The cupola and flag featured on the James Madison Program’s 20th anniversary medallion logo is inspired by Princeton University’s Nassau Hall, pictured left and on the cover.

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Reach and Engagement

The James Madison Program continues to promote the understanding of America’s founding principles and to serve as a beacon for freedom of thought and expression as the campus, nation, and world respond to the demands of the COVID-19 pandemic. As you’ll see in these pages, the work of the program has thrived over the past year. Pivoting to online programming and delivery allowed more people to participate in the discourse of our guests, fellows, and faculty, and for our newest addition, Madison’s Notes, to become one of the top government-focused podcasts available.

As the numbers have grown—in both attendance and outreach—however, we have felt a sense of anticipation for the days when we can gather once again and hear the microphone crackle in an auditorium of people coming together in the pursuit of truth. Slowly, we will rejoin each other in person, but we will also work to sustain the expanded and extended community that has emerged from this peculiar time. The lessons of the past year will inform us as we continue to deepen the understanding of the principles and institutions of the American regime of republican government and ordered liberty.
In September, we welcomed our 2020-2021 Visiting Fellows and Postdocs to the James Madison Program. Fellows pursue their own research and writing, participate in courses and seminars, and contribute to the intellectual life of Princeton University and the Department of Politics. They come to us from around the world and bring a wealth of expertise on topics ranging from Jewish concepts of monarchy to evolutionary biology, the morality of markets, and more.

This year’s cohort has adapted to an all-virtual environment, meeting weekly on Zoom and offering feedback on each other’s scholarship.

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2020 - 2021 Visiting and Postdoctoral Fellows

Keegan Callanan
Associate Professor of Political Science, Middlebury College; 2020-21 Forbes Visiting Fellow
Seminar: The Social Contract and the Political Community in Tocqueville

Adam Carrington
Associate Professor of Politics, Hillsdale College; 2020-21 Visiting Fellow
Seminar: Judgment, Merely: The Faculty of Judicial Power

Christopher-Marcus Gibson *19
2020-21 John and Daria Barry Postdoctoral Research Fellow
Seminar: A More Godlike Lover: Aquinas on Amor & the Trinitarian Image

Amanda Greene
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University College London; 2020-21 Visiting Fellow
Seminar: Democratic Legitimacy for Skeptics

Heather E. Heying
2020-21 Thomas W. Smith Postdoctoral Research Associate
Seminar: Practical Reasonableness as a Basic Good
Course: The Most Sacred of All Property: The Philosophical Case for Protecting Religious Liberty

Daniel J. Mahoney
Augustine Chair in Distinguished Scholarship, Assumption University; 2020-21 Garwood Visiting Fellow
Seminar: Winston Churchill: Magnanimity and Moderation at the Service of Civilization

Colleen E. Mitchell
2020-21 John and Daria Barry Postdoctoral Research Fellow
Seminar: Augustine on Empire and Politics

Alan Mittleman
Aaron Rabinowitz and Simon H. Rifkind Chair of Jewish Philosophy, Jewish Theological Seminary; 2020-21 Visiting Fellow
Seminar: Meaning and Absurdity in Contemporary Philosophy and Jewish Thought

Ethan Schrum
Associate Professor of History, Azusa Pacific University; 2020-21 John and Daria Barry Visiting Research Scholar
Seminar: Samuel E. Stumpf and Protestant Philosophy of Law in Twentieth Century America

Benjamin Schwartz
2020-21 Postdoctoral Research Associate
Seminar: The Freman Peace Campaigns: Pluralism in Judeo-Islamic Theology and Politics

Bret Weinstein
2020-21 Visiting Fellow

Jacob Wolf
2020-21 John and Daria Barry Postdoctoral Research Fellow
Seminar: The Roots of Expressive Individualism in America

Jonathan Yudelman
2020-21 Thomas W. Smith Postdoctoral Research Associate
Seminar: Thomas Hobbes and the Birth of Ideological Politics

Ethan Schrum, Amanda Greene, Keegan Callanan, and Robert George dine outside in April 2021.
The James Madison Program hosts a robust schedule of public events throughout the academic year. Highlights of 2020-2021 have included panel discussions on the 2020 Election and the “Uncancelable” George Washington, as well as book talks with Michael Sandel and Lynne Cheney. Amity Shlaes delivered the Elizabeth M. Whelan Lecture on her book, “Great Society: A New History,” and O. Carter Sneed gave the inaugural Harold T. Shapiro Lecture on Ethics, Science, and Technology. In addition to the Madison Program’s own Constitution Day Lecture by John O. McGinnis, the Program cosponsored, with the Program in American Studies and the Program in Law and Public Affairs, the University’s annual Constitution Day Lecture. Keith E. Whittington, William Nelson Cromwell Professor of Politics at Princeton and Faculty Associate of the Madison Program lectured on “Freedom of Thought and the Struggle to End Slavery.” On these pages are a selection of the digital posters for the Madison Program’s 2020-2021 public events.
In January 2021, the University hosted its first Wintersession, a vibrant, two-week experience that offered unexpected, active, and intriguing non-graded learning and growth opportunities. The James Madison Program contributed the following offerings:

**Don’t Think Twice! A Folk Music Jamboree**

This Wintersession workshop series was led by Robert P. George and guest musician Daniel Miner and attended by Princeton undergraduates and graduate students, as well as University staff members. Participants of the Don’t Think Twice! workshop spent four hours together performing folk tunes, learning about picking styles, sharing stories, and hearing a bit about the history of American folk music. This was an interactive two-day jamboree hosted via Zoom, and participants brought their own instruments (guitars, banjos, fiddles) and vocals. During the sessions, each of the participants and the lead musicians took turns sharing their music and stories with the group.

**An American Folk Music Jamboree**

As a follow-up to the daytime “Don’t Think Twice” workshops, the Madison Program hosted a public “open mic” event. Participants were invited to perform their favorite folk songs, practiced during the earlier daytime workshop, and members of the Princeton Folk Music Society and other local folk musicians were invited to attend.

**Race, Power, and Resistance**

Amanda Greene, 2020-21 Visiting Fellow, led a ten-hour seminar series over five days on Race, Power, and Resistance. Participants read philosophical texts addressing topics of protest, oppression, integration, self-respect, exploitation, anger, violence, policing, and political legitimacy.
The Theory and Practice of Statesmanship
This one-week online seminar for college undergraduates will ask a fundamental question lying at the heart of politics and public life: What is statesmanship? From that, we will explore statesmanship’s defining qualities, why we seem to have so little of it in modern times, and whether we can aspire to statesmanship. We will examine four fundamental aspects of statesmanship: the identifying characteristics (as opposed to ordinary political life, demagoguery, or tyranny); what the classical political writers had to say about statesmanship (Aristotle, Cicero); lived examples: 18th-century (George Washington), 19th-century (Abraham Lincoln), and 20th-century (Winston Churchill, Charles De Gaulle, Konrad Adenauer); and statesmanship in the Democratic Context – judicial statesmanship, administrative statesmanship, intellectual statesmanship.

Faculty
Allen C. Guelzo
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Theresa McArt
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Nathan Pinkoski
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, St. Michael’s College, University of Toronto

The Principles of American Politics
This seminar for upper-level high-school students and rising college freshmen will be taught as a one-week online seminar for two consecutive weeks with separate groups of students. Participants will study the fundamental questions of equality and liberty in American political life. What have Americans meant by these principles from the founding to the present? What is their relationship with one another, with political power, with law, and with the private sphere of civil society? Are they in tension or in harmony? Readings will be in primary sources including The Federalist and Alexis de Tocqueville’s Democracy in America, as well as other basic texts from American history.

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The Moral Foundations of Law
Under the direction of Professor Gerard V. Bradley of Notre Dame Law School, this seminar covers some of the most contested areas of inquiry in legal philosophy today, including legal positivism, practical reason, human good and positive law, morals legislation, pluralism, crime and punishment, property, and rights and duties. The seminar is designed as an intensive weeklong program investigating the relationship between sound norms of critical morality and civil law. Seminar discussions will examine key contemporary legal debates, such as religious freedom and conscience, beginning and end of life issues, and marriage legislation.

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