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**11:00 - 1:30 PM – REGISTRATION**
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**1:30 - 3:30 PM – SESSION I**

A. Ambition, Humility and Democracy  
Gaylord Hall, Worner Center

B. The Other Enlightenment: Hume, Tocqueville, and the Complexity of Liberalism  
Bemis Great Hall

C. Global Processes, Global Principles  
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Reception sponsored by the Colorado College Political Science Department  
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A. Ancient Reflections  
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Jeffrey Langan, "The Spirit of the City"
Philosophy and Political Science, University of Notre Dame

Demetra Kasimis, "Rethinking Paradigms: The Invention of Black Particularity within the Realm of Inquiry," Political Science, Northwestern University

Lisa Bates, "The Politics of the Family Values Debate"
Philosophy, University of Colorado, Boulder

Erica Bouris, "Complex Political Victims: Recognition, Assistance, and Peace"
International Studies, University of Denver

Discussant: Andrew Valls
Political Science, Oregon State University

D. Friendship, Civility, and Political Thought
WES Room, Worner Center

Chair: Wendell John Coats, Jr., Government, Connecticut College

Hans von Rautenfeld, "From Political Friendship to Citizenship: Political Participation in Modern Democracies," Philosophy, University of South Carolina


Corey Abel, "The Peaceful Polity: War, Friendship and the Civil Condition"
Political Science, Metro State College Denver

Peter Digeser, "Friendship between States"
Political Science, University of California, Santa Barbara

Discussant: Ann C. Davies
Political Science, Beloit College
A. Readings of Early Modernity
Gaylord Hall, Worner Center

Chair: Amy McCready, Political Science, Bucknell University

Political Science, Northwestern University

Keally DeAnne McBride, "Biopolitics, Liberalism and Locke"
Political Science, Temple University

Nancy L. Luxon, "From Passion to Desire: Psychoanalysis as Political Psychology?"
Political Science, University of California, San Diego

Eileen Hunt Botting, "Rousseau's Rural Republican Family"
Political Science, University of Notre Dame

Discussant: James Farr
Political Science, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

B. Alternate Conceptions of Democratic Action
Bemis Great Hall

Chair: Dennis McEnnerney, Philosophy, The Colorado College

Zachary A. Callen, "Nonviolence and Democracy: Social Movements and Social Justice?"
Political Science, University of Chicago

Gus diZerga, "Emergent Order and Political Theory"
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John S. Nelson, "Representation and Its Discontents: Figures for a Post-Western Politics"
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Discussant: Mary Dietz
Political Science, University of Minnesota
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Chair: M. Richard Zinman, James Madison College, Michigan State University

Bernard J. Dobski, "The Periclean Solution to Democratic Ambition"
Political Science, Assumption College

Political Science, Boston College

Steve Kautz, "Lincoln’s Ambition"
Political Science, Michigan State University

Mary M. Keys, "Aquinas on Humility, Ambition, and the Practice of Politics"
Political Science, University of Notre Dame

Discussant: Benjamin A. Kleinerman
International Studies and Political Science, Virginia Military Institute

B. THE OTHER ENLIGHTENMENT: HUME, TOQUEVILLE, AND THE COMPLEXITY OF LIBERALISM
Bemis Great Hall

Chair: Kirstie M. McClure, Political Science and English
University of California, Los Angeles

Sharon Krause, "Humean Judgment and Democratic Deliberation"
Government, Harvard University

Tom J. Hoffman, "Sentimental Liberalism: The Ideal of the Good Citizen in David Hume’s Character Sketches,"
Political Science, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Paul Carrese, "Toqueville's Moderation and Philosophic Ambition"
Political Science, United States Air Force Academy

Discussant: Patrick J. Deneen
Politics, Princeton University
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   Politics, University of Bristol

   Sam Chambers, "Normative Violence: Rereading the Politics of Gender Trouble"
   Political Science, Pennsylvania State University

   John Seery, "Acclaim for Antigone's Claim"
   Politics, Pomona College

   Discussants: Elizabeth Wingrove
                  Political Science, University of Michigan
                  Anne Caldwell
                  Political Science, University of Louisville

D. Faith, Conflict, and Toleration
   WES Room, Worner Center

   Chair: Steven Millies, Political Science, University of South Carolina - Aiken

   Firmin DeBrabander, "The Highest Form of Devotion: Spinoza and Hume on Politics and
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   Cynthia Halpern, "Two Concepts of Suffering: Between Liberty and Faith"
   Political Science, Swarthmore College

   Aristide Tessitore, "Tocqueville and Gobineau: Debating the Secularization Thesis"
   Political Science, Furman University

   Beverly A. Gaddy, "Freedom, Autonomy, Faith and Truth: Transcending Toleration"
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    Political Science, Duke University

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    Political Science, Texas A&M University

    Edward J. Harpham, "On Benevolence and Gratitude: The Problem of Merit in Adam
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    Jacinda M. Swanson, "What Foucauldian Research on Governmentality Can Contribute
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    Discussants: Sharon Krause
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    Political Science & Women's Studies, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa

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    Chair: Simona Goi, Political Science, Calvin College

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    School of Critical Studies, California Institute of the Arts

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    Paul R. Babbitt, "Public Space and Public Domain: The Impact of Intellectual Property on
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Luis Cabrera, "The Other Side of Obligation"
Social and Behavioral Sciences, Arizona State University West

Paul R. Viotti, "Enlightenment Values and the Globalization Project"
Graduate School of International Studies, University of Denver

Discussant: Tim Duvall
Government & Politics, St. John's University

D. **Public Philosophies and the Limitations of Pluralism**
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Chair: Jeffrey Alan Johnson, History & Government, Cameron University

Katy Arnold, "A Crucial Nexus: Liberal Politics, Ascetic Ideas and Economic Exploitation"
Political Science, University of Texas, San Antonio

Jeffrey Minson, "An Ethic for a Civil State: Rehabilitating Civil Prudence"
School of Arts, Media and Culture, Griffith University

Daniel Brudney, "Legitimacy Criteria for Noncoercive State Action"
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Political Science, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
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Political Science, Brigham Young University

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Thom Kuehls, "Democracy and Difference: Re-Reading the Federalist/Anti-Federalist Debate," Political Science and Philosophy, Weber State University

Andrew J. Seligsohn, "Aesthetic and Political Distance: The Case of Gay/Lesbian Equality," Political Science, Hartwick College

Discussant: Darren Walhof
Political Science, Grand Valley State University

B. Legality's Contested Foundations: The Problem of Authorization in Theory and Practice
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Chair: William L. Niemi, Political Science, Western State College of Colorado

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Stuart A. MacNiven, "The Paradox of Progress: Rousseau and Walter Benjamin"
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Ivan A. Ascher, "Lost (and Found) in Translation: Reading Marx after Derrida"
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Derek S. Merrill, "The (Literary) Temporality of the Multitude: Against the Production of Social Obsolescence in Morrison and Silko," English, University of Florida

Joshua Foa Dienstag, "Consciousness is a Disease: Existential Pessimism in Camus, Unamuno and Cioran," Politics, University of Virginia

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Quentin P. Taylor, "John of Salisbury, the Politcraticus, and Political Thought"
History and Political Science, Rogers State University


Discussant: John von Heyking
Political Science, University of Lethbridge

B. Roundtable on American Identity, American Calamity: Moral Decline and Divine Punishment from New England to 9/11 and Beyond
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Chair: Daniel Pellerin, Government, University of Redlands

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Courtney Paige Smith, "Transforming Cultural Identities: The Eradication of Female Genital Cutting," Political Science, University of Oregon


Discussants: Carisa R. Showden
    Political Science, University of North Carolina - Greensboro

    Jennifer Ring
    Political Science, University of Nevada, Reno

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Philosophy, Princeton University and Institute for Advanced Study

Christopher C. Robinson, "Theorizing Sustainability: An Exercise in Political Ecology"
School of Arts and Sciences, Clarkson University

Kerry Whiteside, "For a Deliberative Interpretation of the Precautionary Principle"
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Political Science, University of Chicago
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    Borden Flanagan, "Thucydides on the Historicity of Perspective"
    Government, American University

    Daniel Kapust, "Virtue and Its Victims: The Perverse Consequences of Patriotic
    Aspirations in Sallust's *War with Jugurtha* and *Bellum Catilinae,*" Political Science,
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    Discussants: Robert K. Faulkner
    Political Science, Boston College
    Aristide Tessitore
    Political Science, Furman University

B. **Problems of Justice and Rationality**
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    Chair: Johnny Goldfinger, Political Science, Indiana University - Purdue University
    Indianapolis

    Peter Stone, "Justice and Rationality"
    Political Science, Stanford University

    Paul Gomberg, "Opportunity and Contributive Justice"
    Philosophy, Chicago State University

    Alex Tuckness, "Non-Ideal theory and Justice"
    Political Science, Iowa State University

    Discussant: Steven Gerencser
    Political Science, Indiana University South Bend
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   Chair: Anne Lopes, Political Science, Metropolitan College of New York

   Norman Patrick Peritore, "Sparta Agonistes: Evolutionary Biology v. Spartan Culture"
   Political Science, University of Missouri-Columbia

   Jennifer Ring, "Beyond Separate But Equal: Sports and Gender Control in America"
   Political Science, University of Nevada, Reno

   Kathy E. Ferguson, "Political Thinking in the Streets"
   Political Science & Women's Studies, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa

   Discussant: Karen Zivi
   Political Science, University of Southern California

D. Narratives, Understanding, and Action
   WES Room, Worner Center

   Chair: Patrick J. Deneen, Politics, Princeton University

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   Daniel Cordes, "How Did I Get Here?: The (In)Adequacy of Narrative Solutions to Failures of Agency,"
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   Discussant: Nicholas Dungey
   Political Science, California State University, Northridge