THE JOHN MARSHALL INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF STATESMANSHP

JAMES MADISON AS “FATHER OF THE CONSTITUTION”?

discussion leader

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May 16 – 18, 2019
Thursday, May 16

4:30 p.m. James Madison as “Father of the Constitution”? presentation by Lynn Uzzell, Jepson Hall, Room 118

6 p.m. Reception and dinner

Friday, May 17

8:15 – 8:45 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast available

8:45 – 10 a.m. Welcome and Session I

Is there a “James Madison Problem”? Madison on Federalism and States’ Rights

- Reading packet, pp. 1-29 and 48-60

10 – 10:15 a.m. Break

10:15 – 11:30 a.m. Session II

Madison on Constitutional Interpretation, Part 1
The Ambiguity of Language and the Constitution as Popular Will

- Reading packet, pp. 83-98 and 107-113

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Lunch

12:30 – 2:15 p.m. Guests are invited to take a private tour of John Marshall House downtown

2:30 – 3:45 p.m. Session III

Madison on Constitutional Interpretation, Part 2
The “Necessary and Proper” and “General Welfare” Clauses

- Reading packet, pp. 117-132 and 147-155

3:45 – 4 p.m. Break

4 – 5:15 p.m. Session IV

Madison as Divider of Factions and Unifier of First Political Party

- Reading packet, pp. 167, 181-85, 198-205, 219

6 p.m. Dinner
Saturday, May 18

8:45 – 9 a.m. Continental breakfast available

9 – 10:15 a.m. Session V

Madison and Slavery

- Reading packet, pp. 240-43, 245-53
- Drew McCoy, Last of the Fathers, chapter 7, pp. 253-322 (optional)

10:15 – 10:30 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Session VI

Madison as Reluctant Architect of the Bill of Rights (With a Special Nod to Religious Freedom)

- Reading packet, pp. 257-75, 318-21

12 – 1 p.m. Lunch