



**Annual Undergraduate Program in the American Polity
March 31-April 1, 2017**

Colgate University

**Sponsored by the Alexander Hamilton Institute for the Study of Western
Civilization and Colgate's Center for Freedom and Western Civilization**

Event Schedule:

Friday, March 31

Afternoon: arrival and check-in at Wendt University Inn, 175 Utica St, Hamilton, NY 13346

5:30: Reception, Parlor Room at the Colgate inn

6:00: Dinner

Parlor Room, Colgate Inn, 1 Payne Street, Hamilton, NY 13346

8:00: **Keynote Address:**

Professor Michael Zuckert, University of Notre Dame (see bio below)

“Thinkin’ About Lincoln: On Democratic Statesmanship”

Parlor Room, Colgate Inn, 1 Payne Street, Hamilton, NY 13346

*Students should come to the conference having read two documents.

Abraham Lincoln’s Second Inaugural Address, originally delivered on March 4, 1865.

This speech can be found here:

<http://www.bartleby.com/124/pres32.html>

Also read the lyrics to “The Battle Hymn of the Republic”, available here:

<http://www.civilwar.org/education/history/on-the-homefront/culture/music/the-battle-hymn-of-the-republic/the-battle-hymn-of-the.html?referrer=https://www.google.com/>

Saturday, April 1

8:30: coffee, continental breakfast, Case-Geyer Library Room 560 (Batza Meeting Room), Colgate University

8:45-10:30

Panel #1, Batza Meeting Room, Case-Geyer Library

Elizabeth Barry, Hamilton College

**Changing Notions of Republic: The Rise of the Anti-Masonic Movement in Early
Nineteenth Century America**

Austin Felix Croom, Liberty University

**“Cary’s Rebellion, The Tuscorora War, and the Interdependence of the Southern
Colonies”**



Anna Pluff, Colgate University

"Natural Morality and Justice: The Case against Conventionalism in Thomas Jefferson's Letters"

Dylan Quinn, Skidmore College

"A Resistance to Revolution: The Nuanced Lockean Position of James Otis"

Commentator: Dr. David Frisk, Resident Fellow, Alexander Hamilton Institute
10:30-11:00: Break

11:00-12:30
Panel #2, Batza Meeting Room

Erez Binyamin, Rochester Institute of Technology

"The Gorgias and the Battle between Philosophy and Rhetoric"

William Ardery, Hamilton College

"Abraham Lincoln's Rhetoric of Qualification"

Scott Levinson, Colgate University

"The Judicial Statesmanship of Chief Justice John Roberts: Upholding the Individual Mandate in NFIB v. Sebelius"

Commentator: Dr. Joseph Fornieri, Department of Political Science, Rochester Institute of Technology
12:30-2:00: Lunch at Merrill House, Colgate University

2:00-3:30
Panel #3, Batza Meeting Room, Case-Geyer Library

Abbie Burnett, Texas Tech University

"Love is Love is Love is Love: Why the Supreme Court's Ruling on Gay Marriage Is Constitutional"

Samantha Rosensweig, Colgate University

"The Path to Coexistence of Sharia Law"

Clark Perkins, Colgate University

"Reformulating the American Policy Approach to the Islamic State: Long-term Considerations, Counterinsurgency Lessons, and Establishing a Counternarrative in Syria"

Commentator: Dr. Rob L'Arrivee, Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, Colgate University

3:30-6:30 Free Time



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6:30: Dinner and Directed Discussion with Professor Zuckert
Parlor Room, Colgate Inn

Sunday, April 2

Depart at your convenience

Keynote Speaker: Michael Zuckert is the Nancy R. Dreux Professor of Political Science at the University of Notre Dame. He works in the two fields of Political Theory and Constitutional Studies, in both of which he has published extensively. He has published *Natural Rights and the New Republicanism*, the *Natural Rights Republic*, *Launching Liberalism*, and (with Catherine Zuckert) *The Truth About Leo Strauss and Leo Strauss and the Problem of Political Philosophy* in addition to many articles. He has also edited (with Derek Webb) *The Antifederal Writings of the Melancton Smith Circle*. He is currently completing *Natural rights and the New Constitutionalism*, a study of American constitutionalism in theoretical context, as well as *The Constitutional Science of James Madison* and *A Nation so Conceived: Abraham Lincoln and the Problem of Democratic Sovereignty*.