

INSTITUTE ON THE IDEA OF AMERICA

April 27 – May 3, 2007

AGENDA

April 28

8:30 a.m. – 12 noon **CLASS I: Professor Michael Novak**
American Enterprise Institute

Topic: Religion in America

Assignment: Muñoz, Vincent Phillip. *Religion and the Common Good: George Washington on Church and State*. The Founders on God and Government. Rowman & Littlefield: Lanham, MD, 2004. pp. 1-22;

Novak, Michael. *Washington's Public Prayers*. George Washington's God. Basic Books: New York, 2006;

Morrison, Jeffrey H. *John Witherspoon's Revolutionary Religion*. The Founders on God and Government. Rowman & Littlefield: Lanham, MD, 2004. pp. 117-146;

Novak, Michael. *Jewish Metaphysics at the Founding*. On Two Wings: Humble Faith and Common Sense at the American Founding.

Encounter Books: San Francisco, 2003. pp. 3-24;

Novak, Michael. *How Did the Virginians Ground Religious Rights?* On Two Wings: pp. 125-142;

Witte, John Jr. *One Public Religion, Many Private Religions: John Adams and the 1780 Massachusetts Constitution*. The Founders on God and Government. Rowman & Littlefield: Lanham, MD, 2004. pp. 23-52.

April 29

8:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. **CLASS 2: Professor Gordon S. Wood**
Brown University
Department of History

Topic: The Country the Founders Made

Assignment: Wood, "Interests and Disinterestedness in the Making of the Constitution", from Beeman, Botein & Carter, eds., *Beyond Confederation: Origins of the Constitution and American National Identity*, (University of North Carolina Press), pp. 69-109.

1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **CLASS 3: Professor James Q. Wilson**
Pepperdine University
School of Public Policy

Topic: Family and Society

Assignment: Wilson, *The Marriage Problem*, (HarperCollins, 2003):
Ch. 4, The Rise of the Modern Marriage (pp 65-105);
Ch. 5, African Americans and Slavery (pp. 107-129).

April 30

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon **CLASS 4: Mr. Joel Kotkin**
Author and Irvine Senior Fellow
New America Foundation

Mr. Alan Ehrenhalt
Editor
Governing Magazine

Topic: The City

Assignment: Jacobs, *The Death and Life of Great American Cities*, (Random House Modern Library, 1993):
Introduction (pp 5-34);

Ehrenhalt, *The Lost City*, (HarperCollins, 1996):
Ch. 1, The Limited Life (pp 8-32);

Kotkin, *The City* (Random House Modern Library, 2005):
Ch. 1, Sacred Origins (pp 3-8);
Ch. 2, Projections of Power-The Rise of the Imperial City (pp 9-12);
Ch. 12, The Anglo-American Urban Revolution (pp 85-96);
Ch. 14, The Search for a “Better City” (pp 111-116);
Ch. 15, Suburbia Triumphant (pp 117-125);
Conclusion, The Urban Future (pp 147-160).

Optional Reading: Kotkin, *The New Suburbanism*, (The Planning Center, 2005).

May 1

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon **CLASS 5: Professor Terry Anderson**
Montana State University
Department of Economics

Topic: The Frontier

Assignment: Turner, *The Frontier in American History*, (Dover Publications, 1996):
Ch. I, The Significance of the Frontier in American History (pp. 1-38);

Anderson and Hill, *The Not So Wild, Wild West: Property Rights on the Frontier*, (Stanford University Press, 2004):
Ch. Two, The Institutions That Tamed the West (pp 9-33);

Schleifer, *The Making of Tocqueville’s Democracy in America*, (Liberty Fund, 2004):
Part II, How to Account for America? Tocqueville Looks at Some Particular *Causes Physiques* (pp 49-111).

May 2

8:30 a.m. - 12 noon **CLASS 6: Mr. David Yezzi**
Executive Editor,
New Criterion Magazine

Topic: America in Poetry

Assignment: Poetry Selections

5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Class 7: Mr. Ron Maxwell

Topic: America in Film I

Assignment: The films *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance* and *Stagecoach*.

May 3

8:00 a.m. -9:30 a.m. CLASS 8: Mr. Ron Maxwell

Topic: America in Film II

Assignment: Continuation of Previous Assignment.