

THE ROBERT J. GIUFFRA '82 CONFERENCE ON LAW AND THE CULTURE OF LIBERTY

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What is the relationship among law, culture, and human freedom? Is freedom to be found primarily where law is kept to a minimum and culture is therefore mostly the spontaneous reflection of the choices of largely autonomous individuals? Or does true freedom require law to provide a kind of moral discipline, a habituation in the virtues, with a view to promoting a culture in which freedom is directed toward the flourishing of our nature, and not just toward whatever may appear desirable to the individual? To what extent can law shape culture in this way, and to what extent is it rather shaped by a culture that already exists?

In order to foster reflection on these issues, 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 "Law and the Culture of Liberty." The program includes scholars from a variety of disciplines in the social sciences and humanities. We seek to address a number of questions. What is the proper relationship between law and liberty in the natural-law jurisprudence of John Finnis and his colleagues? To what extent does our flourishing according to nature require freedom from legal constraint, and to what extent does it require the discipline of legal sanctions? How does contemporary American popular culture shape our understanding of law and liberty? Is pop culture a powerful force for freedom, or does it undermine the virtues of character and mind necessary for the preservation of the free society? What is the role of marriage in fostering a culture of liberty? To what extent does a healthy marriage culture require the support of law? What is the role of freedom of thought and speech to maintaining a free and decent culture? Should law permit an untrammelled right of self-expression, or must it rather set limits on what may be said in order to protect civility and other important social values? Most fundamentally, can we attain rational knowledge of the true character of law, of culture, and of liberty, and of their proper relation to one another?

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MONDAY, MAY 18, 2015

TIME	SESSION	PRESENTER
10:30 a.m. to Noon	Presentation of the 2015 James Q. Wilson Award for Distinguished Scholarship on the Nature of a Free Society to John Finnis, on behalf of the <i>Association for the Study of Free Institutions</i>	Robert P. George McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence; Director, James Madison Program, <i>Princeton University</i>
		KEYNOTE SPEAKER
		John Finnis Biolchini Family Professor of Law, <i>University of Notre Dame</i> ; Professor Emeritus of Law and Legal Philosophy, <i>University of Oxford</i>

TIME	SESSION	PANELISTS
1:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.	Natural Law, Law, and Liberty	Gerard V. Bradley Professor of Law, <i>University of Notre Dame</i> Samuel Gregg Director of Research, <i>Acton Institute</i> Daniel Mark Assistant Professor of Political Science, <i>Villanova University</i>
		Chair: James R. Stoner, Jr. Professor of Political Science, <i>Louisiana State University</i>

3:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.	Popular Culture and the Culture of Liberty	Mark Bauerlein Professor of English, <i>Emory University</i> Martha Bayles Visiting Associate Professor of the Practice of the Humanities, <i>Boston College</i> Charles T. Rubin Garwood Visiting Fellow, James Madison Program, <i>Princeton University</i> ; Associate Professor of Political Science, <i>Duquesne University</i>
		Chair: Carson Holloway Visiting Fellow in American Political Thought, B. Kenneth Simon Center for Principles and Politics, <i>The Heritage Foundation</i> ; Associate Professor of Political Science, <i>University of Nebraska at Omaha</i>

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2015

TIME	SESSION	PANELISTS
9:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.	Marriage and the Culture of Liberty	<p>Ryan T. Anderson William E. Simon Fellow in Religion and a Free Society, <i>The Heritage Foundation</i> Melissa Moschella Assistant Professor of Philosophy, <i>The Catholic University of America</i> W. Bradford Wilcox Associate Professor of Sociology, <i>University of Virginia</i></p> <p>Chair: Christopher Kaczor William E. Simon Visiting Fellow, James Madison Program, <i>Princeton University</i>; Professor of Philosophy, <i>Loyola Marymount University</i></p>
11:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Freedom of Thought and Speech	<p>James W. Ceaser Harry F. Byrd Professor of Politics, <i>University of Virginia</i> Michael P. Moreland Vice Dean and Professor of Law, <i>Villanova University School of Law</i> Christopher Tollefsen Professor of Philosophy, <i>University of South Carolina</i></p> <p>Chair: Jesse D. Covington William E. Simon Visiting Fellow, James Madison Program, <i>Princeton University</i>; Associate Professor of Political Science, <i>Westmont College</i></p>
2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Roundtable on Law, Liberty, and Culture in the Thought of John Finnis	<p>Joseph M. Boyle Professor of Philosophy, <i>University of Toronto</i> Richard Ekins Associate Professor of Law, <i>University of Oxford</i> Sherif Girgis <i>Princeton University</i> and <i>Yale Law School</i> Grégoire C. N. Webber Canada Research Chair in Public Law and Philosophy of Law, <i>Queen's University (Canada)</i> John Finnis Biolchini Family Professor of Law, <i>University of Notre Dame</i>; Professor Emeritus of Law and Legal Philosophy, <i>University of Oxford</i></p> <p>Chair: Robert P. George McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence; Director, James Madison Program, <i>Princeton University</i></p>
4:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Optional Meeting for Academic Program Creators (private event)	<p>Bradford P. Wilson James Madison Program, <i>Princeton University</i>; President, <i>Association for the Study of Free Institutions</i></p>