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in American Ideals and Institutions

**TAKING THE MEASURE OF WHERE WE ARE TODAY**

The Annual Robert J. Giuffra '82 Conference

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Arthur Lewis Auditorium, Robertson Hall, Princeton University

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**The James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions, Princeton University**

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When asked what kind of government the Constitutional Convention had proposed for America, Benjamin Franklin is said to have replied, “A republic, if you can keep it.” Franklin’s remark reminds us of the challenge faced – and the responsibility borne – by each generation of citizens that is blessed to live in our free society. Each generation is charged with “keeping,” with preserving and transmitting, the freedom we have inherited. Accordingly, each generation must diagnose for itself the health and strength of the free society in its own time. We are obliged to ask: Is the civilization of freedom growing stronger, sustained, perhaps, by the benevolent advance of history? Or is belief in the necessary progress of freedom a pleasing but dangerous illusion, obscuring the possibility that the civilization of freedom is decaying from within? To address such questions seriously, we are compelled to go deeper and pose a philosophic question: what *is* the health of the free society? Is the free society always and everywhere improved by the presence of greater and greater freedom? Or does the flourishing of the free society depend on certain moral, cultural, religious, and intellectual foundations that we must constantly labor to renew if freedom is to survive and prove a blessing to us?

With a view to addressing these compelling questions, 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 “Taking the Measure of Where We Are Today.” 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 role of the law in upholding public morality, and is the law today properly fulfilling this function? What does the study of the liberal arts contribute to the vitality of the free society? To what extent are today’s universities succeeding in sustaining the best traditions of liberal arts education? What is the proper understanding of religious liberty in the free society, and are today’s free societies fully living up to this important principle? How does the advance of biomedical technology both support and threaten our aspirations to human freedom and human dignity? Finally, what kind of conservatism is best suited to address the challenges the free society faces in our time?

**FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2018**

**10:30 a.m. to Noon** Presentation of the **2018 James Q. Wilson Award for Distinguished Scholarship on the Nature of a Free Society to Robert P. George**

Presenter: **Allen C. Guelzo**, 2017-18 Garwood Visiting Professor and Visiting Fellow, *James Madison Program, Princeton University*; Henry R. Luce Professor of the Civil War Era and Director, *Civil War Area Studies, Gettysburg College*

Keynote: **Robert P. George**, McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence and Director, *James Madison Program, Princeton University*, in conversation with **Meir Y. Soloveichik**, Rabbi, *Congregation Shearith Israel*; Director, *Zahava and Moshael Straus Center for Torah and Western Thought, Yeshiva University*

**1:30 to 3:15 p.m.** **Religious Freedom at Home and Abroad**

Panelists: **John J. DiIulio, Jr.**, Frederic Fox Leadership Professor of Politics, Religion, and Civil Society, *University of Pennsylvania*  
**Mark L. Movsesian**, Spring 2018 Visiting Fellow, *James Madison Program, Princeton University*; Frederick A. Whitney Professor of Contract Law and Director, *Center for Law and Religion, St. John's University*  
**Michael Stokes Paulsen**, Spring 2018 Visiting Fellow and Visiting Professor in Politics, *James Madison Program, Princeton University*; Distinguished University Chair and Professor of Law, *University of St. Thomas School of Law*  
**Katrina Lantos Swett**, President, *Lantos Foundation for Human Rights & Justice*

Chair: **Adeline A. Allen**, 2017-18 Visiting Fellow, *James Madison Program, Princeton University*; Assistant Professor of Law, *Trinity Law School*

**3:45 to 5:30 p.m.** **The Liberal Arts Ideal**

Panelists: **William B. Allen**, Emeritus Professor of Political Science and Dean Emeritus of *James Madison College, Michigan State University*  
**Leora Batnitzky**, Ronald O. Perelman Professor of Jewish Studies, Professor of Religion, and Chair, *Department of Religion, Princeton University*  
**Paul Carrese**, Director and Professor, *School of Civic and Economic Thought and Leadership, Arizona State University*  
**Donald Drakeman**, Distinguished Research Professor, *Constitutional Studies Program, University of Notre Dame*

Chair: **Michael I. Krauss**, Professor of Law, *Antonin Scalia Law School, George Mason University*

**SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018**

**9:00 to 10:45 a.m.      Making Men Moral: Public Morality, Liberty, and Law**  
(on the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Robert P. George's book, *Making Men Moral: Civil Liberties and Public Morality*)

Panelists:            **Melissa Moschella**, Assistant Professor of Medical Ethics,  
*Department of Medicine, Columbia University*  
**James R. Stoner, Jr.**, Hermann Moyse, Jr., Professor of Political Science,  
*Louisiana State University*  
**David L. Tubbs**, 2017-18 Ann and Herbert W. Vaughan Visiting Fellow, *James Madison Program, Princeton University*; Associate Professor of Politics,  
*The King's College*  
**Christopher Wolfe**, Professor of Politics, *University of Dallas*

Chair:                **The Honourable Bradley W. Miller**, Justice, *Court of Appeal, Ontario, Canada*

**11:15 to 1:00 p.m.      Bioethics and Human Dignity**

Panelists:            **Yuval Levin**, Editor, *National Affairs*; Hertog Fellow,  
*Ethics and Public Policy Center*  
**Diana Schaub**, Professor of Political Science, *Loyola University Maryland*  
**Ari N. Schulman**, Editor, *The New Atlantis: A Journal of Technology & Society*  
**Harold T. Shapiro**, President *Emeritus* and Professor of Economics and Public  
Affairs, *Princeton University*

Chair:                **Charles Rubin**, 2017-18 Forbes Visiting Fellow, *James Madison Program,*  
*Princeton University*; Professor of Political Science, *Duquesne University*

**2:30 to 4:30 p.m.      Is American Conservatism Too Liberal?**

Panelists:            **Mona Charen**, Columnist; Senior Fellow, *Ethics and Public Policy Center*  
**Samuel Gregg**, Director of Research, *Acton Institute*  
**Ted V. McAllister**, Associate Professor of Public Policy, *Pepperdine University*  
**John O. McGinnis**, George C. Dix Professor in Constitutional Law,  
*Pritzker School of Law, Northwestern University*  
**R. R. Reno**, Editor, *First Things*

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

**SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018 (CONTINUED)**

**4:45 to 5:45 p.m.**      **Optional ASFI Meeting for Academic Program and Course Creators and the “Just Curious”**

**Location: Robertson Hall Bowl 001**

Presentation:      **Means as Ends: Teaching About the Importance of Procedural Restraints**  
**Sara Henary**, Assistant Professor of Political Science, *Missouri State University*

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

**QUESTIONS MAY BE DIRECTED TO:**

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