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THE ROBERT J. GIUFFRA '82 CONFERENCE ON
ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND AMERICAN STATESMANSHIP:
RECONSTRUCTING THE LAW OF THE CONSTITUTION

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It is a sobering reflection that the progress of free institutions has often come at the cost of much blood spilled in the midst of rebellion and civil war. This is true of the great movements toward freedom and self-government in England, France, and America in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. And it is most spectacularly true of America's movement to limit and then end slavery in the middle of the nineteenth century, which happened only through a civil war that killed more Americans than all of the nation's other wars put together. Each of these eruptions of political violence, however, could advance the cause of freedom only because it was followed by a stable peace to which both of the contending sides could accommodate themselves: the forces opposed to freedom had not only to be defeated but also somehow readmitted as participants in the freer society the creation of which they had labored to prevent. This problem of "reconstruction" is one of the supreme challenges that statesmanship can face, and it is one upon which Abraham Lincoln reflected deeply, even if he did not live to implement the plans that emerged from his reflections. Given the magnitude of the issues with which Lincoln had to deal, his political career and thought are a school of statesmanship to which free people should turn for instruction.

With a view to advancing the education in statesmanship that the study of Lincoln can provide, the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions and the Association for the Study of Free Institutions are pleased to announce a conference entitled "Abraham Lincoln and American Statesmanship: Reconstructing the Law of the Constitution." The program includes scholars from a variety of disciplines in the social sciences and humanities. We seek to address a number of questions. What principles and aims informed Lincoln's statesmanship? How did Lincoln understand and embody the virtue of prudence as mediating between principles and ideals, on the one hand, and stubborn realities, on the other, with a view to identifying achievable political improvements? How does wise statesmanship manage the difficulties involved in trying to secure new rights while also protecting old rights in a period of reconstruction? What role do courts play in preserving fundamental legal and constitutional principles in the midst of political and social upheaval? Finally, what lessons does Lincoln offer to statesmanship in our own time?

Monday, May 16, 2016

10:30 to Noon **Presentation of the 2016 James Q. Wilson Award for Distinguished Scholarship on the Nature of a Free Society to Allen C. Guelzo**

Presenter: **Alan Charles Kors**, Henry Charles Lea Professor of History, *University of Pennsylvania*, on behalf of the *Association for the Study of Free Institutions*

Keynote Address: **Allen C. Guelzo**, Henry R. Luce III Professor of the Civil War Era, *Gettysburg College*

1:30 to 3:15 p.m. **The Historian's Craft: A Consideration of Writings of Allen C. Guelzo**

Panelists: **Peter S. Field**, Garwood Visiting Professor and Visiting Fellow, James Madison Program, *Princeton University*

Matthew J. Franck, Director, William E. and Carol G. Simon Center on Religion and the Constitution, *The Witherspoon Institute*

Lucas Morel, Class of 1960 Professor of Ethics and Politics, *Washington and Lee University*

Chair: **Carson Holloway**, Associate Professor of Political Science, *University of Nebraska at Omaha*

3:45 to 5:30 p.m. **Reconsidering Reconstruction, Rights, and Progress**

Panelists: **Pamela Brandwein**, Professor of Political Science, *University of Michigan*

Peter C. Myers, Professor of Political Science, *University of Wisconsin—Eau Claire*

James R. Stoner, Jr., Hermann Moyse, Jr. Professor of Political Science and Director, The Eric Voegelin Institute for American Renaissance Studies, *Louisiana State University*

Chair: **Paul Kerry**, Visiting Scholar, Corpus Christi College, *University of Oxford*; Associate Professor of History, *Brigham Young University*

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

9:00 to 10:45 a.m. **What Is the Relationship Between Originalism and Judicial Restraint?**

Panelists: **Christopher R. Green**, Associate Professor of Law and H.L.A. Hart Scholar in Law and Philosophy, *University of Mississippi*

Earl M. Maltz, Distinguished Professor of Law, *Rutgers University, Camden*

David R. Upham, Associate Professor of Politics and Director of Legal Studies, *University of Dallas*

Keith E. Whittington, William Nelson Cromwell Professor of Politics, *Princeton University*

Chair: **Joyce Lee Malcolm**, Patrick Henry Professor of Constitutional Law and the Second Amendment, *George Mason University School of Law*

11:15 to 1:00 p.m. **The Statesmanship of Abraham Lincoln**

Panelists: **George Kateb**, William Nelson Cromwell Professor of Politics, Emeritus, *Princeton University*

James M. McPherson, George Henry Davis '86 Professor of American History, Emeritus, *Princeton University*

Diana Schaub, Professor of Political Science, *Loyola University Maryland*

Michael Zuckert, Nancy R. Dreux Professor of Political Science, *University of Notre Dame*

Chair: **John Agresto**, Former President, *St. John's College, Santa Fe*

2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Roundtable on Lincoln and the Challenges of Statesmanship in Our Time

Panelists: **Hadley Arkes**, Edward N. Ney Professor in American Institutions, Emeritus, *Amherst College*

Richard Brookhiser, Senior Editor, *National Review*

Allen C. Guelzo, Henry R. Luce III Professor of the Civil War Era, *Gettysburg College*

Chair: **Robert P. George**, McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence and Director of the James Madison Program, *Princeton University*

4:45 to 6:00 p.m. ASFI Meeting to Discuss Course Creation

Presenter: **Samuel Goldman**, Assistant Professor of Political Science, *George Washington University*

Chair: **Stephen H. Balch**, Chairman, *Association for the Study of Free Institutions*; Director, Institute for the Study of Western Civilization, *Texas Tech University*