Constitutional Founding

PROJECT ACH
Conference Schedule
Summer 2006

Wednesday, April 26, 2006

5:30-6:00 p.m. Social Meeting (Faculty Dining Room-Mercyhurst College)
6:00-7:00 p.m. Dinner
7:00-8:30 p.m. Thomas Fleming Lecture, “George Washington’s Secret War” (Audrey Hirt Academic Center, Walker Recital Hall)

PLEASE NOTE: All classes will be held in the Audrey Hirt Academic Center, Room 209 unless otherwise specified.

Monday, July 10, 2006

8:45-9:00 a.m. Orientation and Coffee
9:00-9:30 a.m. Session I: Introduction to ACH
   Dr. Michael Federici, (Mercyhurst College), Project Director
   Dr. Richard Gamble, (Hillsdale College), Tutor
   Mrs. Beth Cerulo, (Millcreek School District), Master Teacher
   Will Fitzhugh (The Concord Review)
9:30-10:45 a.m. Session II: “The Centrality of American History”
   Dr. Richard Gamble
10:45-11:00 a.m. Break
11:00-12:00 a.m. Session III: “Ideology and the Study of American History”
   Dr. Richard Gamble
   Session Readings: Herbert Butterfield, The Whig Interpretation of History; (assign Framers).
12:00-12:45 a.m. Lunch (Grotto Dining Room)
12:45 2:15 p.m. Session IV: “Colonial Background of the American Constitution: Pennsylvania as a Case Study”
   Dr. Richard Gamble
   Background Readings: McDougall, Freedom Just Around the Corner, pp. 239-279.
2:15-2:30 p.m. Break
2:30-4:00 p.m. Session V: Pedagogy Seminar: “The Constitution: Asking the Essential Questions”
   Mrs. Beth Cerulo (Master Teacher)

Tuesday, July 11, 2006

9:00-10:15 a.m. Session I: “Teaching U.S. History in College Today”
   Dr. Patrick N. Allitt (Emory University)
10:15-10:30 a.m. Break
10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  **Session II:** “Origins of the American Constitution”  
Dr. Bruce P. Frohnen (Ave Maria School of Law)  
**Session Readings:** Bruce Frohnen, *The American Republic: Primary Sources*, pp. 11-22; 92-97.

12:00-1:00 p.m.  Lunch  
1:00-2:30 p.m.  **Session III:** “Origins of the American Constitution, Part II”  
Dr. Bruce P. Frohnen (Ave Maria School of Law)  
**Session Readings:** Bruce Frohnen, *The American Republic: Primary Sources*, pp. 106-109; 115-116; 157-158; 189-191; 196-199.

2:30-2:45 p.m.  Break  
2:45-4:15 p.m.  **Session IV:** “The Roots of American Order”  
Dr. Bradley Birzer (Hillsdale College)  
**Session Readings:** James McClellan, *Liberty, Order, and Justice*, Chapter 1.

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**Wednesday, July 12, 2006**

9:00-10:15 a.m.  **Session I:** “Colonial America and the Birth of a Constitutional Society”  
Dr. Richard Gamble  

10:15-10:30 a.m.  Break  
10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  **Session II:** “State Constitutions: The Pennsylvania Experience”  
Dr. Richard Gamble  
**Session Readings:** Jack P. Greene, *Colonies to Nation 1763-1789*, pp. 283, 339-345.

12:00-1:00 p.m.  Lunch  
1:00-2:30 p.m.  **Session III:** “Revolution and Order: The Declaration of Independence”  
Dr. Richard Gamble  
**Session Readings:** Pauline Maier, *American Scripture: Making of the Declaration of Independence*; (handout on Declaration of Independence Revisions); Greene, *Colonies to Nation*, pp. 284-285; 292-301.

2:30-2:45 p.m.  Break  
2:45-3:45 p.m.  **Session IV:** “The First Constitution: The Articles of Confederation”  
Dr. Michael Federici  
**Session Readings:** Greene, pp. 428-436.

3:45-4:45 p.m.  **Session V:** Pedagogy Seminar: “The Constitution and Student Scholarship and Understanding”  
Mrs. Beth Cerulo

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**Thursday, July 13, 2006**

9:00-10:45 a.m.  **Session I:** “Madison’s Criticisms of the Articles of Confederation”  
Dr. Michael P. Federici

10:45-11:00 a.m. Break

11:00-12:00 p.m. Session II: “Benjamin Rush’s Criticism of the Pennsylvania Constitution”
Dr. Richard Gamble

12:00-12:45 p.m. Lunch
12:45-2:00 p.m. Session III: “Religion and the Independence Movement”
Dr. Gregory Butler (New Mexico State University)

2:00-2:15 p.m. Break
2:15-3:30 p.m. Session IV: “The Era of Reform in the American Constitutional Order”
Dr. Gregory Butler
Session Readings: C.S. Griffin, Ferment of Reform.

Friday, July 14, 2006

9:00-10:30 a.m. Session I: “Judicial Power in the Early Republic”
Dr. Robert Seddig (Alleghney College)

10:30-10:45 a.m. Break
10:45-12:00 p.m. Session II: “Early Judicial Review”
Dr. Robert Seddig

12:00-1:00 p.m. Lunch (Grotto Dining Room)
1:00-2:15 p.m. Session III: “Classical Liberalism and the American Founding”
Dr. Jeffrey Polet (Hope College)
Session Readings: Louis Hartz, The Liberal Tradition in America (chapter 1).

2:30-2:45 p.m. Break
2:45-3:15 p.m. Session IV: “Traditions of Law in the American Founding”
Dr. Jeffrey Polet (Hope College)
Session Readings: James Stoner, Common Law and Liberal Theory, (Chapter 1: “What Common Law is and Is Not”) (handout); Ellis Sandoz, Sermons of the Founding (Elizur Goodrich’s sermon: “The Principles of Civil Union and Happiness Considered and Recommended”) (handout).
WEEK II (Mercyhurst College)

**Monday, July 17, 2006**

9:00-10:00 a.m. **Session I:** “The Constitutional Convention”
Dr. Michael P. Federici

10:00-10:15 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. **Session II:** “The Federalist papers”
Dr. Michael P. Federici
Session Readings: Selected Federalist papers (10, 14, 17, 28, 47, 51, 55, 63, 78, and 81).

12:00-12:45 p.m. Lunch (Grotto Dining Room)

12:45-2:00 p.m. **Session III:** “Ratification: State Ratifying Conventions and the Bill of Rights”
Dr. Roy Strausbaugh

2:00-2:15 p.m. Break

2:15-3:45 p.m. **Session IV:** “The Pennsylvania Ratification Debate”
Dr. Richard Gamble

**Tuesday, July 18, 2006**

9:00-10:30 a.m. **Session I:** “Why no Bill of Rights?”
Dr. Federici
Session Readings: Hamilton, Federalist 84.

10:30-10:45 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. **Session II:** “The Alien and Sedition Acts”
Dr. Robert Rhodes (Edinboro University)

12:00-12:45 p.m. Lunch (Grotto Dining Room)

12:45-2:15 p.m. **Session III:** “The National Bank Controversy”
Dr. Robert Rhodes (Edinboro University)


John 2:15-2:30 p.m. Break
2:30-4:30 p.m. Session IV: “Using and Interpreting Historical Documents and Evidence”
Dr. Christine Colin (Mercyhurst College)


Wednesday, July 19, 2006

9:00-10:30 a.m. Session I: “Executive Power in the Early Republic”
Dr. Joseph Morris (Mercyhurst College)

10:30-10:45 a.m. Break
10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Session II: “The Founders’ Education Part I: The Classical Tradition”
Dr. Gamble
Session Readings: Gary Gregg, Vital Remnants: America’s Founding and the Western Tradition, pp. 71-98.

12:00-12:45 p.m. Lunch (Grotto Dining Room)
Dr. Michael Federici
Session Readings: Federalist 9.

2:15-2:30 p.m. Break
2:30-4:00 p.m. Session IV: “The Founders’ Education Part II: The Modern Tradition”
Dr. Richard Gamble
Session Readings: Jack Greene, Colonies to Nation, pp. 399-404.

Thursday, July 20, 2006

9:00-10:30 a.m. Session I: “History, Biography, and the Framers”
Dr. Richard Gamble

10:30-10:45 a.m. Break
10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Session II: “The French Revolution in the American Imagination”
Dr. Michael P. Federici
Session Readings: Joseph Ellis, Founding Brothers, pp. 237-239; Edmund Burke, “Speech on Conciliation (1775)” (handout); Susan Dunn, Sister Revolutions.

12:00-1:00 p.m. Lunch
1:00-3:00 p.m. Session III: “The Enlightenment and Early America”
Dr. Christine Colin (Mercyhurst College)

**Session Readings**: Packet Handout.


3:00-3:15 p.m.          Break
3:15-4:00 p.m.          **Session IV**: “Teaching Tools for Local History”  
                         Mr. Don Haener (Discovery Enterprises)

**Friday, July 21, 2006**

9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.    **Session I**: “George Washington’s Secret War: The Hidden History of Valley Forge”  
                         Thomas Fleming lecture replayed from April 26, 2006.  

10:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m.   Break
10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.   **Session II**: “The Framers: Who Were They?”  
                         Dr. Richard Gamble  
                         **Session Readings**: M.E. Bradford, *Founding Fathers*, as assigned on July 10.

12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.    Lunch
1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.     **Session III**: “Preparation for Philadelphia Trip” (Administrative details: travel schedule, meals, lodging, historical sites)

**WEEK III**

**Sunday, July 23, 2006**

9:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.     Travel to Philadelphia (Leave from Mercyhurst College Zurn parking lot) Lunch on the road.  
                        Holiday Inn Historic District  
                        400 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19105  
                        (215) 923-8660

**Monday, July 24, 2006**

8:00-9:00 a.m.          Breakfast and Instructions at Hotel
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.    Walking Tour  
                        Centipede Tours-Pat Stallone (Meet her at Hotel)
12:00-1:00 p.m.         Fast Food Court
1:00-4:00 p.m.          Explore Independence Hall, Liberty Bell, and Old City Hall
4:30-5:30 p.m.          Debrief in hotel meeting room

**Tuesday, July 25, 2006**

8:00-9:00 a.m.          Breakfast at Holiday Inn
9:00-10:00 a.m.         Travel to Valley Forge
10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.    Tour of Valley Forge
1:00-2:00 p.m.          Eat at Valley Forge Cabin Shop
2:00-3:15 p.m.          Travel to NARA Philadelphia
3:15-3:30 p.m.  Check-In (Bring ID)
3:30-5:00 p.m.  NARA Seminar “Using the Archives in the Classroom”

**Wednesday, July 26, 2006**

8:00-8:45 a.m.  Breakfast at the Holiday Inn
8:45-9:00 a.m.  Travel to National Constitution Center
9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.  Constitution Center Speaker (Eli Lesser)
10:00 a.m.-10:20 a.m.  “Freedom Rising” Show
10:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  Exhibits and Lunch
2:00-4:00 p.m.  American Philosophical Society (104 South Fifth Street)
5:00-5:30  Travel from Hotel to Union League
5:30-6:00 p.m.  Hors d’oeuvres at Union League (McMichael Room)
6:00-7:00 p.m.  Dinner at Union League
7:00-8:00 p.m.  Dr. John Lukacs, “The Age of Democratic Revolutions: Differences Between the American and French Revolutions and Their Placement in History”

8:00-8:30 p.m.  Travel back to Hotel

**Thursday, July 27, 2006**

7:00-8:00 a.m.  Breakfast at Hotel
8:30 a.m.  Checkout
8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  Travel to Erie. Lunch on the road.