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Teaching Experience

John K. Boardman. Jr. Professor of Politics, Washington and Lee University, VA 2009 (2020)-present Assistant Professor (1999-2003); Associate Professor (2003-2009)

Courses: American National Government, Introduction to Political Philosophy, Race and Equality. 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. Lincoln and the American Founders, and George 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-MAHG, Ashland University, OH

Summers, 2002-2022

Summer Courses: Civil War and Reconstruction; Sectionalism and Civil War; Race and Equality; History and Literature; Great American Texts: Abraham Lincoln and Ralph Ellison's *Invisible Man*

Worsham Teaching Fellow, Hillsdale College, Graduate School of Government, Washington, DC Course: The Modern Civil Rights Movement (MLK, Malcolm X, and Black Power)

March-April 2021

Course: Frederick Douglass

June 2023

[AY 2020-2021 sabbatical appointment] October-November 2020

Graduate Faculty-MA in American History, Pace University-Gilder Lehrman Institute August 2018 Recorded 12 lectures (and online Q&A), "Race & Rights in America" for M.A. in American History.

<u>Assistant Professor of Political Science/History</u>, **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.

Graduate Assistant, Harvey Mudd College, Claremont, CA

January-May 1989

Helped teach Freshman course in American politics and political theory, "What is Political Power?"

Education

Ph.D. in Political Science, Claremont Graduate University (January 1994)

Dissertation: "The Role of Religion in Abraham Lincoln's Statesmanship"

Major concentrations: American Government, Political Theory, and Constitutional Law

M.A. cum laude in Politics, Claremont Graduate University (May 1991)

President, Pi Sigma Alpha (National Political Science Honor Society), Claremont Colleges Chapter

B.A. cum laude in Government. Claremont McKenna College (May 1987)

Government Department Prize; Distinguished Scholar; Dean's List

Honors Thesis: "The Statesmanship of Abraham Lincoln in the Second Inaugural Address"

Engineering/Politics Minor, 6 semesters, Harvey Mudd College September 1982-May 1985

Publications

Books

Author. Lincoln and the American Founding (Southern Illinois University Press. 2020)

Co-Editor with Marc Conner, The New Territory: Ralph Ellison and the Twenty-First Century

(Univ Press Mississippi, August 2016): Introduction and

Chapter, "In a Strange Country': The Challenge of American Inclusion"

Editor. Lincoln and Liberty: Wisdom for the Ages (University Press of Kentucky, 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)

- "America was not Founded on White Supremacy," The American Mind (online) (October 17, 2019)
- "The Great Manipulators," The American Mind (online) (April 1, 2019)
- "Frederick Douglass to Robert Adams," annotated entry, Frederick Douglass: A Life in Documents, Gilder Lehrman Institute (March 2018), 65-67
- "Can American Political Thought be a Resource for Improving Race Relations in the U.S.?" University of Missouri, Discussant, *Starting Points*-online journal (February 1. 2017)
- "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
- "The Separation of Ownership and Control in Modern Corporations: Shareholder Democracy or Shareholder Republic?" 63 Washington and Lee Law Review 1593-98 (2006)
- "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/ Encyclopedia Entries, 1996-2023

- "The Dream and the Nightmare," *The State of Black America: Progress, Pitfalls, and the Promise of the Republic*, W.B. Allen, ed., book review, in *Claremont Review of Books* (Summer **2023**), 18-20
- Knowing Him by Heart: African Americans on Abraham Lincoln, Fred Lee Hord and Matthew Norman, eds., Civil War Book Review (Spring 2023), 3 pages
- Lincoln in Private," Ronald C. White, in Journal of American Political Thought (Fall 2022). 592-96
- "Overcoming the House Divided," *The Black Man's President*, Michael Burlingame, and *A House Built by Slaves*, Jonathan W. White, book reviews, in *Claremont Review of Books* (Spring 2022), 62-64
- 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 'l 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, "Law & Liberty," 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

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)

Lectures and Conferences

Civic Spirit-Hillel International, New York Historical Society (August 2, 2023)

Lecture: "Frederick Douglass: The Making of an American"

2018-2023

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (July 26, 2023)

Lecture: "Lincoln, Race, and the Future of Freedom in America"

LeFrak Forum, Michigan State University, (March 22, 2023)

Lecture: "Frederick Douglass: The Making of an American"

Heritage Foundation (February 28, 2023)

Lecture: "Frederick Douglass: The Making of an American"

Matthew J. Ryan Center, Villanova University, Villanova, PA (February 23, 2023)

Lecture: "Lincoln and the American Founding"

Historic Christ Church, Irvington. VA (February 16, 2023)

Lecture: "Lincoln, the Founding, and an America Worth Saving"

Hampton Roads Academy, Newport News, VA (February 15, 2023)

Lecture: "Lincoln, the Founding, and an America Worth Saving"

Constitutional Studies Forum, University of Nebraska-Omaha (November 10, 2022)

Panel Presentation: "Lincoln on Liberty, Union, and the Constitution"

University of Virginia, Program for Constitutionalism and Democracy

Guest Lecture: "Frederick Douglass and the Constitution" (October 14, 2022)

Frederick Douglass Leadership Seminar, Hillsdale College-Kirby Center, DC (July 12-13, 2022)

Guest Lectures (2): Frederick Douglass and Ralph Ellison for high school students from various states.

Summer Institute, American Enterprise Institute (June 20, 2022)

Guest lecture: "Frederick Douglass: The Making of an American"

National Review Institute (June 1, 2022)

Guest Lecture: 90-minute webinar on Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass

Center for the Study of Liberal Democracy. University of Wisconsin-Madison (September 22, 2022)

Constitution Day Speaker: "Lincoln, the Founding, and an America Worth Saving"

American University, Washington, DC (May 24, 2022)

Guest Lecture (online): "Catching Up with Ralph Ellison: 'The Blackness of Blackness'"

St. John's College, Santa Fe, NM (May 4, 2022)

Lecture: "Lincoln and the America Founding"

Discussion Leader: Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address

Florida High School Teachers Civics Certification. Florida Department of Education (April 28, 2022)

Taped lectures (3) on "Declaration of Independence and Slavery Compromises of Constitution"

Community Fellowship Church, Community Fellowship Church, Staunton, VA. (April 24, 2022)

Lecture: "Critical Race Theory"

Student Association for Black Unity, Alumni Event, Washington and Lee University (March 4, 2022)

Presenter: Academic freedom and Frederick Douglass

University of Nevada-Las Vegas, University of Nevada-Las Vegas, (February 23, 2022)

Lecture, "Frederick Douglass: The Making of an American"

Union League of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA. (February 11, 2022)

Lincoln Day Lecture: "Lincoln, the Founding, and an America Worth Saving"

President's Day Webinar, Ashbrook Center, Ashland, OH (February 15, 2021)

Webinar: "What Made Abraham Lincoln a Great President?"

President's Day Lecture, Kinder Institute, University of Missouri (February 12, 2021)

Lecture: "Lincoln, the Founding, and the Challenge of Self-Government"

Black History Month Address. The King's College, New York (February 11, 2021)

Lecture: "Frederick Douglass: The Making of an American"

Black History Month Lecture. James Madison Program. Princeton University (February 9, 2021)

Lecture: "Ralph Ellison: The Black American Novel as Cultural Commentary"

Cabinet Conversations, Ford's Theatre, Washington, DC (January 27, 2021)

Co-Discussant (with Prof. Kate Masur): "In Lincoln's Words: Inaugural Addresses"

Scholar Talks, Bill of Rights Institute, Washington, DC (January 21, 2021)

Interview: "Abraham Lincoln's Political Philosophy"

"Race, Justice, and Leadership in America" Lecture Series, School of Civic and Economic Thought and Leadership, Arizona State University (November 16, 2020)

Lecture: "Lincoln, Race, and the Fragile American Republic"

Prejudice, Discrimination, & Anti-racism Lecture Series, Washington and Lee University (Nov. 8, 2020)

Panelist: "Statues and Monuments"

"Community or Disunity?" Lecture Series. Benson Center for the Study of Western Civilization.

University of Colorado-Boulder (October 27, 2020)

Lecture: "The 1619 Project: A Missed Opportunity"

McConnell Center, University of Louisville, Kentucky (October 19, 2020)

Lecture: "Frederick Douglass: The Making of an American"

Mary and James Beaumont Endowed Lincoln Legacy Lecture Series. Center for Lincoln Studies.

University of Illinois-Springfield (October 14, 2020)

Lecture: "Lincoln and the American Political Tradition"

"Critical Conversations," Hamilton Forum, Middlebury College (October 1, 2020)

Debate: "1619 or 1776: Was America Founded on Slavery"

John Marshall International Center for the Study of Statesmanship. Univ of Richmond (Sept. 25, 2020)

Conference Panelist: "Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln: Champions of Free Speech"

Constitution Day, The College of the Holy Cross (September 17, 2020)

Lecture: "Lincoln and the American Founding"

William F. Buckley, Jr. Program, Yale University (September 16, 2020)

Lecture: "The 1619 Project: A Missed Opportunity"

Hillel Civic Engagement Speaker Series. Washington and Lee University (September 10, 2020)

Lecture: "Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln: Champions of Free Speech"

Washington and Lee University Alumni Gathering. Washington. DC (February 22, 2020)

Guest Lecture: "Lincoln and the American Founding"

Ashbrook Scholars Colloquium, Ashland University (February 7, 2020)

Lecture: "Malcolm X: From Apolitical Acolyte to Political Prophet"

Ashbrook Center/Ashland University, Flagstaff, AZ (October 31-November 2, 2019)

Moderator: Seminar on Lincoln and the American Founding w/Ashbrook Center Graduate Faculty

Ashbrook Center/Ashland University. Washington. DC (October 26, 2019)

Discussion Leader: Seminar on Lincoln and the American Founding at the NY Presbyterian Church,

Washington, DC (where Abraham Lincoln rented a family pew as president)

Constitution Day Panel. Washington and Lee University (September 17, 2019)

Organizer and panelist: "The 1619 Project, the Spirit of '76, and the U.S. Constitution"

American Political Science Association-Annual Convention. Washington. DC (August 31, 2019)

Discussant: "Identity and Political Correctness in American Political Thought"

Institute for Responsible Citizenship, Washington, DC (July 23, 2019)

"Liberty, Individuality, and Responsibility in the Writings of Frederick Douglass, Booker Tale 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)

Mercer University, Macon, Georgia (November 13, 2017)

Lecture: "Frederick Douglass on Race. Liberty, and the American Creed"

Ashland University, Masters of American History and Government (July 16, 2017)

Plenary Session Lecture: "Frederick Douglass on Race, Liberty, and the American Creed"

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"

University of Virginia. Program for Constitutionalism and Democracy

Lecture: "Frederick Douglass on Race, Liberty, and the American Creed" (March 27, 2017)

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"

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

Panelist: "We Have Taken the Measure of Donald Trump—the Next 4 Years Will Take Ours"

"Thinkin' Like Lincoln," Kendal at Lexington, VA (October 19, October 26, and November 2, 2016)

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

Princeton University, James Madison Program (September 29, 2016)

Panelist: Book Panel on the Princeton Pre-Read of Our Declaration by Danielle Allen

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

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

Institute for Responsible Citizenship, Washington, DC, Alumni Reunion (June 26, 2016)

Keynote Lecture: "Trusting Our Principles: The Challenge of Racial Exceptionalism"

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

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

Princeton University, James Madison Program. "Lincoln and American Statesmanship" Conference.

(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"

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

Lecture, "Lincoln, the Founding, and the Preservation of America"

National Archives. Washington. DC (February 18, 2016)

Panel Discussant, "The Relevance of Lincoln"

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

Guest lecture, "Causes of the Civil War"

Northern Illinois University, Tocqueville Forum—Reflecting on Race (November 19, 2015)

Lecture: "Lincoln. the Founding, and the Preservation of America"

2016

2017

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

Ashland University, Masters of American History and Government (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 DC. Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Library, Washington, DC (January 5, 2013)

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

President Lincoln's Cottage at the Soldiers' Home, Washington, DC (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 Princeton University, James Madison Program, "Natural Law, Natural Rights, and the American

Republic" Conference (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 (November 20, 2009)

Lecture: "War and Remembrance in Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address"

Eastern University, PA. "The Last Best Hope of Earth: A Symposium on the Bicentennial of Abraham

Lincoln's Birth" (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"

The Lincoln Group of DC (January 16, 2007)

Lecture: "Lincoln. God, and Emancipation"

2006

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

Lecture: "Ralph Ellison, Race, and the American Novel"

Rochester Institute of Technology, NY, "Living in Tocqueville's America" Conference (Oct. 28, 2006)

Lecture: "Tocqueville and Ellison on Race and Belonging"

Hillsdale College. Dreamers Camp (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"

North Carolina State University, Park Scholarships Speaker Series (January 17, 2006)

Lecture: "Ralph Ellison and the Civil Rights Movement"

Kiwanis Club, Lexington, VA (November 29, 2005) 2005

Lecture: "To Be a Constitutional People"

Knox College, Galesburg, IL. Lincoln Studies Center (September 16, 2005)

Lecture: "Frederick Douglass's Emancipation of Abraham Lincoln"

Grand Valley State University, Hauenstein Center, Religion and the Presidency" (Nov. 18-19, 2004)

Paper, "Lincoln's Political Religion and Religious Politics"

Philadelphia Society, Fall Meeting, "Black History and Conservative Principles" (Oct. 1-2, 2004) 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"

Illinois College, Inaugural Symposium, "Religion & the American Civil War" (April 15-16, 2004)

Paper, "Lincoln's Political Religion & Religious Politics"

Lincoln Club of Delaware, Wilmington, DE, 75th Annual Lincoln Dinner (February 12, 2004)

Keynote Address: "Frederick Douglass's Emancipation of Abraham Lincoln"

Southern Illinois University Law School, "Affirmative Action After the Michigan Decision:

A Conversation" (November 18, 2003)

2003

Paper, "The Diversity of American Individualism: Doing Justice to Human Equality and Liberty"

University of Chicago. "Lincoln and Democracy in America" Conference (May 9-11, 2003)

Lecture: "Lincoln and the Challenge of American Republicanism"

Abraham Lincoln Institute of the Mid-Atlantic Symposium, Library of Congress, DC (March 22, 2003)

Lecture: "Frederick Douglass's Emancipation of Abraham Lincoln"

Hillsdale College. "Economic Theories and Controversies" Conference (February 2-7, 2003)

Lecture: "Locke, Lincoln, and American Capitalism"

7th Annual Lincoln Forum Symposium. Gettysburg, PA (November 16-19, 2002) 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"

Co-teacher: "A House Divided: The Constitutional Crisis of the Civil War." May 12, 2021

Discussion Leader: Martin Luther King, Jr., "Letter from a Birmingham Jail," April 21, 2021

Discussion Leader: "Abraham Lincoln: Philosopher Statesman" (3 sessions). April 10. 2021

Discussion Leader: "American Mind: Frederick Douglass," March 31. 2021

Co-teacher: "Emancipation Proclamation," March 17, 2021

Co-teacher: "Lincoln's Fragment on the Constitution and Union," January 16, 2021

Co-teacher: Civil War and Reconstruction (2 sessions), May 16, 2020

Co-teacher: "Ralph Ellison," May 2, 2020

Ashbrook Student Scholars Program, "Ralph Ellison," Ashland University. February 8, 2020

Co-teacher: "Lincoln, Fragment on the Constitution and Union," January 22, 2020

Co-teacher: "Frederick Douglass," January 11, 2020

Co-teacher: "Martin Luther King Jr. vs. Malcolm X," April 6, 2019

Co-teacher: "Abraham Lincoln vs. Stephen Douglas," December 1, 2018

Co-teacher: "Frederick Douglass cf. William Lloyd Garrison," November 10. 2018

Co-teacher: "Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, and Marcus Garvey." April 18, 2018

Co-teacher: "Letter from a Birmingham Jail," February 15, 2017 (62 high school teachers)

Co-teacher: "Dred Scott v. Sandford," October 15, 2016 (100 teachers)

Co-teacher: "American Presidents: Abraham Lincoln," December 12, 2015 (40-50 teachers)

Co-teacher: "Was the Constitution Pro-Slavery or Anti-Slavery?" October 25, 2014 (60 teachers)

Lead Teacher: "Slavery and the Civil War," February 22, 2014 (80-100 teachers)

Master of American History and Government, John M. Ashbrook Center. Ashland University

"Great American Texts: Ralph Ellison" (July 11-16, 2021; July 14-19, 2019)

"Sectionalism & Civil War": 2-credit seminar for high school teachers (2002-06, 2011, 2021)

"Civil War & Reconstruction": Co-instructor (Summers: 2008-10, 2012-16, 2020)

"The Great Triumvirate," John C. Calhoun lectures: Co-instructor (April 2020)

"Civil War Literature": Co-instructor (July 7-12, 2019)

"Great American Texts: Lincoln" (July 15-20, 2018 and July 16-21, 2017)

"History and Literature: Race and Equality": Co-instructor (July 11-13, 2018; July 11-14, 2017)

"Civil War & Reconstruction": Co-instructor, week-long seminar (2008-10; 2012-16)

"Race & Equality in America": Week-long seminar, high school teachers (2022; co-instructor, 2003-12)

"Lincoln & the Civil War": Weekend seminar instructor for high school teachers (March 8, 1998) [formerly NEH Summer Institutes, "Teaching American History"]

Bill of Rights Institute, High School Teacher Workshop, Wichita, KS (June 8-10, 2018)

Discussion Leader: Frederick Douglass's speeches and writings; 16 history teachers

Liberty Fund/Ashbrook Center Colloquium, Springfield, IL

Discussion Leader: Lincoln, Slavery, and the Constitution (Oct. 12-14, 2018; Oct. 13-15, 2017;

April 1-3, 2016; May 29-31, 2015; Jan. 30-Feb. 2, 2015; Dec. 5-7, 2014; March 1-3, 2013)

Liberty Fund/McConnell Center (University of Louisville, KY), Cincinnati, OH

Discussion Leader: Lincoln, Slavery, and the Constitution (Feb. 1-4, 2018; Jan. 30-Feb. 2, 2014)

Ashland University, Saturday Seminar, Ashbrook Center

Discussion Leader: Lincoln's speeches and writings

Palm Beach, FL (Feb. 25, 2017); Ford's Theatre, Washington, DC (Jan. 16, 2016);

Ashland, OH (April 25, 2015); and Escambia, FL (August 29, 2015)

Christopher Newport University, Workshop on American Representative Government (July 29, 2017)

Seminar Leader: Representative Government in Theory and Practice

Lincoln Cottage, Washington, DC, Alleghany Foundation/Ashbrook Center Colloquium

Discussion Leader: Lincoln, Slavery, and the Constitution (April 29-May 1, 2016)

"Teaching American History Workshop," Gilder-Lehrman Institute/Wichita, KS Public Schools

Discussion Leader: Reconstruction, 2 sessions, high school teachers (December 12, 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)

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

The American Idea (Zoom) podcast, Ashbrook Center, Ashland University (January 16, 2023) Interview: "American? Or Victim of America? Dr. Martin Luther King. Jr and Malcolm X"

& Podcasts

Guest Commentator: "Warning Signs: Lincoln's Response to Rising Tensions in the 1850s" (Fall 2022)

Documentary commissioned by the Lincoln Presidential Foundation

Northeast Public Radio-"The Best of Our Knowledge" (July 2, 2022)

Interview: "Professors and Free Speech"

Gilder Lehrman Institute (December 11, 2022)

"Book Breaks: Author Interview about Lincoln and the American Founding"

The American Idea (Zoom) podcast, Ashbrook Center, Ashland University (June 16, 2022)

Interview: "Ralph Ellison, Juneteenth, and the Connection between Literature, Culture, and Politics"

The American Idea (Zoom) podcast, Ashbrook Center, Ashland University (February 21, 2022)

President's Day Webinar: "Can We Save America? Reflections on Lincoln"

National Archives, Online webcast (February 17, 2022)

Interviewer: "His Greatest Speeches: Interview of Diana Schaub, Author"

"Driving It Home" with Patti Vasquez (WCPT 820 am, Chicago) (November 28, 2022)

Interview: "Abraham Lincoln and Warning Signs in the 1850s"

Northeast Public Radio-"The Best of Our Knowledge" (July 2, 2022)

Interview: "Professors and Free Speech"

Four Score Speaker Series, Lincoln Presidential Foundation, Chicago, IL (May 18, 2022)

Interview: "Lincoln and the American Founding"

Federalist Society (February 21, 2022)

Guest Commentator: "Image of an American: Frederick Douglass and the Right to Vote"

Free Mind Podcast, Benson Center, University of Colorado-Boulder, CO (September 14, 2021)

Interview: "The Life and Writings of Frederick Douglass"

"The American Idea Podcast, Ashbrook Center, Ashland University, OH (September 22, 2021) Interview: "Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address"

"We the People" Podcast, National Constitution Center, Philadelphia, PA (September 17, 2021)

Panel Presenter: "The Legacy of the American Founding"

Bill of Rights Institute, Washington, DC (September 7, 2021)

Interview: Ralph Ellison's Invisible Man

Public Discourse: The Journal of the Witherspoon Institute (online) (August 28, 2021)

Interview: "Fighting for Free Speech on Campus: A Conversation with Lucas Morel"

"The American Idea" Podcast. Ashbrook Center, Ashland University, Ohio (August 25, 2021)

Interview: "What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?"

"We the People" Podcast, National Constitution Center, Philadelphia, PA (June 19, 2021)

Panelist: "Juneteenth"

Liberty Matters-online journal (Liberty Fund, July 2021)

Commentator: "Understanding Jefferson: Slavery, Race, and the Declaration of Independence"

The Jimmy Sensenberger Show (710 KNS) (July 5, 2021)

Guest commentator: "The Declaration of Independence and Frederick Douglass

Academic Freedom Alliance (March 11, 2021)

Panelist: AFA Organizational Launch

Seth Leibsohn Radio Show (February 12, 2021)

Guest commentator: "Why Lincoln Still Matters"

America's Town Hall, National Constitution Center, Philadelphia, PA (November 23, 2020)

Podcast and C-SPAN Broadcast: Guest Commentator, "Shakespeare and the Making of America"

July 2010-June 2013 Fall 2013-Spring 2016

Director, Institute for Honor, Washington and Lee University

Faculty: Sabbatical Research Support, Washington and Lee University (2020-21)

Lenfest Summer Research, Washington & Lee (2000, 2002, 2008-2011, 2013-15, 2017, 2019-20, 2022)

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

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 (2010-2018)

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

Abraham Lincoln Institute, Board Member (current); President (2009-11) and Vice President (2008-09); Legacy Award Committee Chair (2019-21)

Academic Freedom Alliance, Founding Member and Chair, Academic Committee (2021-present)

American Political Science Association (current)

C-SPAN 2021 Historians Survey-Presidential Leadership (June 2021)

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, Gilder-Lehrman Institute (chair, 2014-15; 2013-14; 2008-09)

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

Master of Arts in American History & Government Advisory Board, Ashland University (2005-2018)

National Archives, Washington, DC, Scholarly Board of Advisors (May 30, 2023 & July 19, 2022):

Several-hour Zoom meetings to discuss content and display of archived material from American history in preparation for 2026 to commemorate America's 250th anniversary.

Nau Book Prize Committee, John L. Nau III Center for Civil War History (2021)

Omicron Delta Kappa, Voting Faculty Member (2017-21); ad hoc committee, review of chapter rituals (fall 2017)

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

U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission: various committees (2017-present)

Washington and Lee University:

Advisory/Tenure & Promotion Committee (Aug. 2021-Jan. 2022; Aug. 2019-May 2020)

Africana Studies Program, Core Faculty (current)

Courses and Degrees Committee (Fall 2009-Spring 2012)