



2021 AHI Conference: Patriotism Ancient and Modern

June 11-13, 2021
Treasure Valley Classical Academy
Fruitland, Idaho

Friday, June 11

- 8:30-9:45 Breakfast
- 10:00-11:45 Session 1: Ancient Patriotism
(Discussion Leader: Timothy Burns)
[Readings Session 1](#)
- Herodotus IX.1-11
 - Thucydides: Theseus' Athens and the Funeral Oration (2.14-17, 34-47)
 - Speech of the Plataeans (3.51-68);
 - First speech of Nicias (6.9-14)
 - Speech of Alcibiades at Sparta (6.88-93)
 - Aristotle, *Politics* 1.2; 3.1-9
 - Cicero, *De Officiis*, 1.46-77; 1.157-160; 2.15-18, 2.74-77; 3.14-18, 27-8.
- 12:00-12:45 Lunch
- 1:00-2:45 Session 2: The Rise of Modern Patriotism
(Discussion Leader: Scott Yenor)
[Readings Sessions 2-3](#)
- Machiavelli, *The Prince*, Chapters 3, 6-7, 17-19.
 - Machiavelli, *Discourses on Livy*, Book 3, Chapter 1.
- 2:45-3:15 Break
- 3:15-5:00 Session 3: Self-Interest and Modern Patriotism
(Discussion Leader: Scott Yenor)
[Readings Sessions 2-3](#)
- Tocqueville, *Democracy in America*, "Author's Introduction" and 1.2.6
 - Tocqueville, *Democracy in America*, 2.6; 1.2.6
- 5:00 Dinner

Saturday, June 12

- 8:30-9:45 Breakfast
- 10:00-11:45 Session 4: The Problem of Modern Patriotism
(Discussion Leader: Arthur Milikh)
[Readings Sessions 4-5](#)
- *Letter to D'Alembert, on the Theatre* (Bloom trans) first half
- 12:00-12:45 Lunch



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| 1:00-2:45 | Session 5: Rousseauian Patriotism
(Discussion Leader: Arthur Milikh)
Readings Sessions 4-5 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Letter to D'Alembert, on the Theatre</i> (Bloom trans) second half |
| 2:45-3:15 | Break |
| 3:15-5:00 | Session 6: American Patriotism
(Discussion Leader: David Azerrad)
Readings Sessions 6-7 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alexis de Tocqueville, "On Public Spirit in United States," in <i>Democracy in America</i> (1835), 225-227 (Mansfield and Winthrop trans.)• Samuel Adams, "On American Independence" (1776)• John Jay, "The Federalist No. 2" (1787)• Daniel Webster, "Bunker Hill Monument Oration" (1825)• Francis Scott Key, "The Star-Spangled Banner" (1814)• Samuel F. Smith, "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" (1831)• Julia Ward Howe, "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" (1861)• Abraham Lincoln, "The Gettysburg Address" (1863)• Theodore Roosevelt, "True Americanism" (1894)• Katharine Lee Bates, "America the Beautiful" (1895)• Irving Berlin, "God Bless America" (1938)• Martin Luther King, "I Have a Dream" (1963)• President Donald Trump, "Mount Rushmore Speech" (2020) |
| 5:00 | Dinner

Sunday, June 13 |
| 12:30-2:00 | Lunch |
| 2:00-4:00 | Session 7: American Patriotism
(Discussion Leader: David Azerrad)
Readings Sessions 6-7 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• James Innes Randolph, "I'm a Good Ol' Rebel" (1860s)• Stokely Carmichael and Charles Hamilton, <i>Black Power: The Politics of Liberation</i> (1967), 34-56• Stokely Carmichael, "What We Want," <i>New York Review of Books</i> (1966), excerpt• The Combahee River Collective, "The Combahee River Collective Statement" (1977)• Howard Zinn, "Afterword," <i>A People's History of the United States</i> (1999)• John Rawls, <i>Justice as Fairness</i> (2000), II.16.1 (55-56)• Peter Singer, <i>One World Now: The Ethics of Globalization</i> (2016), 1- 15, 196-197 |
| 5:00 | Dinner |