

**Event Schedule**  
**Annual Undergraduate Conference on the American Polity (April 1-2)**

***Friday, April 1***

Afternoon: Arrival and check-in at Courtyard Saratoga Springs, 11 Excelsior Avenue, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

5:30 PM: Reception

6:00 PM: Dinner Location: Payne Room, Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery, Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

***8:00 PM: Keynote Speaker: Professor Diana Schaub, Loyola University: “Learning to Love Lincoln: Frederick Douglass’s Journey from Grievance to Gratitude.”\****  
***Location: Davis Auditorium, Palamountain Hall, Skidmore College***

\*Students should come to the conference having read two documents:

1. [Frederick Douglass’s Oration in Memory of Abraham Lincoln originally delivered on April 14, 1876.](#)
2. [Chapter 17, “The Last Flogging,” from Douglass’s autobiography, \*My Bondage and My Freedom.\*](#)

***Saturday, April 2***

8:30AM: Coffee, continental breakfast, Payne Room, Tang Teaching Museum

Panel commentators: AHI Charter Fellow Doug Ambrose and Resident Fellow David Frisk

**9:00-10:30AM: Panel #1, Payne Room, Tang Teaching Museum**

- Emily Mangan, Skidmore College: “Tocqueville on the Democratic Intellect”
- Matthew Bristol, Skidmore College: “Retreat with Honor: LBJ’s Decision not to Run in 1968”
- Drew Hoffmaster, Texas Tech University: “Donald Trump’s Party: An Analysis of the Trump Candidacy”

10:30-11:00AM: Break

**11:00AM-12:30PM: Panel #2, Payne Room, Tang Teaching Museum**

- Owen Smitherman, Princeton University: “Leadership, Slavery and the Civil War”
- Michael Adamo, Hamilton College: “Anti-Capitalism and Paternalism in Pro-Slavery Thought”
- Tim Rice, College of the Holy Cross: “Refreshing the Founding: Mercy Otis Warren and a New Approach to Early American History”

12:30-2:00PM: Lunch at Skidmore’s Dining Hall

**2:00-3:30PM: Panel #3, Payne Room, Tang Teaching Museum**

- Jack Schreuer, Skidmore College: “Jeffersonian and Hamiltonian Constitutionalism”
- Savannah Barksdale, Texas Tech University: “Comparing the United States and Texas Constitutions”
- Dimitri Halikias, Yale University: “The Democratic Thought of the Anti-Federalists”
- Julie Nelson, Baylor University: “A Foundational Consideration: Why Religion Should be Treated as Special”

6:30PM: Dinner and Directed Discussion with Professor Schaub, Payne Room, Tang Teaching Museum