



Annual Undergraduate Program in the American Polity

April 13-14, 2018

Colgate University

Sponsored by the Alexander Hamilton Institute for the Study of Western Civilization and Colgate's Center for Freedom and Western Civilization

Event Schedule:

Friday, April 13

Afternoon: arrival and check-in at Wendt University Inn, 175 Utica St, Hamilton, NY 13346

5:20: Pick-up for those staying at the Wendt Inn

5:30: Reception, Parlor Room at the Colgate inn

6:00: Dinner, Colgate Inn, 1 Payne Street, Hamilton, NY 13346

7:00: **Address by Cathy Young, contributing editor for *Reason* magazine, and weekly columnist for *Newsday***

Title: "The Intersection of Liberty, Identity Politics, and Social Justice in American Life"

Colgate Inn, 1 Payne Street, Hamilton, NY 13346

9:00: Colgate on-demand shuttle will bring hotel guests back to the Wendt University Inn

*Students should come to the conference having prepared for the group discussion on Saturday by reading Leo Strauss, "What Is Liberal Education," An Address Delivered at the Tenth Annual Graduation Exercises of the Basic Program of Liberal Education for Adults June 6, 1959 <http://www.ditext.com/strauss/liberal.html>

Saturday, April 14

8:20: Pick-up of those staying at Wendt University Inn

8:30: Coffee, continental breakfast, Merrill House, Colgate University

9:00-10:30

Panel #1, Merrill House, Colgate University

Jacob Little, University of Houston.

"Give Me Stability or Give Me Death"

Jacob Slovin, Hamilton College.

"Modeling a Gentleman: Landon Carter and the Virginia Gentry"

Leo Li, Princeton University.

"A Ghost in the Machine: Abraham Lincoln, His Allies, and Presidential Influence on Congress"



Alben Leonard, Colgate University.

"Existential Politics and the National Polarization of Modern America"

Moderator: Dr. Andrew Fagal, Princeton University

Commentator: Dr. David Frisk, Resident Fellow, The Alexander Hamilton Institute for the Study of Western Civilization

10:30-11:00: Break, Batza Meeting Room, Case-Geyer Library Room 560, Colgate University

11:00-12:30

Panel #2, Batza Meeting Room, Case-Geyer Library, Room 560, Colgate University

Nicholas Foti and Lucas Avelar, University of Rochester.

"A Glimpse into the Long Run Effects of Government Instituted Discrimination"

Dylan Quinn, Skidmore College.

"Understanding American Populism: The Cases of the Kingfish and the Radio Priest"

William Berg, Skidmore College.

"Using Repression for Liberation"

Leland Stange, Yale University.

"Rethinking Sentiment, Self-Evidence, and Reason in the American Imagination"

Moderator: Dr. Andrew Fagal, Princeton University

Commentator: Dr. Flagg Taylor, Associate Professor of Political Science, Skidmore College

12:30-2:00: Lunch at Merrill House, Colgate University

2:00-3:30

Panel #3, Batza Meeting Room, Case-Geyer Library, Room 560, Colgate University

Ethan Black, Colgate University

"Drinking Bleach on YouTube: A Brief Survey of the Online Anti-SJW Community"

James Long, Colgate University

"Religion as an Independent Good and the Need for Christianity in American Political Life"

Bruce Racine, Colgate University



“The First Amendment and Its Legal and Moral Pertinence to College Campuses”

Katherine Ogden, Colgate University

“How Cosmetology Licensing Harms African-American Small Business”

Moderator: Dr. Andrew Fagal, Princeton University

Commentator: Dr. Rob L'Arrivee, A. Lindsay O'Connor Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, Colgate University

3:30-5:00 Free Time

3:45: Pick-up at Case-Geyer Library to bring hotel guests to Wendt University Inn

4:00: Optional tour of Colgate campus

5:00: Pick-up at Wendt University Inn

5:30: Dinner at Colgate Inn on the Rathskeller (stairs are behind the bar)

6:15: Address by Professor James R. Muir, University of Winnipeg (see bio below)

Title: “Intellectual Diversity as a Means to Freedom of Thought: Lessons from Logic and the History of Ideas”

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7:00: Directed Discussion Colgate Inn, Rathskeller, with Professor Muir.

Reading: Leo Strauss, “What Is Liberal Education,” An Address Delivered at the Tenth Annual Graduation Exercises of the Basic Program of Liberal Education for Adults June 6, 1959 <http://www.ditext.com/strauss/liberal.html>

9:00: Pick-up by Colgate on-demand shuttle to bring hotel guests back to Wendt University Inn

Sunday, April 15

Depart at your convenience

Keynote Speakers:

James R. Muir: James R. Muir: Dr. Muir is a professor of philosophy from the University of Winnipeg. His background is in science (physics and neuroscience), and the history of philosophy (DPhil, Oxford). He is interested in the philosophical debate between Plato and Isocrates and in how that debate conditions the historical relationships between political philosophy and educational thought, especially in Islamic, Christian, and Jewish thought. His several articles on the history of educational ideas have garnered a global audience with substantial citations.

His book, *The Legacy of Isocrates and a Platonic Alternative: Political Philosophy and the Value of Education*, is being published in April, 2018. The book “brings together educational philosophy, political thought, and rhetoric to examine the influence of the philosopher Isocrates on educational thought and the history of education, from classical antiquity to the present. He argues that understanding both the dominance of Isocratic educational thought and the real nature of the Platonic alternative will



contribute to a much needed recovery of intellectual diversity and freedom of thought in academic institutions. He also argues that academic departments of Educational Studies have been a major obstacle to the study of education generally, and to study of education for diversity and freedom of thought especially.”

Cathy Young: Cathy Young is a contributing editor for *Reason* magazine, a weekly columnist for *Newsday*, and a regular contributor to the *Jewish Daily Forward* and *The Weekly Standard*. Her free-lance work has appeared in a variety of publications, including the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *Boston Globe*, the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, *The Daily Beast*, *Slate*, *Foreign Policy*, *Commentary*, and *Quillette*. She was a weekly columnist for *The Detroit News* from 1993 to 2000, and for *The Boston Globe* from 2000 to 2007.

Young is the author of two books: *Growing Up in Moscow: Memories of a Soviet Girlhood* (1989) and *Ceasefire: Why Women and Men Must Join Forces to Achieve True Equality* (1999). She is also a media fellow with the Cato Institute. While her writing deals with a wide range of topics, gender issues and feminism have been a major focus of her work. Her perspective is generally critical of both modern feminism and gender traditionalism, stressing individual rights, empowerment, and equity and fairness for both sexes.

In 2001 and 2002, Young taught a class on contemporary perspectives on gender issues as a guest lecturer at Colorado College in Colorado Springs, CO. A frequent speaker on college campuses, she has also been a regular participant in the Battle of Ideas, a unique annual weekend-long event in London that brings together speakers of diverse perspectives for dozens of panels on various issues. She has appeared on numerous radio and television shows.

Young graduated from Rutgers University in 1988 with a degree in English.