



**AHI-Baylor to Hold Sixth Annual Summer Conference June 23-24, 2014 21  
West Park Row, Clinton, New York**

**Schedule**

**Monday, June 23**

9:30 a.m.: Breakfast

10:45 a.m.: Welcome and Introduction – Robert Paquette and Mary Nichols

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: Session 1 “The Transformation from Aristocracy to Democracy and the Variety of ‘Regimes’ in the Era of Democracy”

12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.: Lunch

1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.: Session 2 “Four Maladies or Dangerous Tendencies of Democracy and Some Antidotes”

3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.: Session 3 “Some Effects of Democracy on Sentiments and Manners”

6:30 p.m.: Picnic at Hatch Lake, hosted by the Nichols and sponsored by the Alexander Hamilton Institute for the Study of Western Civilization (AHI)

**Tuesday, June 24**

9:30 a.m.: Breakfast

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: Session 4 “The Effects of Democracy on Thought (‘Intellectual Movement’)”

12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.: Lunch

1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.: Session 5 “On Tocqueville’s ‘Muted’ Founding and a few peculiarities of the American Character”

**List of Participants**

**Conference Director:**

Dr. James Ceaser, Harry F. Byrd Professor of Politics, University of Virginia

**Organizers:** Professors David & Mary Nichols Department of Political Science Baylor University Waco, Texas

**Conferees:**

In addition to speaker Dr. James Ceaser, the conference features a number of distinguished participants including:

Christine Basil, Department of Political Science Baylor University

Susan Benfield, Instructor English as a Second Language Northern Virginia Community College

Christopher Bissex, Department of Political Science Baylor University

Kevin Burns, Department of Political Science Baylor University

David Clinton, Department of Political Science Baylor University

Jerome Foss, Department of Politics St. Vincent College

David Frisk, Alexander Hamilton Institute for the Study of Western Civilization

Corrie Harris, Department of Political Science Baylor University

Christopher Hill, Alexander Hamilton Institute for the Study of Western Civilization

David Little, Department of Political Science Baylor University

Marjorie Jeffrey, Department of Political Science Baylor University

Martha Rice Martini, Esq. Criminal Appellate Attorney Salem, Massachusetts

Debbie O'Malley, Department of Political Science Baylor University

Nathan Orlando, Department of Political Science Baylor University

Thomas Pope, Department of Political Science Lee University

### **Reading List for Sessions 1-5:**

**Session 1:** Readings: (from *Democracy in America*, trans. by Harvey C. Mansfield and Delba Winthrop (University of Chicago Press, 2000))

1. Tocqueville's Introduction, pp. 3-8 (stop at the end of the first paragraph with "it can bestow"; 12-15 (beginning with final paragraph "Therefore it is not only to satisfy...")
2. Aristocracy, pp. 535-39; 234-35 35 (begin with "What do you ask of society"); 546- 51 (stop near bottom, with the paragraph that begins "I have not inquired....")
3. Regimes under modern condition of democracy: mild despotism, pp. 661-665; 671-76 (begin with "I shall finish"); single-person (or party) despotism, pp. 52-53; omnipotence (or tyranny) of the majority, pp. 235-50; liberal democracy (no further reading)

### **Session 2:**

1. Egalitarianism (love of equality), pp. 479-482
2. "Individualism" (better defined as "privatism" or apathy), pp. 482-84, 486-92; 496-500
3. Materialism, pp. 506-08, 517-24 4. Fatalism, pp. 469-472, 425-426 3:30-5:00

**Session 3:**

1. Purpose of Volume II, 399-400
2. Doctrine of self-interest rightly understood, pp. 500–06
3. Other effects on sentiments and mores, pp. 510–14, 587-88, 599-604
4. A new aristocracy? pp. 530-532

**Session 4:**

1. Tocqueville's dialectic of the democratic mind, pp. 403-424
2. Arts and science, pp. 428-439
3. Education, pp. 450-452

**Session 5:**

1. The importance of origins and preconditions for understanding America: pp. 30-32, 37-44, 56, 106-107
2. A discussion on the missing Declaration of Independence (Tom West, Paul Rahe, James W. Ceaser) (document provided)
3. A few special features of America: decentralization (localism and republicanism), pp. 85-88
4. Frontier and mobility, pp. 268–69
5. Religiosity, pp. 278–82
6. Practical knowledge of politics, pp. 291–92
7. Heroic commercialism, pp. 384-87