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Teaching Experience

Professor of Politics, Washington & Lee University, VA *July 1999-present*
Courses: American National Government, Introduction to Political Philosophy, Black American Politics, Lincoln's Statesmanship, Statesmanship and Shakespeare's *Henry V*, Intro to African American Studies, Ralph Ellison and the American Dream, The Politics of Barack Obama, Civil Rights Literature, and Washington and the Arts of Leadership.

Administrative appointment: Politics Department, Head *July 2013-present*
Politics Department, Acting Head *July 2010-June 2013*

Honored Visiting Graduate Faculty, Ashland University, OH *June 2002-present*
On-campus Courses: Civil War and Reconstruction; Sectionalism and Civil War; Race and Equality;
Great American Texts: Ralph Ellison's *Invisible Man*

On-line Seminar: Civil War and Reconstruction *August-October 2016*
Great American Texts: Ralph Ellison's *Invisible Man* *October-December 2015*
Sectionalism and Civil War *August-October 2014*

Assistant Professor of Political Science/History, John Brown University, AR *August 1994-June 1999*
Courses: American Government, Political Theory, Constitutional Law, and American Studies.

Adjunct Professor of Political Science, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR *Summers, 1995-98*
Courses: Constitutional Law I and II.

Political Science Lecturer, Azusa Pacific University, CA *Sept. 1990-May 1992; Sept. 1993-Dec. 1993*
Courses: American Government and upper-level seminars on the *Federalist* and Abraham Lincoln.

Teaching Assistant, Harvey Mudd College, Claremont, CA *January-May 1989*
Helped teach Freshman course in American politics and political theory, "What is Political Power?"

Education

January 1994 Ph.D. in Political Science, Claremont Graduate School
Dissertation: "The Role of Religion in Abraham Lincoln's Statesmanship"
Major concentrations: American Government, Political Theory, and Constitutional Law

May 1991 M.A. in Politics, Claremont Graduate School
President, Claremont Colleges Chapter, Pi Sigma Alpha (National Political Science Honor Society)

May 1987 B.A. cum laude in Government, Claremont McKenna College
Government Department Prize; Distinguished Scholar; Dean's List
Honors Thesis: "The Statesmanship of Abraham Lincoln in the Second Inaugural Address"

Publications

Works in Progress

Book: "Lincoln and the American Founding," Concise Lincoln Library (contract, Southern Illinois UP)
Essay (co-author, Carl Michael Scott): "Two Visions of Democratic Culture in Ralph Ellison's
'The Little Man at Chehaw Station,'" invited submission, *Journal of American Political Thought*

Books

Co-Editor (with Marc Conner): *The New Territory: Ralph Ellison and the Twenty-First Century*
(University Press of Mississippi, August 2016)

Editor, *Lincoln and Liberty: Wisdom for the Ages* (University Press of Kentucky, Jan 2015):
Introduction and Chapter, "Lincoln, Liberty, and the American Constitutional Union"

Editor, *Ralph Ellison and the Raft of Hope: A Political Companion to Invisible Man*
(UP Kentucky, 2004): Introduction, "Recovering the Political Artistry of *Invisible Man*";
Chapter, "Ralph Ellison's American Democratic Individualism"

Author, *Lincoln's Sacred Effort: Defining Religion's Role in American Self-Government* (2000)

Book Chapters

- “Liberal Education: Learning How to be Free,” a festschrift to Peter Schramm (Ashland, OH: Ashbrook Center; forthcoming, **2017**)
- “‘In a Strange Country’: The Challenge of American Inclusion” in *The New Territory: Ralph Ellison and the Twenty-First Century* (University Press of Mississippi, August **2016**)
- “Lincoln, Emancipation, and the New Birth of Freedom: On Remaining a Constitutional People” e-book and online anthology commemorating the sesquicentennial of the Emancipation Proclamation (U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and the Lincoln Cottage), January **2013**
- “Lincoln, God, and Freedom: A Promise Fulfilled,” in *Lincoln and Freedom: Slavery, Emancipation, and the Thirteenth Amendment*, eds. by Harold Holzer and Sara Gabbard (Southern Illinois University Press, **2007**), 48-64
- “Lincoln’s Political Religion and Religious Politics,” in *Religion and the American Presidency: The Evolving Presidency*, eds. Mark J. Rozell and Gleaves Whitney (Palgrave Press/MacMillan, **2007**), 73-93; a revised version of “Lincoln’s Political Religion and Religious Politics,” in *Lincoln Revisited: New Insights from the Lincoln Forum*, eds. Harold Holzer, John Y. Simon, and Dawn Vogel (Fordham University Press, **2007**), 19-44
- “Forced into Gory Lincoln Revisionism,” in *Lincoln’s American Dream: Clashing Political Perspectives*, eds. Kenneth L. Deutsch and Joseph Fornieri (Potomac Books, **2005**), 202-207
- “Locke, Lincoln, and American Capitalism,” in *Champions of Freedom*, vol. 31, *Economic Theories and Controversies*, ed. Richard M. Ebeling (Hillsdale: Hillsdale College Press, **2004**), 101-12
- “Malcolm X,” in *History of American Political Thought*, eds. Bryan-Paul Frost and Jeffrey Sikkenga (Lexington Books, **2003**)
- “America’s First Black President? Lincoln’s Legacy of Political Transcendence” in *Lincoln Reshapes the Presidency*, ed. Charles M. Hubbard (Mercer University Press, **2003**), 120-52

Journal Articles/Essays, 1998-2017

- “Of Justice and Mercy in Lincoln’s Second Inaugural Address,” *Journal of American Political Thought*,
- “Of Justice and Mercy in Lincoln’s Second Inaugural Address,” *Journal of American Political Thought*, vol. 4 (Summer **2015**), 455-66
- “Abraham Lincoln’s Religion,” co-authored with Samuel W. Calhoun, *Journal of the Abraham Lincoln Association*, vol. 33, no. 1 (Winter **2012**), 38-54 (Appendix/Notes, 54-74)
- “Lincoln and the Constitution: A Unionist for the Sake of Liberty,” *Journal of Supreme Court History*, vol. 35, no. 3 (January **2011**), 213-24
- “Lincoln, Race, and the Spirit of ’76,” in *Perspectives on Political Science* (Jan-March **2010**), 3-11
- “Lincoln’s Second Inaugural Address: War and Remembrance,” in *On Principle* (Winter **2009**), 10-11
- “The *Dred Scott* Dissents: McLean, Curtis, Lincoln, and the Public Mind,” *Journal of Supreme Court History*, vol. 32, no. 2 (August **2007**), 133-51
- “Charnwood’s *Lincoln*: Biography as Civics Lesson,” in *Journal of the Abraham Lincoln Association*, vol. 27, no. 2 (Summer **2006**), 24-41
- “Bound for Glory: The Gospel of Racial Reconciliation in Flannery O’Connor’s ‘The Artificial Nigger,’” in *Perspectives on Political Science*, vol. 34, no. 4 (Fall **2005**), 202-210
- “The Prayers of a Self-Governing People: A Psalm for Election Day” in *Books & Culture: A Christian Review* on-line essay (November 1, **2004**)
- “The Diversity of American Individualism: Doing Justice to Human Equality and Liberty,” in “Affirmative Action Symposium,” *Southern Illinois University Law Journal* 28 (Spring **2004**)
- “Equality, Liberty, and American Diversity,” in *On Principle* (Spring **2003**)
- “Should Christians Say ‘Amen’ to Religious Politics?” in *Religion & Liberty* (Nov./Dec. **2001**)
- “America’s Racial Divide: Of Debts Spoken and Unspoken,” in *On Principle* (June **2001**)
- “Lincoln Among the Reformers: Tempering the Temperance Movement,” in *Journal of the Abraham Lincoln Association*, vol. 20, no. 1 (Winter **1999**), 1-34
- “Scalia Contra Common Law Adjudication,” in *Perspectives on Political Science*, (Winter **1999**), 11-14
- “Should America Be Blind to Race?” in *On Principle* (August **1998**)

Review Essays/Book Reviews/Misc., 1996-2017

- Lincoln’s Political Thought*, Kateb, in *Nineteenth-Century Prose* (Spring **2017**), 163-70

- Lincoln and Religion*, Szasz and Szasz, on-line book review for *Civil War Monitor* (August **2015**)
- Founders' Son: A Life of Abraham Lincoln*, Brookhiser, book review, in *Claremont Review of Books* (Spring **2015**) and "Upon Further Review," an extended discussion with the author posted online (June **2015**)
- "Abraham Lincoln" entry, *Encyclopedia of Modern Political Thought*, ed. Gregory Claeys (CQ Press, fall **2013**)
- "On the 50th Anniversary of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s 'I Have a Dream' Speech," online essay, Ashbrook Center, Ashland University (August **2013**)
- A Slaveholders' Union: Slavery, Politics, and the Constitution in the Early American Republic*, George William Van Cleve, on-line book review for the Liberty Fund (August **2012**)
- Lincoln's Proclamation: Emancipation Reconsidered*, eds. William A. Blair and Karen Younger Fisher, in *Civil War History*, vol. 57, no. 2 (June **2011**), 188-90
- "What Shall We Do with the Negro?" *Lincoln, White Racism, and Civil War America*, Paul D. Escott, in *Studies in American Culture*, vol. 33, no. 1 (October **2010**)
- Lincoln on Race and Slavery*, Henry Louis Gates, in *Political Science Quarterly* (Spring **2010**), 150-51
- President Lincoln: The Duty of a Statesman*, William Lee Miller, in *Journal of Historical Biography* (Autumn **2009**), 82-85
- Abraham Lincoln: A Life*, Michael Burlingame, A. *Lincoln: A Biography*, Ronald C. White, Jr., and *Abraham Lincoln*, James McPherson, in *Books & Culture: A Christian Review* (Nov/Dec **2009**), 16-18
- Lincoln at Peoria: The Turning Point*, Lewis A. Lehrman, in *Intercollegiate Studies Institute-Online*, (Winter **2009**)
- Lincoln Emancipated: The President and the Politics of Race*, ed. Brian R. Dirck, in *Journal of the Abraham Lincoln Association*, vol. 29, no. 1 (Winter **2008**), 51-62
- The Emancipation Proclamation: Three Views*, Harold Holzer, Edna Greene Medford, and Frank J. Williams, in *Lincoln Lore* No. 1888 (Spring **2007**)
- The Intimate World of Abraham Lincoln*, C.A. Tripp, in *Claremont Review of Books* (Summer **2005**)
- Lincoln's Moral Vision: The Second Inaugural Address*, James Tackach, *Lincoln's Greatest Speech: The Second Inaugural*, Ronald C. White, Jr., and *Lincoln, Religion, and Romantic Cultural Politics*, Stewart Winger, in *The Claremont Review of Books-Online* (February **2005**)
- Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation: The End of Slavery in America*, Allen C. Guelzo, and "We Are Lincoln Men": *Abraham Lincoln and His Friends*, David Herbert Donald, in *Books & Culture: A Christian Review* (May/June **2004**)
- Return to Good and Evil: Flannery O'Connor's Response to Nihilism*, Henry T. Edmondson III, in *Books & Culture: A Christian Review* on-line "Book of the Week" (January 12, **2004**)
- "Abraham Lincoln" and "James Madison" entries, in *Religion in Geschichte und Gegenwart [Religion in Past and Present]*, 4th ed., vol. 5, "L-M" (**2003**)
- Losing the Race: Self-Sabotage in Black America*, John H. McWhorter, in *Society* (Nov./Dec. **2002**)
- On Two Wings: Humble Faith and Common Sense at the American Founding*, Michael Novak, in *Religion & Liberty* (July/August **2002**)
- Jazz Country: Ralph Ellison in America*, Horace A. Porter, and *Living with Music: Ralph Ellison's Jazz Writings*, Robert G. O'Meally, in *Books & Culture: A Christian Review* (May/June **2002**)
- Abraham Lincoln: A Constitutional Biography*, George Anastaplo, *Lincoln of Kentucky*, Lowell H. Harrison, and *Inside the White House in War Times: Memoirs and Reports of Lincoln's Secretary*, William O. Stoddard, in *Journal of Southern History* (November **2001**)
- A Free Church, A Holy Nation: Abraham Kuyper's American Public Theology*, John Bolt, in *Religion & Liberty* (July/August **2001**)
- The Autobiography of Martin Luther King, Jr.*, ed. Clayborne Carson; *Dreamer: A Novel*, Charles Johnson; *The Shape of the River: Long-Term Consequences of Considering Race in College and University Admissions*, William G. Bowen and Derek Bok; *A Dream Deferred: The Second Betrayal of Black Freedom*, Shelby Steele; and *A Hope in the Unseen: An American Odyssey from the Inner City to the Ivy League*, Ron Suskind, in *Books & Culture: A Christian Review* (September/October **2000**)

Abraham Lincoln: Redeemer President, Allen Guelzo, in *Religion & Liberty* (July/August 2000)
Forced into Glory: Abraham Lincoln's White Dream, Lerone Bennett, Jr., in *Claremont Review of Books* (Fall 2000)
First Principles: The Jurisprudence of Clarence Thomas, Scott Gerber, in *First Things* (October 1999)
Thurgood Marshall: An American Revolutionary, Juan Williams, and *A Defiant Life: Thurgood Marshall and the Persistence of Racism in America*, Howard Ball, in *Books & Culture: A Christian Review* (July/August 1999)
With Charity for All: Lincoln and the Restoration of the Union, William C. Harris, in *The Historian* (Spring 1999)
Closed Chambers: The Justices, Clerks, and Political Agendas That Control the Supreme Court, Edward Lazarus, in *Books & Culture: A Christian Review* (January/February 1999)
The Taste for the Other: The Social and Ethical Thought of C.S. Lewis, Gilbert Meilaender, in *Religion & Liberty* (September/October 1998)
The Politics of Revelation and Reason, John G. West, Jr., in *University Bookman* (Summer 1998)
Official Negligence: How Rodney King and the Riots Changed Los Angeles and the LAPD, Lou Cannon, in *Books & Culture: A Christian Review* (July/August 1998)
A Matter of Interpretation: Federal Courts and the Law, Antonin Scalia et al., in *Books & Culture: A Christian Review* (July/August 1997)
American Constitutionalism: From Theory to Practice, Stephen M. Griffin, in *Books & Culture: A Christian Review* (May/June 1997)
Divided They Fell: The Demise of the Democratic Party, 1964-1996, Ronald Radosh, in *Books & Culture: A Christian Review* (November/December 1996)

**Conferences/
Lectures**

American Political Science Association (Annual Convention), 1992-2014
 Paper (co-author, Carl Michael Scott): "Two Visions of Democratic Culture in Ralph Ellison's 'The Little Man at Chehaw Station'" (August 27-30, 2014)
 Panelist, "Lincoln, the Constitution, and the Fragile American Republic" (Sept. 2-5, 2010)
 Panelist, "Abraham Lincoln: The 200th Anniversary of His Birth" (September 2-6, 2009)
 Paper, "The Possibilities & Pitfalls of Political Salvation in Ralph Ellison's *Juneteenth*" (Sept. 1-4, 2005)
 Paper, "Bound for Glory: The Gospel of Racial Reconciliation in Flannery O'Connor" (Sept. 2-5, 2004)
 Discussant, "Frederick Douglass's Natural-Rights Constitutionalism" (August 29, 2003)
 Paper, "Slavery, Self-government, and the Good Life in Kazuo Ishiguro's *The Remains of the Day*" (August 28-September 1, 2002)
 Chair/Discussant, "Shelby Steele's Contribution to Contemporary Political Discourse" (Aug. 31, 2001)
 Paper, "Roundtable on Harry V. Jaffa's *Crisis of the House Divided*" (September 2-5, 1999)
 Chair, "The American Literature of Democracy" (August 28-31, 1997)
 Paper, "Roundtable on Antonin Scalia's *A Matter of Interpretation*" (August 28-31, 1997)
 Panelist, "Roundtable on Lord Charnwood's *Abraham Lincoln*" (August 29-September 1, 1996)
 Discussant, "Evangelicals and the Natural Law" (September 3-6, 1992)

2017

Marshall Program, Claremont Institute, Newport Beach, CA (August 2014-2017)
 Seminar Teacher: Lincoln and the Constitution (2 sessions)
Publius Program, Claremont Institute, Newport Beach, CA (July 2011-2017)
 Seminar Teacher: Lincoln, Emancipation, and American Self-Government (3 sessions)
Program for Constitutionalism and Democracy, University of Virginia
 Lecture: "Frederick Douglass on Race, Liberty, and the American Creed" (March 27, 2017)
 Lecture: "Frederick Douglass on Race, Liberty, and the American Creed" (October 24, 2014)
 Lecture: "Lincoln, God, and Emancipation: A Promise Fulfilled" (November 2, 2007)
 Lecture: "Lincoln and the Challenge of American Republicanism" (March 30, 2007)
Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, MI (May 12, 2017)
 Invited Lecture: Remarks upon the dedication of a statue of Frederick Douglass
Morehead St. University, KY (April 10, 2017)
 Guest lecture and reading group moderator: "Frederick Douglass"

Washington and Lee University Alumni Gathering (March 2, 2017)

Panelist: Student Association for Black Unity, Panel on Black Lives Matter

Washington and Lee University Alumni Gathering, Winston-Salem, NC (February 19, 2017)

Guest Lecture: “Trump’s Presidency and the Prospects for a Constitutional Reset”

John Chavis Lecture, Washington and Lee University (February 8, 2017)

Co-presenter (with Marc Conner): “The New Territory: Ralph Ellison and the 21st Century”

Discussant, *Starting Points*-online journal (February 1, 2017)

“Can American Political Thought be a Resource for Improving Race Relations in the U.S.”

<http://startingpointsjournal.com/african-american-political-thought-racial-tensions/>

1995-2017

Liberty Fund Colloquia

Discussion Leader, “Liberty and Responsibility in the Political Thought of Frederick Douglass” (March 9-12, 2017)

Discussion Leader, “The Pursuit of Liberty in Zora Neale Hurston and Ralph Ellison” (July 14-17, 2016)

“Liberty, the Constitution, and Executive Power” (January 21-24, 2016)

“Walker Percy on Alienation, Liberty, and the Modern World” (December 3-6, 2015)

“Liberty, Equality, and Meritocracy” (October 22-25, 2015)

“Liberty, Civil War, and the Reasons Americans Fought” (June 18-20, 2015)

“Liberty and the Color Line in the Post-Civil War Period” (February 6-9, 2014)

Discussion Leader, “Liberty and Responsibility in the Work of Ralph Ellison and Robert Penn Warren” (April 24-27, 2008)

“Liberty and Responsibility in Faulkner’s Snopes Trilogy” (March 16-19, 2006)

“Liberty, Slavery, and the Human Condition” (January 13-16, 2005)

“The Genesis of Liberty” (March 25-28, 2004)

Director, “Liberty, Responsibility, and American Individualism in *Invisible Man*” (Nov. 6-9, 2003)

“Socratic Leadership Seminar” (October 17-19, 2003)

“Moral/Political Liberty in Dostoevsky’s *The Devils* & Conrad’s *Under Western Eyes*” (May 2-5, 2002)

“Shakespeare and Hume: English Liberty in the Cradle” (July 17-August 4, 2001)

“The Scottish Enlightenment: Liberty, Equality, and Exchange” (June 7-10, 2001)

Director, “Freedom, Servitude, and the Good Life in Literature and Philosophy” (March 1-4, 2001)

“Liberty, Individuality, and Responsibility in the Writings of Frederick Douglass, Booker T. Washington, W.E.B. Du Bois, and Ralph Ellison” (January 18-21, 2001)

“Religious Liberty and American Constitutionalism” (August 17-20, 2000)

“Progress, Modernity, and Liberty in Flaubert and Cather” (April 16-19, 1998)

“Liberty and the Moral Implications of Wealth” (April 10-13, 1997)

“Individual Liberty and Public Virtue in *Cato’s Letters*” (October 17-20, 1996)

“Liberty and Politics in the Writing of C.S. Lewis” (August 17-20, 1995)

2016

“The Election and Its Meanings: An Interpretive Panel,” Washington & Lee University (Nov. 17, 2016)

Panelist

“Thinkin’ Like Lincoln,” Kendal at Lexington, VA (October 19, 26, and November 2, 2016)

Lecturer: “Gettysburg Address,” “Second Inaugural Address,” & “Lincoln and the American Founding”

Book Panel on the Princeton Pre-Read *Our Declaration* by Danielle Allen, James Madison Program, Princeton University, NJ (Sept. 29, 2016)

Panelist

Summer Seminar for High School Students, Bill of Rights Institute, Newseum, DC (July 12, 2016)

Seminar Teacher: The Declaration of Independence and Lincoln’s Defense of the Declaration

Alumni Reunion-Institute for Responsible Citizenship, Washington, D.C. (June 26, 2016)

Keynote Lecture: “Trusting Our Principles: The Challenge of Racial Exceptionalism”

Ralph Ellison Library, Library of Congress (June 6-7, 2016; May 22, 2014; March 16-17, 2012)

Co-director and participant: Ralph Ellison Seminars I, II, and III

“Abraham Lincoln and American Statesmanship” Conference, James Madison Program, Princeton University, NJ (May 16-17, 2016)

Panelist, “From *Redeemer President* to *Redeeming the Great Emancipator*: Allen Guelzo as a Historian of Lincoln's Ideas”

Institute for Honor Symposium, Washington and Lee University (March 18-19, 2016)

Director and panelist: “The Press and the Presidency: The Battle for Public Opinion in War, Peace, and the Digital Age”

Dean William Parks Colloquium Series, Christopher Newport University (February 22, 2016)

Lecture, “Lincoln, the Founding, and the Preservation of America”

National Archives, Washington, D.C. (February 18, 2016)

Panel Discussant, “The Relevance of Lincoln”

Rockbridge Christian Academy, Lexington, VA (January 7, 2016)

Guest lecture, “Causes of the Civil War”

- 2015**
- Tocqueville Forum—Reflecting on Race: Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, IL (Nov. 19, 2015)
Lecture: “Lincoln, the Founding, and the Preservation of America”
- Lincoln Fellows Program, Claremont Institute, Newport Beach, CA (August 2013-2015)
Seminar Teacher: “Lincoln’s Two Greatest Speeches” & “Golden Rule of American Self-Government”
- Summer Seminar for High School Students, Bill of Rights Institute, Arlington, VA (July 14, 2015)
Seminar Teacher: The Declaration of Independence and Lincoln’s Defense of the Declaration
- Lexington Rotary Club (May 28, 2015): Lecture: Lincoln’s Second Inaugural Address
- “Lincoln Speaks” Exhibit, Morgan Library, New York (April 28, 2015)
Moderator: Conversation between Historians (Richard Brookhiser and David S. Reynolds)
- Amicus Curiae Lecture Series on Constitutional Democracy, Marshall University, WV (April 16)
Lecture: “War and Remembrance in Abraham Lincoln’s Second Inaugural Address”
- Institute for Honor Symposium, Washington and Lee University (March 20-21, 2015)
Director and panelist: “From Civil War to a Civil Society: Achieving Peace with Honor”
- “Lincoln’s Lasting Legacy,” Lincoln Memorial, Washington, DC (March 7, 2015)
Brief Remarks: “Lincoln’s Second Inaugural Address”
Luncheon Speech, Willard Hotel: “War and Remembrance in Lincoln’s Second Inaugural Address”
- National Constitution Center, Philadelphia (February 12, 2015)
Panel Remarks: “Lincoln’s Legacy and the 13th Amendment”
- 2014**
- “An Evening with Lincoln,” John Handley High School, Winchester, VA (November 20, 2014)
Lecture: “War and Remembrance in Abraham Lincoln’s Second Inaugural Address”
- Supreme Court Historical Society, Leon Silverman Lecture Series, DC (November 13, 2014)
Lecture: “Justice and Justices in Lincoln’s Civil War Presidency”
- Institute for Honor Symposium, Washington and Lee University (March 29, 2014)
Class of 1960 Professor of Ethics and Politics Inaugural Lecture: “George Washington and Abraham Lincoln: Honor and the American Presidency”; symposium director and panelist
- Program on American Citizenship, American Enterprise Institute (March 18, 2014)
Webcast interview: Lincoln and Slavery
- Convocation/Founders’ Day Address, Washington and Lee University (January 20, 2014)
“Ever Mindful of the Past: Building an Honorable Community”
- 2013**
- Claremont Institute, New York City (October 17, 2013)
Panel Remarks: “Abraham Lincoln and American Politics 150 Years after the Gettysburg Address”
- Center for Liberal Arts and Free Institutions, UCLA, CA (October 10 & 12, 2013)
Lecture: “Ralph Ellison’s ‘In a Strange Country’: The Challenge of American Inclusion”
Discussion Leader: Flannery O’Connor’s short stories
- Azusa Pacific University (October 9, 2013)

Koch Distinguished Lecture: Frederick Douglass

Masters of American History and Government, Ashland University (July 14, 2013)

Plenary Session Lecture: “Ralph Ellison and the Civil Rights Movement”

“Civil War on the Homefront,” Alumni College, Washington and Lee University (July 5-6, 2013)

Lectures: “Lincoln and the Gettysburg Address” and “Lincoln’s Second Inaugural Address”

Lincoln Group of D.C., Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Library, Washington, D.C. (January 5, 2013)

Panel Remarks: “Lincoln, Emancipation, and a New Birth of Freedom”

President Lincoln’s Cottage at the Soldiers’ Home, Washington, D.C. (January 3, 2013)

Panel Remarks: “Lincoln, Emancipation, and a New Birth of Freedom,” Emancipation 150 Panel

2012 University of Colorado, Colorado Springs (November 13, 2012)

Lecture: “Lincoln, Emancipation, and a New Birth of Freedom”

Kendal at Lexington, VA (June 5, 2012)

Lecturer: “Frederick Douglass”

Bridgewater University: (April 10, 2012)

Lincoln Society of Virginia-Lincoln Symposium: “War and Remembrance in Abraham Lincoln’s Second Inaugural Address”

Ralph Ellison Symposium, Washington and Lee University (March 16-17, 2012)

Lecture: “‘In a Strange Country’: The Challenge of American Inclusion”

Christopher Newport University, Center for American Studies (February 23, 2012)

Conference Lecture, “Lincoln and the Challenge of American Republicanism”

2011 Roanoke College, Roanoke, VA (November 2, 2011)

Annual Fowler Lecture: “Lincoln and Race”

University of Illinois-Springfield (October 13, 2011)

Lincoln Legacy Lecture Series: “War and Remembrance in Lincoln’s Second Inaugural Address”

University of Nebraska, Omaha (September 16, 2011)

Constitution Day Lecture: “Lincoln and the Constitution”

Montclair State University, NJ (April 18, 2011)

Lecture: “War and Remembrance in Lincoln’s Second Inaugural Address”

Model United Nations, 5th Annual Rockbridge County High School Conference (March 4, 2011)

Opening Address, Washington and Lee University

Panel Discussion, Washington and Lee University (January 20, 2011)

“President Obama’s July 2009 NAACP Speech”

Panel Discussion, Washington and Lee University (January 16, 2011)

“Reflections on the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.”

2010 “Natural Law, Natural Rights, and the American Republic” Conference, James Madison Program, Princeton University, NJ (May 17-18, 2010)

Panelist, “Lincoln and Natural Rights”

“Lincoln’s Greatest Hits,” Kendal at Lexington, VA (January 14, 21, and 28, 2010)

Lecturer: “Lincoln and Union,” “Lincoln and Emancipation,” and “Lincoln and Reconstruction”

2009 “UCLA Celebrates Lincoln,” UCLA, CA (November 20, 2009)

Lecture: “War and Remembrance in Lincoln’s Second Inaugural Address”

“The Last Best Hope of Earth: A Symposium on the Bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln’s Birth,”

Eastern University, PA (October 24, 2009)

Lecture: “Lincoln, God, and Emancipation”

Skidmore College, New York (October 16, 2009)

Lecture: “Lincoln and the Constitution: A Unionist for the Sake of Liberty”

“Lincoln for the Ages: Lessons for the 21st Century” Conference, Washington and Lee University (September 25-26, 2009)

Conference Director and Panel Moderator

Illinois College, Jacksonville, IL (May 10, 2009)

Commencement Speech: "What the Times Require"

Supreme Court Historical Society, Leon Silverman Lecture Series, DC (April 28, 2009)

Lecture: "Lincoln and the Constitution: A Unionist for the Sake of Liberty"

Ford's Theatre, "Living Lincoln Series," Washington, DC (April 20, 2009)

Scholars Panel: "Race and Emancipation in the Age of Lincoln"

Library of Virginia, Richmond, VA (April 4, 2009)

Lecture: "Lincoln, God, and Emancipation: A Promise Fulfilled"

Houghton College, Houghton, NY (April 2, 2009)

Lecture: "Lincoln, God, and Emancipation: A Promise Fulfilled"

Library of Congress, Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Symposium, DC (March 4, 2009)

Paper: "'That Disturbing Element': Lincoln, Race, and the Spirit of '76"

University of Pennsylvania (February 19, 2009)

Black History Month Lecture: "Abraham Lincoln: Pragmatic Politician or Inspired Prophet?"

"The Better Angels of Our Nature" Conference, Villanova University, PA (February 12-13, 2009)

Paper: "Abraham Lincoln: A Unionist for the Sake of Liberty"

Circa History Guild, Alpharetta, GA (February 6, 2009)

Lecture: "Lincoln, Race, and the Spirit of '76"

2008

Panel Discussion, Washington and Lee University (October 27, 2008)

"The Obama Candidacy: What Does it Mean to (Black) America?"

Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Symposium, Emporia State University, KS (October 13, 2008)

Zimmerman Memorial Lecture: "Race, Slavery, and the Spirit of '76 in the Lincoln-Douglas Debates"

Undergraduate Summer Scholars Program, Washington and Lee University (July 2006-08)

Seminar: "The *Dred Scott* Dissents: Of Slavery, Self-government, and the Public Mind"

Congressional Academy for American History and Civics, Gettysburg Hotel, PA (July 8, 2008)

Lecture: "Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation"

Lehrman American Studies Center/ISI, Summer Institute, Princeton University, NJ (June 14, 2008)

Lecture: "Liberty as a Principle: How Lincoln Reclaimed the Spirit of '76"

Program in Faith and Politics, Christopher Newport University, VA (March 6, 2008)

Distinguished Speakers Series, Lecture: "Lincoln, God, and Emancipation: A Promise Fulfilled"

Black History Month Lecture, Heritage Foundation, DC (February 12, 2008)

Lecture: "Race, Memory, and the American Creed: The Challenge of Black History Month"

2007

Polaris Lecture Series, University of Alaska-Anchorage (October 11, 2007)

Lecture: "Lincoln, God, and Emancipation"

"The Life and Times of Abraham Lincoln," Washington and Lee University (July 1-6, 2007)

Alumni College, Lead Lecturer:

- "Lincoln's Place in American History: Still 'Of the People, By the People, For the People'?"
- "The Lincoln-Douglas Debates: Defining How a Majority Rules"
- "The First and Second Inaugural Addresses: Preserving the Union, Restoring the Union"
- "Lincoln the Writer"

Federalist Society Chapter, University of Kentucky College of Law (April 10, 2007)

Lecture: "Lincoln's Legacy as a Lawyer and President: Looking to, and Beyond, the Constitution"

Master Docent Series Workshop for the Frederick (Md.) Historic Sites Consortium (Feb. 17, 2007)

Lecture: "*Dred Scott*, Its Dissenters, and the Public Mind"

The Lincoln Group of D.C. (January 16, 2007)

Lecture: "Lincoln, God, and Emancipation"

2006

"American Novel" Conference, Center for Constructive Alternatives, Hillsdale College (Nov. 15, 2006)

- Lecture: "Ralph Ellison, Race, and the American Novel"
"Living in Tocqueville's America" Conference, Rochester Institute of Technology, NY (Oct. 28, 2006)
 Lecture: "Tocqueville and Ellison on Race and Belonging"
Dreamers Camp, Hillsdale College, MI (August 8, 2006)
 Lecture: "The Liberal Arts: Learning How to be Free"
Virginia Military Institute, Summer Undergraduate Research Institute Seminar (July 12, 2006)
 Lecture: "The *Dred Scott* Dissents: McLean, Curtis, Lincoln, and the Public Mind"
Supreme Court Historical Society, Leon Silverman Lecture Series, DC (May 11, 2006)
 Lecture: "The *Dred Scott* Dissents: McLean, Curtis, Lincoln, and the Public Mind"
Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission-Scholarly Advisory Board, DC (February 13, 2006)
 Panel Discussant, "Lincoln and Race"
Park Scholarships Speaker Series, North Carolina State University (January 17, 2006)
 Lecture: "Ralph Ellison and the Civil Rights Movement"
- 2005**
Kiwanis Club, Lexington, VA (November 29, 2005)
 Lecture: "To Be a Constitutional People"
Lincoln Studies Center, Knox College, Galesburg, IL (September 16, 2005)
 Lecture: "Frederick Douglass's Emancipation of Abraham Lincoln"
"Religion and the Presidency," Hauenstein Center, Grand Valley State University (Nov. 18-19, 2004)
 Paper, "Lincoln's Political Religion and Religious Politics"
- 2004**
"Black History and Conservative Principles," Philadelphia Society's Fall Meeting (Oct. 1-2, 2004)
 Paper, "The Diversity of American Individualism in Ralph Ellison's Writings"
Virginia Military Institute, Spring Lecture for the Friends of Preston Library (April 23, 2004)
 Lecture: "Ralph Ellison and the Raft of Hope: A Discussion of the Social and Political Significance of Ralph Ellison and *Invisible Man*"
"Religion & the American Civil War" Inaugural Symposium, Illinois College (April 15-16, 2004)
 Paper, "Lincoln's Political Religion & Religious Politics"
75th Annual Lincoln Dinner, Lincoln Club of Delaware, Wilmington, DE (February 12, 2004)
 Keynote Address: "Frederick Douglass's Emancipation of Abraham Lincoln"
- 2003**
"Affirmative Action After the Michigan Decision: A Conversation," Southern Illinois University Law School (November 18, 2003)
 Paper, "The Diversity of American Individualism: Doing Justice to Human Equality and Liberty"
"Lincoln and Democracy in America" Conference, University of Chicago, IL (May 9-11, 2003)
 Lecture: "Lincoln and the Challenge of American Republicanism"
Abraham Lincoln Institute of the Mid-Atlantic Symposium, Library of Congress, D.C. (March 22, 2003)
 Lecture: "Frederick Douglass's Emancipation of Abraham Lincoln"
"Economic Theories and Controversies" Conference, Hillsdale College, MI (February 2-7, 2003)
 Lecture: "Locke, Lincoln, and American Capitalism"
- 2002**
Seventh Annual Lincoln Forum Symposium, Gettysburg, PA (November 16-19, 2002)
 Lecture: "Lincoln's Political Religion and Religious Politics"
South Central Modern Language Association, Annual Meeting, TX (October 31-November 2002)
 Paper, "Bound for Glory: The Gospel of Racial Reconciliation in Flannery O'Connor"
"Celebrating Heritage and Culture" Program, Washington and Lee University (February 12, 2002)
 Lecture: "America's First Black President? Frederick Douglass on the Lincoln Presidency"
Ralph Ellison Symposium, Washington and Lee University (Feb. 1-2, 2002)
 Director, "*Invisible Man* Turns Fifty: Ralph Ellison and the Literature of American Politics"
 Chair, "*Invisible Man* and the Literature of Democratic Responsibility"
 Paper, "Ralph Ellison's American Democratic Individualism"
- 2001**
Government and Political Education Lecture, Saint Vincent College, PA (November 7, 2001)

- Lecture: "Ralph Ellison's America: On the Politics of Prejudice, Perseverance, and Possibility"
"Heroes in Memoriam: Remembering Robert E. Lee," Washington and Lee University (Oct. 12, 2001)
 Panel Remarks: "Abraham Lincoln and the Crucible of American Memory"
Abraham Lincoln Symposium, Lincoln Memorial University, TN (April 26-28, 2001)
 Lecture: "Abraham Lincoln as the First Black President? Frederick Douglass on Lincoln's Presidency"
2000 John M. Ashbrook Center for Public Affairs, Ashland University, OH
 Lecture: "Lincoln's Sacred Effort: Religion's Role in American Self-Government" (October 13, 2000)
 Lecture: "Charnwood's *Life of Lincoln*" (March 7, 1998)
- 1998** Abraham Lincoln Association Annual Symposium, Springfield, IL (February 12, 1998)
 Lecture: "Lincoln Among the Reformers: Tempering the Temperance Movement"
- 1997** Miller Center of Public Affairs, University of Virginia (June 13, 1997)
 Lecture: "Religious Rhetoric in Abraham Lincoln's Statesmanship"
Arkansas Political Science Association-Annual Meeting (Feb. 21, 1997)
 Paper, "Self-government as Political Subtext in Kazuo Ishiguro's *Remains of the Day*"
- 1993** Heritage Foundation-Salvatori Center for Academic Leadership
 "Foundations of American Liberty" Colloquium (July 11-20, 1993)
- Seminars for High School Teachers 2004-2017**
- Alleghany Foundation/Ashbrook Center Colloquium, Lincoln Cottage, Washington, DC
 Discussion Leader: Lincoln, Slavery, and the Constitution (April 29-May 1, 2016)
- Liberty Fund/Ashbrook Center Colloquium, Springfield, IL
 Discussion Leader: Lincoln, Slavery, and the Constitution (April 1-3, 2016; May 29-31, 2015; Jan. 30-Feb. 2, 2015; Dec. 5-7, 2014; March 1-3, 2013)
- Ashbrook Center Saturday Seminar-Palm Beach, FL, Ford's Theatre-Washington, D.C., Ashland, OH, and Escambia, FL
 Discussion Leader: Lincoln's speeches and writings (Feb. 25, 2017, Jan. 16, 2016; April 25 & August 29, 2015)
- Ashbrook Center/Ashland University Online Webinars for High School Teachers
 Co-teacher: "Letter from a Birmingham Jail," February 15, 2017 (62 high school teachers)
 Co-teacher: "*Dred Scott v. Sandford*," Oct. 15, 2016 (100 teachers)
 Co-teacher: "American Presidents: Abraham Lincoln," Dec. 12, 2015 (40-50 teachers)
 Co-teacher: "Was the Constitution Pro-Slavery or Anti-Slavery?" Oct. 25, 2014 (60 teachers)
 Lead Teacher: "Slavery and the Civil War," Feb. 22, 2014 (80-100 teachers)
- "Teaching American History Workshop," Gilder-Lehrman Institute/Wichita, KS Public Schools
 Discussion Leader: Reconstruction, 2 sessions, high school teachers (December 12, 2014)
- Liberty Fund/McConnell Center (University of Louisville, KY), Cincinnati, OH
 Discussion Leader: Lincoln, Slavery, and the Constitution (January 30-Feb. 2, 2014)
- "Teaching American History Workshop," Gilder-Lehrman Institute, Tulsa, OK (April 19-20, 2013)
 Directed a seminar on Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass
- "Teaching American History Workshop," Gilder-Lehrman Institute, Washington, D.C (June 13, 2012)
 Directed a Newseum seminar for Tulsa high school teachers on Civil Rights & Freedom of the Press
- Presidential Academy for American History and Civics, Ashbrook Center, Ashland University
 "The American Revolution, the Civil War, and the Civil Rights Movement"—
 (Philadelphia, Gettysburg and Washington, D.C.) <http://presidentialacademy.org/>
 Director and co-instructor for 55-60 high school teachers from across the U.S. (July 2006-July 2011)
- Master of American History and Government,* John M. Ashbrook Center, Ashland University
 "Civil War & Reconstruction": Co-instructor, week-long seminar (2008-10, 2012-16)
 "Race & Equality in America": Co-instructor, week-long seminar, high school teachers (2003-12)
 "Sectionalism & Civil War": Co-instructor, week-long seminar for high school teachers (2002-06, 2011)
 "Lincoln & the Civil War": Weekend seminar instructor for high school teachers (March 8, 1998)
- * formerly "Teaching American History" NEH Summer Institutes

“Teaching American History Workshop,” University of Nebraska, Omaha
Directed a seminar for high school teachers on Race, Citizenship, and the Constitution (Sept. 16, 2011)

Hillsdale Center for Teacher Excellence, hosted by Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, TN
Seminar: “Lincoln vs. Taney: *Dred Scott* and the Moral Meaning of the Founding” (Oct. 8, 2010)

“Teaching American History Workshop,” NEH Workshop/St. Louis, Missouri
Directed a seminar for high school teachers on Lincoln’s 2nd Inaugural Address (June 17, 2010)

“Teaching American History Workshop,” Gilder-Lehrman Institute/Des Moines Public Schools
Directed a 3-day seminar for teachers on Civil Rights and the Constitution (June 14-16, 2010)

“Teaching American History Workshop,” Gilder-Lehrman Institute/NYC Dept of Education
Directed a two-day seminar for high school teachers on Civil Rights and the Constitution in the 20th Century (April 14-15, 2009)

“Teaching American History Workshop,” Gilder-Lehrman Institute/NYC Dept of Education
Keynote lecture, “Rights and Responsibilities in American History: Race & Identity” (Nov. 4, 2008)

“Teaching American History Workshop,” James Madison Program, Princeton University
Lecture: “American Dream or Nightmare? Martin Luther King, Jr., and Malcolm X on the Black Experience in America” for Millburn New Jersey Consortium (September 24, 2008) and Mercer County Consortium (September 25, 2008)

“Teaching American History in Indiana,” sponsored by the James Madison Program
Co-directed a two-day seminar for high school teachers in Anderson, Indiana: “*Uncle Tom’s Cabin* and the Writings of Abraham Lincoln” (March 3-4, 2008)

“Teaching American History Series,” University of Alaska-Anchorage
Keynote lecture, “Lincoln, God, and Emancipation,” and workshop leader for weekend seminar on Abraham Lincoln for high school teachers (October 11-13, 2007)

“Teaching American History in Delaware,” Raymond Wolters, Director, University of Delaware
“W.E.B. Du Bois, Martin Luther King Jr., & the American Civil Rights Movement”:
Seminar co-instructor for high school teachers (July 17-22, 2005)

“Abraham Lincoln, Slavery, and Secession: Understanding the Civil War,” Hillsdale College
Hoogland Center for Teacher Excellence: Seminar Series on Teaching American Civics—
Lecture and Discussion, “Lincoln’s Constitutionalism” (July 23-24, 2004)

Manuscript Reviewer *Journal of American Political Thought* (2017, 2015, 2012); University Press of Kentucky (2011, 2007); Yale University Press (2008); Oxford University P (2005); University of Nebraska Press (2005); Cambridge University Press (2005); *Journal of the Abraham Lincoln Association* (2005); Earhart Foundation Grant Reviewer (2004)

Tenure Reviewer Brigham Young University, Political Science Department (2011)
Amherst College, American Studies and Black Studies Departments (2005)
Sewanee-The University of the South, Political Science Department (2004)

Opinion-Editorials *Los Angeles Times*, “‘Invisible Man’ Helped Americans to See Each Other” (February 29, 2004)
Los Angeles Times, “Ellison’s ‘Invisible’ Still Walk Among Us” (April 14, 2002)
Richmond Times-Dispatch, “Juneteenth: Liberty is Secured by Fits and Starts” (June 19, 2001)
Christian Science Monitor, “Juneteenth: American Democracy in Theory and Practice” (June 19, 2000)

Guest Commentator WFXX Fox 21/27 Morning News (March 20, 2015)
Guest commentator on “150th Anniversary of the Surrender at Appomattox”
Virginia Public Radio, Harrisonburg-WMRA (November 3, 2003)
Guest commentator on “Whose Democracy Is it?”
Virginia Public Radio, Roanoke Station-WVTF (June 19, 2001)
Guest commentator on the “Juneteenth” holiday
Wisconsin Public Radio (December 13, 2000)
Guest commentator on the U.S. Supreme Court ruling *Bush v. Gore* and the 2000 Presidential election

CNN's "TalkBack Live" (May 30, 2000)

Guest television commentator on the subject, "Was Abraham Lincoln a Racist?"

New Hampshire Public Radio, Harrisonburg Radio Station Link-WMRA (December 16, 1999)

Guest commentator on "Public Financing of Campaigns": debate on one-hour program, "The Exchange"

Cited in the following newspapers and magazines:

Washington Post Magazine, "The Invisible Manuscript" (August 19, 2007), p. 49

New York Post, "Turning Their Barack on GOP" (June 7, 2007)-online

New Yorker, "Angels and Ages: Lincoln's Language and Its Legacy" (May 28, 2007), p. 34

New Yorker, "The Conciliator: Where is Barack Obama Coming From?" (May 7, 2007), p. 53

Honors, Grants, & Fellowships

Appointment to the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission: member of 33-person committee that will plan the July 2026 celebration of the 250th anniversary of the birth of America; commission created by Congress (H.R. 4875; Pub. L. 114-196) and signed into law by President Obama (July 22, 2016)

Honorary member, Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK), inducted January 2016

Honorary degree, Illinois College (May 10, 2009)

Commencement Speech: "What the Times Require"

Class of 1960 Professor of Ethics and Politics, Washington and Lee University July 2013-June 2016

Lewis G. John Term Professor, Washington and Lee University July 2010-June 2013

Faculty: James Madison Program, Princeton University, Garwood Visiting Fellow (2008-09)

Lenfest/Glenn Summer Research, Washington & Lee (2000, 2002, 2008-2011, 2013-15, 2017)

H.B. Earhart Sabbatical Research Fellow (2004)

Class of '62 Fellow, Washington and Lee University (2003-04)

Pre-Tenure Leave, Washington and Lee University (Fall 2001)

Pew Summer Research Fellow, John Brown University (1997)

Graduate: Henry Salvatori Fellow (1993-95)

H.B. Earhart Research Fellow (1988-89, 1992)

Lynde and Harry Bradley Fellow (1987-88, 1990-91)

Undergraduate: Hughes de Azatlan Scholar (1982-85), Harvey Mudd College (pre-transfer to CMC)

Professional Associations & Service

Abraham Lincoln Association, Board Member (2010-present)

Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission-Board of Scholarly Advisors (2007-2010)

Abraham Lincoln Institute, Board Member; President (2009-11) and Vice President (2008-09)

American Political Science Association (current)

James Madison Memorial Fellowship Program, Reader (2002)

Journal of American Political Thought, Editorial Board member and external reviewer (2012-present)

Library of Congress-Civil War Sesquicentennial Exhibition Advisory Committee (2010-2015) and

"With Malice Toward None" Lincoln Exhibition Advisory Committee (2008-2010)

Lincoln Prize Award Jury (chair, 2014-15; 2013-14; 2008-09)

Lincoln Studies Center, Knox College, Board of Advisors (2002-06)

Master of Arts in American History and Government Faculty and Advisory Board, Ashland University (2005-present)

Supreme Court Historical Society, Trustee (2002-present), Book Award Committee (chair, 2014, and 2007), and Publications Committee (2004-present)

U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission (2017)