The Jepson Colloquium: How Can We Make Our Democracy Work?

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Monday, June 3

6:30 p.m. Shuttle departs the Embassy Suites Hotel
7 p.m. Optional pre-conference dinner at Pasture Restaurant, 416 E. Grace Street

Tuesday, June 4

7:50 a.m. Shuttle departs the Embassy Suites Hotel
8 a.m. Continental breakfast, Weinstein Hall, Brown-Alley Room
8:30 a.m. Opening Presentation
Melody C. Barnes, University of Virginia, and Thad Williamson, University of Richmond: Becoming the American Community We Should Be – But Have Never Been

9 a.m. Session I: Racial Injustice and American Democracy
Lawrie Balfour, University of Virginia: Repairing U.S. Democracy?
Corey Walker, University of Richmond: Paideia, Politics, and the People: Deep Democracy and the New Urban Commons
10:45 a.m. Break

11 a.m. Session II: Democratic Theory, I: Accountability and Institutional Reform
Kenneth Ruscio, University of Richmond: Achieving Accountability – Or Not – In Contemporary Times
Jason S. Maloy, University of Louisiana-Lafayette: Ranking Ballots and Constitutional Juries: Institutional Reforms for Further Democratization in America

12:30 p.m. Lunch

1:30 p.m. Session III. Political-Economic Paradigms for a Democratic Future
Peggy Kohn, University of Toronto: Community Wealth Building: Lessons from Italy

3:15 p.m. Break

3:30 p.m. Session IV. Race, Gender, Politics
Nicholas Winter, University of Virginia: Gendered Partisan Polarization
Ravi K. Perry, Virginia Commonwealth University: Targeted Universalism and Capacity Building in Urban Communities: Racial Discourse and Policy Rhetoric as Harmony

5 p.m. Break

6 p.m. Shuttle departs campus for Mekong Restaurant, 6004 West Broad Street

Wednesday, June 5

7:50 a.m. Shuttle departs the Embassy Suites Hotel
8 a.m. Continental breakfast, Weinstein Hall, Brown-Alley Room

8:30 a.m. Session V. Democratic Theory and Action, II
Richard Dagger, University of Richmond: A Place to Call Home? Property, Freedom, and the Commonwealth
Julian M. Hayter, University of Virginia: “Many New Barriers”: Democracy and Resistance to the Voting Rights Act of 1965

10 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. Session VI. Putting Community Wealth Building into Practice
Risha Berry, Virginia Commonwealth University: Identifying Structural Racism as a Barrier to Community Wealth Building
Barbara Brown Wilson, University of Virginia, and Meghan Gough, Virginia Commonwealth University: The University as Anchor Institution for Community Wealth Building: A Comparison of UVA and VCU

12 p.m. Closing Discussion: Reconsidering CWB as Paradigm for Healing and Reconstructing American Democracy
1 p.m. Lunch
2 p.m. Close of conference