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# SUMMIT SCHEDULE April 13 - 14

## FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2018

6:00 pm

### Opening Remarks

Hauenstein Center Director Gleaves Whitney

6:15 pm

8:15 pm

### After Identity Liberalism

Mark Lilla

Respondents: Patrick J. Deneen, Angela Dillard, Daniel McCarthy, and Karen Zivi

## SATURDAY, April 14, 2018

8:15 am

### Breakfast and Registration

9:00 am

10:00 am

### Civil Rights Conservatism

Angela Dillard

10:15 am

11:15 am

### Civic Confusion on Campus

Susan J. McWilliams

11:30 am

Lunch provided by the generosity of our donors.

12:30 pm

1:30 pm

### Haven in a Heartless World:

### Christopher Lasch's Democratic Hope

Eric Miller

1:30 pm

1:40 pm

### BREAK

1:45 pm

2:45 pm

### Teaching Critical Empathy in a

### Post-Truth, Pro-Feelings Age

Molly Worthen

2:45 pm

3:10 pm

### BREAK

3:15 pm

5:15 pm

### The Culture Wars, Revisited

Andrew Hartman

Respondents: Brian Domitrovic, Louis Moore, Michelle Nickerson, and John D. Wilsey

5:30pm

Dessert reception.

# Participants

Patrick J.  
Deneen



Patrick J. Deneen is the David A. Potenziani Memorial Associate Professor of Constitutional Studies at the University of Notre Dame. His latest book, *Why Liberalism Failed*, published by Yale University Press, has sparked conversation across the political spectrum. Professor Deneen is the author or editor of six additional books, including *Democratic Faith* and *The Odyssey of Political Theory*. As a graduate student, he won the Leo Strauss Award for Best Dissertation in Political Theory from the American Political Science Association.

Angela  
Dillard



Angela Dillard is Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts at the University of Michigan. She is also the Earl Lewis Collegiate Professor of Afroamerican and African Studies. Her first book, *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner Now? Multicultural Conservatism in America*, was among the first critical studies of conservative political thought among African Americans, Latinos, women, and homosexuals. Her second book, *Faith in the City: Preaching Radical Social Change in Detroit*, focuses on the interconnections of religion and political radicalism in Detroit from the 1930s to the 1960s.

Brian  
Domitrovic



Brian Domitrovic is Associate Professor of History at Sam Houston State University. A graduate of Columbia and Harvard, his interests lie at the intersection of modern intellectual and economic history. His first book, *Econoclasts*, is a history of supply-side economics. His second book, *The Pillars of Reaganomics*, is a collection of the work of economist Arthur Laffer. With Larry Kudlow, he co-authored *JFK and the Reagan Revolution*, published by Portfolio Penguin. During the 2015-16 academic term, he was the Visiting Scholar in Conservative Thought and Policy at the University of Colorado, Boulder.

## Andrew Hartman



Andrew Hartman, Professor of History at Illinois State University, was the founding president of the Society for U.S. Intellectual History. Professor Hartman is the author of *Education and the Cold War: The Battle for the American School*, published by Palgrave Macmillan, and *A War for the Soul of America: A History of the Culture Wars*, published by the University of Chicago Press, with a second edition forthcoming. His third book, tentatively titled *Karl Marx in America*, is also under contract with the University of Chicago Press.

## Mark Lilla



Mark Lilla is Professor of Humanities at Columbia University. He previously held professorships at New York University and the Committee on Social Thought at the University of Chicago. A regular contributor to *The New York Review of Books*, he recently wrote *The Once and Future Liberal: After Identity Politics*, published by HarperCollins. This book expands on a brief essay that became the most widely read opinion piece of 2016 in *The New York Times*, having been published in November of that year. A scholar of Western political and religious thought, Professor Lilla is the author or co-editor of six other books.

## Daniel McCarthy



Daniel McCarthy is Director of the Robert Novak Journalism Fellowship Program at the Fund for American Studies. He also serves as Editor of *Modern Age*. Previously, he served more than six years as Editor of *The American Conservative*. Outside of journalism, he served as an internet communications coordinator for the Ron Paul 2008 presidential campaign and as a senior editor for ISI Books. He is a graduate of Washington University in St. Louis, where he studied classics.

## Susan J. McWilliams



Susan J. McWilliams is Associate Professor of Politics at Pomona College, where she has twice won the Wig Award for Excellence in Teaching. She is the author of *Traveling Back: Toward a Global Political Theory*, published by Oxford University Press. Professor McWilliams is also the editor of *A Political Companion to James Baldwin*, published by the University Press of Kentucky. In 2014, she won both the Graves Award in the Humanities and a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship.

## Eric Miller



Eric Miller is Professor of History and Director of the Honors Program at Geneva College. He is the author of *Hope in a Scattering Time: A Life of Christopher Lasch*, published by Eerdmans, and *Glimpses of Another Land: Political Hopes, Spiritual Longing*, published by Cascade Books. With John Fea and Jay Green, he also co-edited *Confessing History: Explorations in Christian Faith and the Historian's Vocation*, published by the University of Notre Dame Press.

## Louis Moore



Louis Moore is Associate Professor of History and Coordinator of the African/African American Studies program at Grand Valley State University. He is the author of two books, including *I Fight for a Living: Boxing and the Battle for Black Manhood, 1880-1915*, published by the University of Illinois Press, and *We Will Win the Day: The Civil Rights Movement, the Black Athlete, and the Quest for Equality*, published by Praeger. His writing has appeared in *USA Today* and *Vox*, and he has been interviewed by National Public Radio.

## Michelle Nickerson



Michelle Nickerson is Associate Professor of History at Loyola University Chicago. She teaches courses on the history of women and gender, U.S. politics, social movements, and cities and suburbs, in addition to the Ramonat Seminar in American Catholic History and Culture. She is the author of *Mothers of Conservatism: Women and the Postwar Right*, published by Princeton University Press. With Darren Dochuk, she also co-edited a volume of essays titled *Sunbelt Rising: The Politics of Place, Space, and Region*, published by the University of Pennsylvania Press.

## John D. Wilsey



John D. Wilsey is Associate Professor of Church History at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was the 2017-2018 William E. Simon Visiting Fellow in Religion and Public Life at Princeton University, with the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions. He is the author of *One Nation Under God? An Evangelical Critique of Christian America*, published by Wipf & Stock, and *American Exceptionalism and Civil Religion: Reassessing the History of an Idea*, published by IVP Academic. Professor Wilsey also edited an abridged edition of Tocqueville's classic work, titled *Democracy in America: A New Abridgment for Students*, published by Lexham. He serves as Affiliate Scholar in Theology and History at the Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty.

## Molly Worthen



Molly Worthen is Assistant Professor of History at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her research focuses on North American religious and intellectual history, particularly the ideas and culture of conservative Christianity. Her most recent book, *Apostles of Reason: The Crisis of Authority in American Evangelicalism*, published by Oxford University Press, examines American evangelical intellectual life since 1945. Professor Worthen is also a contributing opinion writer for *The New York Times*. She has written about religion and politics for *The New Yorker*, *Slate*, *The American Prospect*, *Foreign Policy*, and other publications.

## Karen Zivi



Karen Zivi is Associate Professor of Political Science in the Frederik Meijer Honors College at Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Michigan, where she teaches courses on human rights and feminist politics. She is the author of *Making Rights Claims: A Practice of Democratic Citizenship*, published by Oxford University Press, and her recent research on human rights and performative politics can be found in the *Journal of Human Rights* and *Philosophy and Rhetoric*. She is an editor at *Contemporary Political Theory* and serves on the editorial board of *Citizenship Studies*. She also serves as Board Chair for the Progressive Women's Alliance of West Michigan, an all volunteer, women-led, nonpartisan PAC.