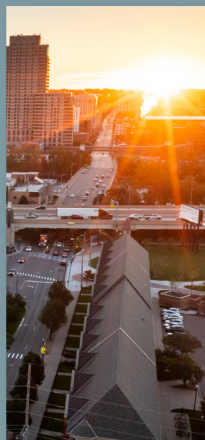


THE HAUENSTEIN CENTER FOR PRESIDENTIAL STUDIES

AT GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

PROGRAM GUIDE

EMPOWERED CITIZENSHIP



FALL 2023





EVENT SCHEDULE

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Common Ground Initiative

September 7 | 7 pm* | L.V. Eberhard Center

Eric Liu and Victor Davis Hanson

Power is central to the concept of citizenship, yet Americans feel increasingly powerless in the face of a dysfunctional political system, diminishing economic opportunities, and countless cultural and social challenges. The belief that the civic power of everyday Americans has been stolen or suppressed by political and economic elites has gained traction on both sides of the aisle. The Hauenstein Center welcomes civic evangelist and Citizen University CEO Eric Liu and acclaimed historian and author Dr. Victor Davis Hanson for a bipartisan discussion about the barriers to empowered citizenship and what we must do to overcome them.

**There is an additional workshop opportunity from 12-2 pm with Eric Liu.*

Learn more at gvsu.edu/hc/citizenshipincrisis.

Constitution Day

September 19 | 6 pm | Charles W. Loosemore Auditorium

Vincent Phillip Muñoz

Citizenship Day, established in 1952, serves as a fitting backdrop for what we now celebrate as Constitution Day. Not officially recognized as a federal holiday until 2004, Constitution Day marks the signing of our Nation's founding document. This year, as we celebrate Constitution Day, we are reminded of President Harry S. Truman's words, "every citizen of the United States, whether native-born or foreign-born, should on September 17 of each year give special thought and consideration to his rights and responsibilities under our Constitution." The Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies is honored to spearhead Grand Valley State University's celebration of Constitution Day by welcoming founding director of the Center for Citizenship & Constitutional Government at Notre Dame, Dr. Vincent Phillip Muñoz.

Wheelhouse Talk

September 29 | 5 pm | Russel H. Kirkhof Center

Faye Richardson-Green

In partnership with GVSU's Frederik Meijer Honors College, we are excited to welcome Faye Richardson-Green to kick off our Wheelhouse Talk series for the year! She is the fourth Meijer Endowed Chair in Entrepreneurship and Innovation and has over 40 years of broad-based leadership experience. With an emphasis on global learning and intercultural communication, Richardson-Green brings a global perspective to community leadership. From her beginnings in banking branch management, to serving as Director of Global Learning and Development for Steelcase, and ultimately starting her own consulting firm, her journey will challenge and inspire.

Common Ground Initiative

October 12 | 6 pm | Charles W. Loosemore Auditorium *Christopher McKnight Nichols*

The United Nations defines global citizenship as “the umbrella term for the actions of globally minded individuals and communities on a worldwide scale.” Global citizenship at the individual level could look like supporting an international ministry, doing charitable work abroad, or advocating for policy changes to address climate change. But how would a nation guided by the ethic of global citizenship interact with the world? Scholar and author Dr. Christopher McKnight Nichols will moderate a discussion on the merit of global citizenship as a guiding ethic in U.S. foreign policy and answer the question: how do we balance our shared humanity with national interests and security?

Wheelhouse Talk

October 27 | 4 pm | Charles W. Loosemore Auditorium *Peter C. Cook Leadership Academy Alumni Panel*

What does it mean to empower our communities? The fifth annual Peter C. Cook Leadership Academy (CLA) Panel will bring together a collective of CLA alumni who display empowerment in their everyday lives. Whether through workforce development, health and environmental advocacy, community activism, or civic engagement, these alumni are modeling how to be both a citizen and leader. This panel will feature Justin Arnold '12, D'Shylla Hodge '21, and Allyson Putt '15, with moderation by Julian Sanders '21.

Veterans Day

November 10 | 6 pm | Charles W. Loosemore Auditorium *Lieutenant Jason Redman*

In September 2007, Lieutenant Jason Redman's Navy SEAL Assault Team came under fire outside Fallujah, Iraq. Despite being severely wounded, Lieutenant Redman and his team fought to ensure everyone came home alive. While recovering at Bethesda Naval Medical Center, Jason wrote and hung a bright orange sign on his hospital door stressing the importance of fun, optimism, and regrowth, which became a statement and symbol for wounded warriors and people everywhere. This Veterans Day, in honor of all those in uniform, past and present, Grand Valley's Hauenstein Center, Peter Secchia Military and Veterans Resource Center, and Office of the President are proud to welcome Lieutenant Redman, author of *Overcome* and *The Trident*.

Wheelhouse Talk

December 1 | 4 pm | Charles W. Loosemore Auditorium *Tricia Thomas*

A truly empowered citizen looks beyond civic engagement to consider how they can make change in all realms of their lives. Tricia Thomas stands out as an individual who leads within and beyond her role as Dean of the Kirkhof College of Nursing at Grand Valley State University. Throughout her career as a nurse, nurse administrator, educator, and academic leader, she has developed a leadership ethos that expands far beyond clinical care. With a passion for developing health leaders who can meet the needs of our communities, a commitment to lifelong learning, and a joyful spirit, Dean Thomas joins us to share her story.

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Presidential Studies

As a presidential studies center, Hauenstein Center programming routinely welcomes authors, historians, and presidential scholars to our stage to share their research and works. Programs include discussions on presidential history, our democracy, and celebrations of national holidays like Constitution Day, Veterans Day, and Presidents' Day.



Common Ground Initiative

The Common Ground Initiative is West Michigan's premier forum for the promotion of civic engagement and intellectual curiosity on the issues facing our region, nation, and world. The Common Ground Event Series invites leaders and scholars to engage in dialogue across political and ideological divides and model the common ground approach for our community.



Wheelhouse Talks

The Wheelhouse Talks are a signature program of the Peter C. Cook Leadership Academy. These events feature a brilliant group of regional, state, and national leaders spanning generations, fields, and experiences. Throughout the series, speakers share their leadership journeys, lessons learned, and the values and philosophies that guide them today.

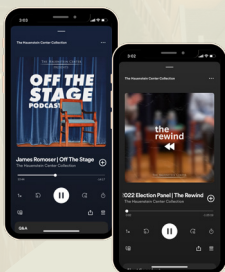


2023-2024 Program Theme

EMPOWERED CITIZENSHIP

What does it mean to be a citizen in contemporary times, and how does that align with the ways we lead and show up in the world as individuals?

As we approach an election year, how can we reclaim our agency and fully lean into our individual responsibility – to each other and to the world? Our theme of empowered citizenship will bring conversations to the forefront about what it means to be a citizen, the rights and responsibilities it entails, and how we can all unite to foster progress and greater understanding.



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OPEN MINDS BOOK CLUB

Dates & Titles

September 20: *How to Educate a Citizen: The Power of Shared Knowledge to Unify a Nation* by E.D. Hirsch, Jr.

October 25: *Becoming Kin: An Indigenous Call to Unforgetting the Past and Reimagining Our Future* by Patty Krawec

November 29: *The Myth of Left and Right: How the Political Spectrum Misleads and Harms America* by Hyrum Lewis and Verlan Lewis

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