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6th Annual Teacher's Symposium Pillars of Statesmanship, June 8-11, 2023

At Freedom's Foundation, Valley Forge Pennsylvania

Accommodations, Travel, and Reading Details.

Freedoms Foundation <https://www.freedomsfoundation.org/>, located at historic Valley Forge Pennsylvania, has its own beautiful campus next to the national park. The closest airport is Philadelphia. Freedoms Foundation is about a forty- minute drive from the airport.

Participants are responsible for flight and travel to and from the event. However, in order to help you avoid uber and taxi charges, we are considering renting a Van to shuttle participants to and from the Philly Airport to Freedoms Foundation. Please let my assistant Ms. Shellman cls3740@rit.edu know what time your flight is arriving and if you need a van. Reading materials, accommodations, and all meals at Freedoms Foundation will be provided by the Center of Statesmanship to all participations. If possible, plan on arriving on Thursday before 5pm. There will be a \$100.00 penalty for cancelled room reservations. Reading materials will include a pdf posted on this website and Dr. Fornieri's *American Statesmanship* book, which will be mailed to participants from Notre Dame Press once their registration is confirmed. Please send Ms. Shellman cls3740@rit.edu the best address to ship the book. Further information about specific room assignments and check-in will be forthcoming after your registration is confirmed by replying to this e-mail with your address and a reply about whether or not you will need a Van service to and from airport.

The Symposium will be conducted as a guided seminar based on conversation and discussion of primary texts. Participants are asked to do the readings and to prepare questions in advance. We will also consider how these texts may be used in your classroom.

Schedule

Thursday June 8th.

- **Arrival: AM—try to arrive by 4:00pm Check-In.**
- **6:00: Introductory Remarks.**
- **6: 30: Dinner.**
- **7: 30: mix and mingle.**

Friday June: 9: The Three Pillars of American Statesmanship.

- **8:00am Breakfast**
- **Session 1: 9:00-10: 30: What is Statesmanship and how can we teach it?**
 - Joe Fornieri, Professor of Political Science, Director of CSLL
 - Readings:
 - *American Statesmanship, Principles and Practice of Leadership.*
Read Introduction, pp. 1-9 and Chapter 1: Washington; Chapter 12: Lincoln; and Chapter 13: Douglass.
- **Session 2: 10: 45-12:15: Washington: Revolution and Constitution.**
 - Tony Williams, Bill of Rights Teaching Fellow and Washington scholar
<https://billofrightsinstitute.org/people/tony-williams>
 - “Circular Letter to the States, June 1783.”
 - “First Inaugural Address, April 30, 1789.”
 - “To the Hebrew Congregation in Newport, August 18, 1790.”
- **12: 30 – 1: 30 Lunch:**

- **Session 3: 2: 30-4:00: Washington’s Statesmanship: The Presidency.**
 - Tony Williams
 - “The Farewell Address, 1796”

- **Session 4: 4: 15- 5: 45: Frederick Douglass: Reform Leadership.**
 - Joe Fornieri
 - Fornieri, *Frederick Douglass, the Columbian Orator and the 1619 Project*
 - *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave* (Selections)
 - “Change of Opinion Announced, 1851”
 - “What to the Slave is the Fourth of July, 1852”
 - “The Constitution of the United States, Is it Proslavery or Antislavery?, 1860”

- **Dinner: 6:00**

Saturday June 10: Lincoln, Douglass and the Civil War.

- **8am: Breakfast**

- ***9-11: Tour of Valley Forge***
 - **Led by Jeff Scott, Vice President of Education at Freedoms Foundation**

- **11: 30-12:30 Lunch**

- **Session 5: 1: 00 - 2: 30: Lincoln's Statesmanship.**
 - "Peoria Address, 1854"
 - "Cooper Union Address, 1860"
 - "Fragment on the Apple of Gold and the Picture of Silver, 1861"
 - "First Inaugural Address, 1861"
 - "Gettysburg Address, 1863"

- **Session 6: 3: -4:30 Douglass on Lincoln.**
 - "The President, 1861"
 - "The Inaugural, 1861"
 - "Mission of the War, 1862"
 - "Oration in Memory of Abraham Lincoln, 1876"
 - "Eulogy on Abraham Lincoln, June 1, 1885"

- **5-6pm: Classroom Application.**
 - Presented by lead teachers:
 - Amy Caldeira, Billings Montana
 - Georgette Hackman Lancaster Pennsylvania.

- **6: 15: pm Dinner**

- **7:30: Live Music?**

No Programming on Sunday June 11th so teachers can get back home.