**Constitutional Order in an Age of Empire**

**PROJECT ACH**  
Conference Schedule  
Summer 2008

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

**Thursday, May 1, 2008**

5:45-6:15 p.m. Social Meeting (Faculty Dining Room-Mercyhurst College)  
6:15-7:15 p.m. Dinner  
7:30-9:00 p.m. Dr. Walter McDougall, “‘Americans Love to Fight’: War Parties and the Military Since 1775.”  
(Audrey Hirt Academic Center, Walker Recital Hall)

**Monday, June 23, 2008**

8:45-9:15 a.m. Orientation and Coffee (Audrey Hirt Academic Center, Room 209)  
9:15-9:30 a.m. **Goals for Project TEACH Year III** (Participant Introductions)  
Dr. Michael Federici, Mercyhurst College (Project Director)  
9:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m. **Session I:** Introduction to ACH Year III: “Review of Year Two”  
Dr. Richard Gamble, Conference Tutor (Hillsdale College)  
10:45 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Break  
11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. **Session II:** “The Supreme Court in the Early 20th Century”  
Dr. Michael Federici  
12:00 p.m.-12:45 p.m. Lunch (Grotto Dining Room)  
12:45 p.m.-2:00 p.m. **Session III:** “The Constitution and Woodrow Wilson”  
Dr. Richard Gamble (Hillsdale College)  
**Session Readings:** “The New Freedom”  
2:00 p.m.-2:15 p.m. Break  
2:15 p.m.-3:45 p.m. **Session IV:** “Wendell Berry and A Place on Earth”  
Dr. Mark Mitchell (Patrick Henry College)  
**Session Readings:** Wendell Berry, *Sex, Economy, Freedom & Community: Eight Essays*, “Sex, Economy, Freedom & Community.”  
**Background Readings:** Wendell Berry, *Jayber Crow.*

**Tuesday, June 24, 2008**

9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. **Session I:** “New Urbanism”  
Dr. Mark Mitchell (Patrick Henry College)  
**Session Readings:** James Howard Kunstler, *Atlantic Monthly* Article: “Home from Nowhere.”

10:30-10:45 a.m. Break  
10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. **Session II:** “Culture War in the Twenties: The Meaning of the Scopes Trial”  
Dr. Mark Kalthoff (Hillsdale College)
**Background Readings:** Edward J. Larson, *Summer for the Gods: The Scopes Trial and America’s Continuing Debate over Science and Religion.*

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

12:45 p.m.-2:00 p.m.  
**Session III:** “Teaching the Scopes Trial: History and Legend”  
Dr. Mark Kalthoff (Hillsdale College)

**Session Readings:** Scopes Trial Home Page -- Transcript  
Excerpts, Mencken’s Account, Pictures, Cartoons, Video clips, etc.

http://www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/fttrials/scopes/scopes.htm  
“The Truth About Inherit the Wind” by Carol Iannone  
http://www.firstthings.com/article.php3?id_article=3645&var_recherche=inherit the wind

**Background Readings:** Edward J. Larson, *Summer for the Gods: The Scopes Trial and America’s Continuing Debate over Science and Religion.*

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

2:15 p.m.-3:45 p.m.  
**Session IV:** “The Social Gospel and First World War”  
Dr. Richard Gamble (Hillsdale College)

**Session Readings:** Richard Gamble, *The War for Righteousness.*

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**Wednesday, June 25, 2008**

9:00-10:30 a.m.  
**Session I:** “Silent Cal Speaks: Coolidge Myth and Reality”  
Dr. Mark Kalthoff (Hillsdale College)

**Session Readings:** Calvin Coolidge, *The Autobiography of Calvin Coolidge; “Speech on the Occasion of the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence” July 5, 1926, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*  
“To the State Senate on being Elected its President January 7, 1914”  
http://www.gutenberg.org/files/13748/13748-h/13748-h.htm#I;  
“At the Home of Daniel Webster, Marshfield, July 4, 1916”  
http://www.gutenberg.org/files/13748/13748-h/13748-h.htm#IV

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

10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
**Session II:** “American in the 20th Century World”  
Dr. Brian Ripley (Mercyhurst College)

**Session Readings:** Walter McDougall, *Promise Land, Crusader State.*

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

12:45-2:15 p.m.  
**Session III:** “A Critical Assessment of America’s Role in the 20th Century World”  
Dr. Brian Ripley (Mercyhurst College)

2:15-2:30 p.m.  
Break

2:30-3:45 p.m.  
**Session IV:** “The Carolene Products Footnote #4 (1938)”  
Dr. Robert Seddig (Allegheny College)


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**Thursday, June 26, 2008**

9:00-10:30 a.m.  
**Session I:** “Deliberative Democracy and the Rise of Presidential Power”  
Dr. Gary Gregg (McConnell Center, Louisville University)
Session Readings: (Handout) Gary Gregg, *Thinking about the Presidency*, pp. 61-69.

10:30-10:45 a.m. Break
10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. **Session II:** “The Electoral College”

Dr. Gary Gregg (McConnell Center, Louisville University)

**Session Readings:** *Federalist* 68.

12:00-12:45 p.m. Lunch (Grotto Dining Room)
12:45-2:00 p.m. **Session III:** “What Constitutes ‘Judicial Activism?’”

Dr. Robert Seddig (Allegheny College)

**Session Readings:** *Oxford Companion to the Supreme Court of the U.S.*, p. 525 (“judicial activism”).

2:00-2:15 p.m. Break
2:15-4:00 p.m. **Session IV:** “The Politics of the Warren Court”

Dr. Robert Seddig (Allegheny College)


**Friday, June 27, 2008**

9:00-10:30 a.m. **Session I:** “George Kennan and Realism in U.S. Foreign Policy”

Dr. Richard Gamble (Hillsdale College)

**Session Readings:** George Kennan, *American Diplomacy*, pp. 3-20; 55-90.

10:30-10:45 a.m. Break
10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. **Session II:** “The New Deal”

Dr. John Olszowka (Mercyhurst College)

**Session Readings:** William Leuchtenberg, *Franklin Roosevelt & the New Deal;* Robert S. McElvaine, *Down & Out in the Great Depression: Letters from the “Forgotten Man (HANDOUT).*

12:00-12:45 p.m. Lunch (HIRT)
12:45-2:00 p.m. **Session III:** “Eugenics and the Constitution”

Dr. Richard Gamble (Hillsdale College)

**Session Readings:** *Buck v. Bell*,


2:00-2:15 p.m. Break
2:15-3:30 p.m. **Session IV:** “The Quest for Community in the 20th Century and the Court’s Push toward National Uniformity”

Dr. Michael P. Federici


**WEEK TWO (Mercyhurst College)**

**Monday, June 30, 2008**

9:00-10:30 a.m. **Session I:** “How Obscenity Became the Litmus Test for the First Amendment.”

Dr. Rochelle Gurstein (Independent Scholar)
Session Readings: Rochelle Gurstein, The Repeal of Reticence, Chapters 1, 2, 7, 10, 11.

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

10:45-12:00 p.m.  Session II: “How Obscenity Became the Litmus Test for the First Amendment.”
Dr. Rochelle Gurstein (Independent Scholar)
Session Readings: Rochelle Gurstein, The Repeal of Reticence, Chapters 1, 2, 7, 10, 11.

12:00-12:45 p.m.  Lunch (Grotto Dining Room)
12:45-2:00 p.m.  Session III: “Religion and State Relations in the Twentieth Century”
Dr. Gregory Butler (New Mexico State University)

12:00-12:45 p.m.  Lunch (Grotto Dining Room)
12:45-2:00 p.m.  Session IV: “Religion and State Relations in the Twentieth Century”
Dr. Gregory Butler (New Mexico State University)

2:15-2:30 p.m.  Break

2:30-3:45 p.m.  Session V: “Korematsu v. U.S.”
Dr. Michael Federici (Mercyhurst College)
Session Reading: Peter Irons, Justice at War: The Story of the Japanese American Internment Cases.

Tuesday, July 1, 2008

9:00-10:30 a.m.  Session I: “Bush v. Gore and the Politics of the Court”
Dr. Jeffrey Polet (Hope College)

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

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12:00-12:45 p.m.  Lunch (Grotto Dinning Room)
12:45-2:00 p.m.  Session III: “The Civil Rights Revolution”
Dr. John Olszowka (Mercyhurst College)
Session Readings: John Dittmer, Local People: The Struggle for Civil Rights in Mississippi.

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

2:15-3:45 p.m.  Session IV: “FDR and the Loose Individual”
Dr. Richard Gamble (Hillsdale College)
Wednesday, July 2, 2008

9:00-10:30 a.m.  **Session I:** “Presidential Power in the 20th Century”
Dr. Michael P. Federici (Mercyhurst College)

**Session Readings:** William E. Leuchtenburg, *In the Shadow of FDR.*

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

10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  **Session II:** “Walter Lippmann and the Phantom Public”
Dr. Michael Federici

**Session Readings:** Walter Lippmann, *The Phantom Public.*

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

12:45-2:00 p.m.  **Session III:** “A Comparative Perspective on the New Deal”
Dr. Richard Gamble (Hillsdale College)

**Session Readings:** Wolfgang Schivelbusch, *Three New Deals: Reflections on Roosevelt’s America, Mussolini’s Italy, and Hitler’s Germany,* 1933-1939

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

2:15-3:45 p.m.  **Session IV:** “George Kennan and Realism in U.S. Foreign Policy”
Dr. Richard Gamble (Hillsdale College)

**Session Readings:** George Kennan, *American Diplomacy,* “The Sources of Soviet Conduct,” pp. 107-128; LBJ, “Peace without Conquest,”

http://www.lbjlib.utexas.edu/johnson/archives.hom/speeches.hom/650407.asp

Thursday, July 3, 2008

9:00-10:45 a.m.  **Session I:** “Liberalism and Conservatism in 20th Century America”
Dr. Michael Federici (Mercyhurst College)

**Session Readings:** George Nash, *The Conservative Intellectual Movement in America,* chapters 1-5.

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

11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  **Session II:** “A City on a Hill?”
Dr. Richard Gamble (Hillsdale College)

**Session Readings:** Woodrow Wilson, “The New Freedom” (1912)
Address of President-Elect John F. Kennedy Delivered to a Joint Convention of the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (1961).

http://www.vlib.us/amdocs/texts/reagan011989.html

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

12:45-2:15 p.m.  **Session III:** “Irrigating Deserts: C. S. Lewis on Modern Education”
Dr. Richard Gamble (Hillsdale College)

**Session Readings:** C. S. Lewis, *The Abolition of Man.*

Friday, July 4, 2008  NO MEETINGS
WEEK THREE (Washington, D.C.)

Sunday, July 6, 2008
8:45 a.m.–9:00 a.m.   Pick-Up at Mercyhurst College PAC Parking Lot
9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.  Travel to Washington, D.C.  (NOTE: Will stop and eat on the way)

L’Enfant Plaza Hotel
480 L’Enfant Plaza, SW
Washington, DC 20024
(202) 484-1000 http://www.lenfantplazahotel.com/index.cfm

Monday, July 7
8:00-9:00 a.m.  Breakfast at L’Enfant Plaza Hotel
9:00-9:30 a.m.  Travel by Metro to Library of Congress
9:30-1:00 p.m.  Library of Congress Tour
1:00-2:30 p.m.  Lunch on Your Own at Union Station
2:30-4:30 p.m.  Supreme Court (Optional)
2:30-4:30 p.m.  Arlington National Cemetery (Optional)

Tuesday, July 8
8:00-9:00 a.m.  Breakfast at L’Enfant Plaza Hotel
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  On the Mall with Michael Kraus
12:00-1:30 p.m.  Lunch On Your Own
1:30- 5:00 p.m.  Holocaust Memorial Museum (Optional)

Wednesday, July 9
8:00-9:00 a.m.  Breakfast at L’Enfant Plaza Hotel
12:00-1:30 p.m.  Lunch On Your Own
1:30- 5:00 p.m.  Holocaust Memorial Museum (Optional)

Thursday, July 10
8:00-9:00 a.m.  Breakfast at L’Enfant Plaza Hotel
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  Civil War Monument Tour with Michael Kraus
12:00-4:30 p.m.  Lunch On Your Own and Individual Touring Time
4:30-5:30 p.m.  Travel to Gadsby’s Tavern Museum
138 North Royal Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314
5:30-6:00 p.m.  Hors d’oeuvres and Cocktails
6:00-7:30 p.m.  Dinner
7:30-8:30 p.m.  Presentation (Claes Ryn, “Changes in Constitutional Imagination”)
9:15-9:30 p.m.  Return to L’Enfant Plaza Hotel

Friday, July 11
7:30-8:15 a.m.  Breakfast at L’Enfant Plaza Hotel
8:15-8:30 a.m.  Check Out and Load Bus
8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  Travel from Washington, D.C. to Erie, PA
NOTE: Will stop and eat lunch on the way