the online community, with the largest events to-date hosting over 700 attendees.

Summer Programs
Due to state and University restrictions for events and gatherings during the summer of 2020, the Program was unable to host its high school, undergraduate, and graduate seminars as planned. These seminars—The Principles of American Politics, The Undergraduate Seminar on Statesmanship, and The Moral Foundations of the Constitutional Order—have been tentatively rescheduled for the summer of 2021.

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Top: Is the Supreme Court Legitimate? Michael S. Greve, Professor of Law, Antonin Scalia Law School, George Mason University, delivers the Fall 2019 James Madison Program Constitution Day Lecture.

Middle: The Crisis of Democracy in Criminal Justice The Honorable Stephanos Bibas of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit delivers the annual Herbert W. Vaughan Lecture on America’s Founding Principles in February 2020.

Bottom: Princeton’s Civil War Allen C. Guelzo, Senior Research Scholar in the Council of the Humanities and Director of the James Madison Program’s Initiative on Politics and Statesmanship, leads a group on a tour of campus connections to the Civil War, ending with a curated visit to Princeton’s Rare Books and Special Collections in Firestone Library.

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Beginning on March 30, 2020, the James Madison Program hosted a series of virtual events via Zoom:

**Pandemic! What Do and Don’t We Know?**
Robert P. George in Conversation with Nicholas A. Christakis, Yale University

**Statesmanship in Times of Crisis**
Robert P. George in Conversation with Allen C. Guelzo

**Culture and Consciousness: A Core Human Tension**
Bret Weinstein and Heather E. Heying with Robert P. George

**Education in America During and After the Pandemic**
William Damon, Stanford University; Michael J. Petrilli, Thomas B. Fordham Institute; Cecilia Elena Rouse, Princeton University
Moderated by Robert P. George

**The Banjo: Music and Conversation with Robby George and Tony Trischka**
Annual Princeton University Reunions Event

**Policing, Urban Policy, and American Ideals and Institutions**
Eugene F. Rivers, III, Seymour Institute for Black Church and Policy Studies, in conversation with Robert P. George

**Update on the 2019-20 Visiting Fellows**

Rachel K. Alexander, 2019-20 John and Daria Barry Postdoctoral Research Fellow, is a Post-Doctoral Research Associate and Lecturer in the Department of Politics at the University of Virginia. Jed W. Atkins, Fall 2019 Visiting Fellow, has returned to Duke University, where he is the E. Blake Byrne Associate Professor of Classical Studies and Associate Professor of Political Science. Brian Bird, 2019-2020 John and Daria Barry Postdoctoral Research Fellow, is an Assistant Professor in the Peter A. Allard School of Law at the University of British Columbia. Shilo Brooks, 2019-20 Visiting Fellow, has returned to The University of Colorado Boulder as Faculty Director of the Engineering Leadership Program, Associate Director of the Benson Center for the Study of Western Civilization, and Senior Instructor in the Engineering Management Program. Flynn J. Cratty, 2019-20 John and Daria Barry Postdoctoral Research Fellow, joined Harvard University’s Human Flourishing Program as Associate Director. Joel Finkelstein, 2019-2020 Visiting Research Scholar, continues his work as Director of the Network Contagion Research Institute. Marcus Gibson, 2019-2020 Thomas W. Smith Postdoctoral Research Associate, has returned to the James Madison Program at Princeton University as a John and Daria Barry Visiting Research Fellow. William Anthony Hay, 2019-2020 Garwood Visiting Fellow, has returned to the James Madison Program at Princeton University this year, continuing work on a book which will provide an evolutionary toolkit for understanding humans. Robert A. L’Arrivee, 2019-2020 Associate Research Scholar, is a Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science at Furman University. Bronwen C. McShea, 2019-2020 Associate Research Scholar, is Visiting Assistant Professor of History at the Augustine Institute and Writer-in-Residence at the Institute on Religion and Public Life. Marianna Orlandi, 2019-2020 Associate Research Scholar, is the Associate Director of Academic Programs at the Austin Institute for the Study of Family and Culture. Bret Weinstein, 2019-20 Visiting Fellow, has returned to Boston College as Assistant Professor of Political Science. Matthew D. Wright, 2019-2020 John and Daria Barry Visiting Research Scholar, has returned to Biola University as Associate Professor of Government in the Torrey Honors Institute. Aaron A. Zubia, 2019-2020 Thomas W. Smith Postdoctoral Research Associate, is a Postdoctoral Fellow with the Tocqueville Program in the Department of Politics and International Affairs at Furman University.
The Initiative on Politics and Statesmanship

The Initiative on Politics and Statesmanship, directed by Allen C. Guelzo, Senior Scholar in the Council of Humanities at Princeton University, hosted a series of events in 2019 - 2020. The first was a panel discussion on America and the Just War Tradition (University of Notre Dame Press, 2019) with its editors, J. Daryl Charles, Affiliated Scholar in Theology and Ethics, Acton Institute and Mark David Hall, Herbert Hoover Distinguished Professor of Politics, George Fox University. Commentary was provided by Dr. Guelzo and William Anthony Hay, 2019-2020 Garwood Visiting Fellow, James Madison Program, Princeton University; Professor of History, Mississippi State University.

During the spring semester, the Initiative hosted two events: a panel discussion on Land of Hope: An Invitation to the Great American Story, and, following the move to virtual events, a conversation on Statesmanship in Times of Crisis with Robert P. George. The Land of Hope discussion featured the book’s author, Wilfred M. McClay, G.T. and Libby Blankenship Chair in the History of Liberty, University of Oklahoma; 2019-2020 Ronald Reagan Professor of Public Policy, Pepperdine University; Darren Staloff, Professor of History, City College of New York; and Sean Wilentz, George Henry Davis 1886 Professor of American History, Princeton University, and was moderated by Dr. Guelzo.

In Fall 2020, a panel titled, Election 2020: Is the Constitution Up to the Task? will be part of the Initiative on Politics and Statesmanship. The conversation, moderated by Dr. Guelzo, will feature Akhil Reed Amar, Sterling Professor of Law and Political Science, Yale University; Brandice Canes-Wrone, Donald E. Stokes Professor of Public and International Affairs and Professor of Politics, Princeton University; and Bradley A. Smith, Josiah H. Blackmore II/Shirley M. Nault Professor of Law, Capital University Law School.

The inaugural James Madison Summer Seminar on Statesmanship will take place June 13-19, 2021.

Coming soon to the Initiative is a webpage that will feature Classic American Political Speeches, curated and narrated by Dr. Guelzo. The collection of speeches includes Patrick Henry’s “Give Me Liberty” (March 23, 1775), George Washington’s “Farewell Address” (September 19, 1796), Frederick Douglass’ “Self Made Men” (1872), and more!

Undergraduate Fellows Forum

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.

The Supreme Court

In December 2019, Undergraduate Fellows had the opportunity to attend oral arguments at the U.S. Supreme Court as guests of Associate Justice Neil M. Gorsuch. Students attended arguments for Guerrero-Lasprilla v. Barr and Ovalles v. Barr as well as Thryv, Inc. v. Click-To-Call Technologies, LP.

Off-the-record Teas

Undergraduate Fellows are provided with opportunities to meet with leading scholars, notable statesman, and religious leaders for off-the-record discussions over afternoon tea. Judge Amy Coney Barrett of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, and Rich Lowry, Editor-in-Chief of National Review were our guests for private teas.

Dinners with the Visiting Fellows

Undergraduate Fellows are invited to dine at Prospect House with the program’s Visiting Fellows over the course of the year to discuss a paper that the scholar-in-residence has written. Students had the opportunity to dine with all five of the residential visiting professors during the 2019-20 academic year.
During the 2019-20 academic year, a small group of Undergraduate Fellows gathered twice each month while on campus for discussions led by Madison Program staff and Visiting Fellows. The group read and discussed the anthology, What so Proudly We Hail: The American Soul in Story, Speech, and Song, edited by Leon Kass, Amy Kass, and Diana Schaub.

Praxis Labs


The Madison Program also hosted a roundtable discussion in October 2019 on Entrepreneurship and American Ideals with Mr. Thomas D. Lehrman, Managing Partner at Teamworthy Ventures.

Friday Forum

Beginning in April 2020, the Madison Program hosted virtual gatherings of Undergraduate Fellows meeting for informal chats with Professor George and other faculty and persons of interest such as former Undergraduate Fellow and Supreme Court Sherif Gergis '08, James Madison Program staff, faculty, alumni, and Undergraduate Fellows recognized graduating seniors in the Class of 2020 in a special edition of Forum Friday in May.

AIIP TRACK

Ethan Sterenfeld '20 and Talitha Wisner '20 successfully completed the requirements of the Program in American Ideas and Institutions (AIIP), the academic track open to Politics majors. The Department of Politics, in collaboration with the James Madison Program, offers the AIIP 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 and are animated by their workings.

High Honors

Brillian Bao '20, Politics
Aoiie Bennett '20, Woodrow Wilson School
Shane Gooding '20, Economics
Luke Henter '20, History
Benjamin L. Hildenbrand '20, Woodrow Wilson School
André P. Mendoza '20, Classics
Nicholas Ritter '20, Economics
Jared M. Shulkin '20, Molecular Biology
Michael R. Smilek '20, French and Italian
Jeff Zymere '20, Classics

Honors

Kaveh L. Badrei '20, Woodrow Wilson School
Sarah Bess '20, Electrical Engineering
Alexandra J. Burchardt '20, Woodrow Wilson School
Shannon J. FitzGerald '20, Religion
Maximilian Kim '20, History
Freddy Marsh '20, Economics
Caden McLaughlin '20, Economics
Natalie Nagorski '20, East Asian Studies
Liam P. O'Connor '20, Geosciences
Vayne Ong '20, History
Daniel J. Schwarzhohzf Jr '20, Economics

Highest Honors

Cole J. Campbell '20, Economics
Leora Eisenberg '20, Slavic Languages and Literatures
Nathaniel W. Gardiano '20, French and Italian
Grace Guan '20, Computer Science
Laura Hausman '20, Politics
Sarah Hirschfeld '20, Philosophy
Christopher B. Howard '20, Classics
Thomas A. Koenig '20, Politics
Mikaylah J. Ladue '20, Anthropology
Jonathan Lam '20, Economics
Nathan Levit '20, Woodrow Wilson School
Michael Y. Li '20, Computer Science
Ben Press '20, History
Gabriel R. Stengel '20, Computer Science
John F. Williet '20, Economics
Lillian Xu '20, Molecular Biology

Honors Received by James Madison Program Undergraduate Fellows, Class of 2020

Highest Honors

Nicholas G. Siele '20, Economics
Ethain D. Sterenfeld '20, Politics
Zachary J. Stier '20, Mathematics
Shiye Su '20, Physics

Society Memberships

Jacob A. Brown '20, Sigma Xi
Cole J. Campbell '20, Phi Beta Kappa
Leora Eisenberg '20, Phi Beta Kappa
Grace Guan '20, Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi, Tau Beta Pi
Laura Hausman '20, Phi Beta Kappa
Sarah Hirschfeld '20, Phi Beta Kappa
Christopher B. Howard '20, Phi Beta Kappa
Thomas A. Koenig '20, Phi Beta Kappa
Jonathan Lam '20, Phi Beta Kappa
Michael Y. Li '20, Phi Beta Kappa
Nicky Miliam '20, Sigma Xi
Christopher J. Murphy '20, Sigma Xi
Ben Press '20, Phi Beta Kappa
Jared M. Shulkin '20, Sigma Xi
Gabriel R. Stengel '20, Sigma Xi
Zachary J. Stier '20, Sigma Xi
Shiye Su '20, Phi Beta Kappa
Benjamin A. Wolf '20, Phi Beta Kappa
Natalie V. Xie '20, Sigma Xi
Lillian Xu '20, Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi

Major Fellowships and Scholarships

Leora Eisenberg '20, Fulbright Grant, Kazakhstan; Henry Richardson Labouisse '26 Prize Fellowship
Grace Guan '20, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
Laura Hausman '20, Scholars in the Nation’s Service Initiative
Sarah Hirschfeld '20, Gates Cambridge Scholarship
Mikaylah J. Ladue '20, Scholars in the Nation’s Service Initiative
Nathan Levit '20, Schwarzman Scholarship
Ben Press '20, James C. Gaither Junior Fellowship, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Commissions and ROTC Awards

Eliza G. Ewing '20, United States Army
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General and Departmental Prizes – All Classes

Sarel B. Anbar ’21
Class of 1869 Prize in Ethics
Kaveh L. Badrei ’20
Elmer Adler Undergraduate Book Collecting Prize, second place
Abigail Y. Anthony ’23
Class of 1883 English Prize for Academic Freshmen
Aofie Bennett ’20
Suzanne M. Huffman Memorial Senior Thesis Prize in Women’s Studies
Jacob Berman ’20
Spirit of Princeton Award
Silma S. Berrada ’22
Morris W. Croll Poetry Prize
The E.E. Cummings Society Prize of the Academy of American Poets
Leora Eisenberg ’20
Montgomery Raiser ’92 Thesis Prize
Laura Hausman ’20
Lynde Debate Prize, second place team
John G. Buchanan Prize in Politics
Sarah Hirschfield ’20
Alexander Guthrie McCosh Prize
Zachary Holeck ’21
Shapiro Prize for Academic Excellence, 2018 – 19
Laura Hausman ’20
Lynde Debate Prize, second place team
John G. Buchanan Prize in Politics
Sarah Hirschfield ’20
Alexander Guthrie McCosh Prize
Zachary Holeck ’21
Shapiro Prize for Academic Excellence, 2018 – 19
Thomas A. Koenig ’20
Woodrow Wilson School Senior Thesis Prize
Conor T. Lundy ’20
The Rosengarten Cross Country Award
The Morgan Award
Connor J. Morris ’23
Dorothea vanDyke McLane Prize in Italian
Vayne Ong ’20
The Princeton Prize in Race Relations Senior Thesis Prize
Ben Press ’20
M. Taylor Pyne Honor Prize
Carter Kim Combe ’74 Prize in History
Stephen Whelan ’68 Senior Thesis Prize for Excellence in Constitutional Law and Political Thought
J. Welles Henderson ’43 Senior Thesis Prize
Nicholas Ritter ’20
Lynde Debate Prize, second place speaker
Chiara Salvati ’22
Shapiro Prize for Academic Excellence, 2018 – 19
Kathleen Song ’22
Shapiro Prize for Academic Excellence, 2018 – 19
Zachary J. Siter ’20
Middleton Miller ’29 Prize
Shiye Su ’20
Allen G. Shenstone Prize in Physics
Victoria Talvolta ’21
Shapiro Prize for Academic Excellence, 2018 – 19
Andrew T. Witmer ’20
Donald Jansen Dike Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Research
Mujtaba A. Yousuf ’23
Walter E. Hope, Class of 1901, Extemporaneous Speaking Prize, second place
Undergraduate Fellows meet with Richard Lowry of National Review over afternoon tea for a conversation on “Is Nationalism Conservatism’s Future? Should It Be?” – February 18, 2020

2020 - 2021 Lecture Series and Events

One of the most visible ways in which the Madison Program promotes civic education is through its sponsorship of conversations, lectures, and conferences, which are free and open to the public.

Herbert W. Vaughan Lecture on America’s Founding Principles
This annual lecture 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 2020-21 is Michael J. Sandel, Anne T. and Robert M. Bass Professor of Government, Harvard University. The subject of the lecture is the discussion will be his book, The Tyranny of Merit: What’s Become of the Common Good? (2020).

Charles E. Test, M.D., Distinguished Lectures
The annual Test 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. This year’s Test Lecturer is Daniel Mahoney, 2020-2021 Garwood Visiting Fellow; Augustine Chair in Distinguished Scholarship, Assumption University.

Walter F. Murphy Lecture in American Constitutionalism
The lifetime achievements of the late Walter F. Murphy, McCormick Professor Emeritus of Jurisprudence, are celebrated by this annual lecture. The Murphy Lecturer for 2020-21 is Scott Brewer, Professor of Law, Harvard Law School.

The Harold T. Shapiro Lecture on Ethics, Science, and Technology
This annual lecture in science, technology, and ethics is named in honor of Harold Shapiro, under whose presidency the Madison Program was established. The inaugural Harold T. Shapiro Lecture will be given by Alexander M. Capron, University Professor of Law, University of Southern California.

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. This year’s first Alpheus T. Mason lecture is a conversation on the “Indispensable, Uncancelable Statesmanship of George Washington,” featuring William Allen, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, Michigan State University; Paul D. Carrese, Director, School of Civic and Economic Thought and Leadership, Arizona State University; and Diana Schaub, Professor of Political Science, Loyola University Maryland.

Elizabeth M. Whelan Lecture
Author and columnist Amity Schaes will deliver the annual Elizabeth M. Whelan lecture in 2021.

Annual Constitution Day Lectures
The James Madison Program hosts an annual lecture in celebration of Constitution Day and cosponsors the Princeton University Constitution Day lecture. This year’s Constitution Day event was a conversation on Constitutional Interpretation and the Common Good featuring John O. McGinnis, George C. Dix Professor of Constitutional Law, Pritzker School of Law, Northwestern University and Professor Robert P. George, Keith E. Whittington, William Nelson Cromwell Professor of Politics, Princeton University, delivered the Princeton University Constitution Day lecture on Freedom of Thought and the Struggle to End Slavery.

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) at Texas Tech University, doubles as a reunion of alumni visiting fellows and honors the work of a leading scholar. This year, the conference honors Mary Ann Glendon, Learned Hand Professor of Law, Harvard University, whom ASFI will present with the James Q. Wilson Award for Distinguished Scholarship on the Nature of a Free Society. The subject of the 2021 conference will be “Community, Diversity, and Rights.”

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. This year, the series was launched with an event on “The Mutating Presidency Under a Living Constitution,” featuring Saiikrishna B. Prakash, James Monroe Distinguished Professor of Law, University of Virginia School of Law, and Keith E. Whittington, William Nelson Cromwell Professor of Politics, Princeton University.

Stuart Lectures on Institutional Corruption in America
This lecture series shines a light on the problem of corruption and irresponsibility in our institutions and subjects it to thoughtful and rigorous analysis from our nation’s leading scholars on these issues.

Wintersession
Debuting in January 2021, Princeton University’s Wintersession is a two-week experience offering “unexpected, active, and intriguing non-graded learning and growth opportunities” produced by and open to Princeton students, faculty, and staff. Professor Robert P. George will lead sessions on folk music in America, and Visiting Fellow Amanda Greene will lead an intensive daily workshop on race, power, and resistance.