



Annual Undergraduate Conference on the American Polity

April 26-27, 2019

Colgate University

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

Conference Director: Dr. Elizabeth L'Arrivee, Lecturer, University Studies, Colgate University

Event Schedule:

Friday, April 26

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: **Introductory Remarks, Dr. Elizabeth L'Arrivee, Lecturer, University Studies, Colgate University**

Dinner, Colgate Inn, 1 Payne Street, Hamilton, NY 13346

7:00: Keynote Address by Patrick Deneen, David A. Potenziani Memorial College Chair, University of Notre Dame

Title: "Why Liberalism Failed"

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

*Students should come to the conference having read the "Nietzsche Excerpts" attached as a separate document.

Saturday, April 27

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

8:30: coffee, continental breakfast, 213 Benton Hall, Colgate University

9:00-10:30

Panel #1, 200 Benton Hall, Colgate University

Moderator and Commentator: Dr. Douglas Ambrose, Carolyn C. and David M. Ellis '38 Distinguished Teaching Professor of History, Hamilton College

Commentator: Dr. David Frisk, Resident Fellow, The Alexander Hamilton Institute
Panelists:

Bear Brown, University of Kentucky, "Average Americans: How Anti-Elite Preferences of the American Electorate Are Reflected in Candidate Framing"

Will Crawford, Princeton University, "The Rise of the Whig Episcopalians"

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David Khan, Baylor University, "Two Critiques of American Liberalism, and the Realist Corrective"

Allison Kobzowicz, Liberty University, "Margaret Chase Smith's 1972 Election: The Fall of an Institutional Giant"

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

Moderator and Commentator: Dr. Douglas Ambrose, Carolyn C. and David M. Ellis '38 Distinguished Teaching Professor of History, Hamilton College

Commentator: Dr. Joseph Fornieri, Professor of Political Science and Director, Center for Statesmanship, Law, and Liberty, Rochester Institute of Technology.

Panelists:

Shane Leary, Rochester Institute of Technology, "The Power of Oratory: A Rhetorical Comparison of Pericles' Funeral Oration and Lincoln's Gettysburg Address"

Joseph Natali, Saint Vincent College, "A Perfect Rage for the New: Government, Statesmanship, and the Good"

Lindsay Vanderwey, Liberty University, "The Southern Homefront in the United States War for Independence"

Andrew Juchno, Hamilton College, "God, A Quaker, and St. George Tucker: Moral Equality in the Gradual Abolition Movement of Early Republican Virginia"

12:30-2:00: Lunch at 213 Benton Hall, Colgate University

1:45-3:45

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

Moderator: Dr. Douglas Ambrose, Carolyn C. and David M. Ellis '38 Distinguished Teaching Professor of History, Hamilton College

Commentator: Dr. Rob L'Arrivee, Visiting Assistant Professor, Political Science, Skidmore College

Panelists:

Eric Benoit, Colgate University, "Religious Liberty and the American Founding—The Unique Perspective of John Jay"

Alben Leonard, Colgate University, "Humanism Cannot Hold"



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Tim Mallgrave, Colgate University, "Utopian Comedy, American Tragedy"

Thomas Oatridge, Colgate University, "Nietzschean Morality in American Politics"

Ellie Schonberg, Colgate University, "No Government by Angels: Leadership and Ambition as Understood by Madison, Hamilton and Machiavelli"

3:45-5:30 Free Time

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

3:45- 4:30 Stephen Wrinn, Director, University of Notre Dame Press, "Demystifying Scholarly Publishing," Case-Geyer Library, 540 (Batza Meeting Room)

5:00: Pick-up at Wendt University Inn

5:30: Dinner at Colgate Inn

6:45: **Directed discussion with Dr. David Dudrick, George Carleton Jr. Professor of Philosophy, Colgate University**

**Title: "Is Nietzsche Right about the Christian Foundations of Our Values?"
(Prescribed reading to be provided)**

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

Sunday, April 28

Depart at your convenience

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Patrick J. Deneen

Patrick J. Deneen holds a B.A. in English literature and a Ph.D. in Political Science from Rutgers University. From 1995-1997 he was Speechwriter and Special Advisor to the Director of the United States Information Agency. From 1997-2005 he was Assistant Professor of Government at Princeton University. From 2005-2012 he was Tsakopoulos-Kounalakis Associate Professor of Government at Georgetown University, before joining the faculty of Notre Dame in Fall 2012. He is the author and editor of several books and numerous articles and reviews and has delivered invited lectures around the country and several foreign nations.

Deneen was awarded the A.P.S.A.'s Leo Strauss Award for Best Dissertation in Political Theory in 1995, and an honorable mention for the A.P.S.A.'s Best First Book Award in 2000. He has been awarded research fellowships from Princeton University and the Earhart Foundation.

His teaching and writing interests focus on the history of political thought, American political thought, religion and politics, and literature and politics.

Published books include:

- *Why Liberalism Failed* (Yale University Press, 2018)

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- *Conserving America? Thoughts on Present Discontents* (St. Augustine Press, 2016)
- *Democratic Faith* (Princeton University Press, 2005)
- *The Odyssey of Political Theory* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2000)
- *Democracy's Literature* (ed.) (Rowman and Littlefield, 2005)
- *The Democratic Soul* (ed.) (University Press of Kentucky, 2011)
- *Redeeming Democracy in America* (ed.) (University Press of Kansas, 2011)

His current work focuses on the growing conflict between, and potential new alignments arising out of, a globalist meritocratic elite and populist nationalists.

Discussion Leader: Dr. David Dudrick

David Dudrick is George Carleton Jr. Professor of Philosophy at Colgate University. He also directs Colgate's Sophomore Residential Scholars Program

Dr. Dudrick earned his Ph.D. in philosophy at Notre Dame University. His publications include (with Maudemarie Clark) *The Soul of Nietzsche's Beyond Good and Evil* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012). His scholarship focuses on the relations "between philosophy and the Christian faith, the viability of naturalism as a world view, how Nietzsche has influenced Foucault and Heidegger, and the ways in which existentialism is relevant in contemporary philosophy and modern life."