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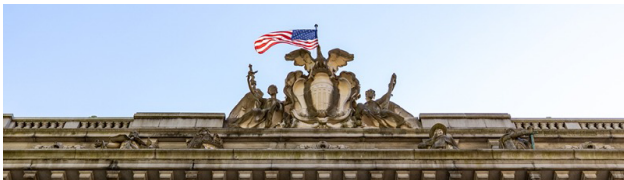
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# FACULTY



### MR. MARION SMITH

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### DR. JOESPH STOLTZ

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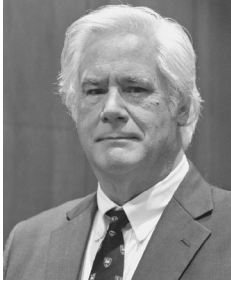
specializes in international relations and political leadership in the era of the American Founding. He has designed and delivered innovative academic, executive education, and general audience courses in these fields in both traditional and distance-learning formats and teaches regularly for the Brookings Institution, the Federal Executive Institute, and the University of Virginia's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. He previously taught in the Department of Politics at the University of Virginia, where he also served as dean of the undergraduate honors program in the College of Arts and Sciences. A Jefferson scholar specializing in diplomatic history, Dr. Sofka has published widely on American foreign relations in the Founding era and has contributed to international conferences organized by American and European universities and global research institutions such as the Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies at Monticello, where he has held two fellowships.



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### **DR. JEFFERY MORRISON**

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is professor of American studies at Christopher Newport University in Newport News, Virginia, and director of academics at the federal government's James Madison Foundation in Alexandria, Virginia. He graduated with distinction from Boston College and from Georgetown University, where he earned the M.A. and Ph.D. in government. Dr. Morrison has also held faculty positions at Princeton University, the U.S. Air Force Academy, Georgetown University, and Regent University. He has published as author or editor of five books on American political culture, including *The Political Philosophy of George Washington*, and chapters, articles, and reviews in numerous scholarly publications in fields including history, political science, and religion. He has lectured at colleges and historic sites throughout the United States and in England, and made media appearances on radio, in journalism, and on television.



### **DR. JULIANA GERAN PILON**

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### **MR. SETH CROPSEY**

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began his career as assistant to the secretary of defense and was later commissioned as a naval officer. He served as deputy undersecretary of the Navy in the Reagan administration and acting assistant secretary of defense for special operations and low-intensity conflict in the George H. W. Bush administration. Confirmed by the U.S. Senate, he became director of the U.S. International Broadcasting Bureau in the George W. Bush administration. Following fifteen years as a senior fellow at Hudson Institute, Mr. Cropsey founded Yorktown Institute in 2022 and is the Institute's president.





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# FELLOWS



### **DR. SCOTT ABEL**

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### **MR. MARCO CARRALERO**

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is a consultant at a multinational services firm. Previously, he worked at Tesla, served as a 2019 Publius Fellow, and was a U.S. Department of State Critical Language Scholarship recipient. He lives in Southern California.



### **DR. JENNIFER CHISHOLM**

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recently completed an AAAS Science and Technology Policy Fellowship in the U.S. Department of State as a foreign affairs officer. She graduated from the University of Cambridge with a Ph.D. in sociology in October 2019.



### **MR. MATTHEW COOKSON**

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has experience in international missions and has worked at the Heritage Foundation and Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation. He graduated from Texas Christian University with a B.A. in marketing.





### **MR. JACOB DE PERALTA**

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works for the president's office at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. He has a master's from Pepperdine University School of Public Policy with a specialization in national security and international relations. Before CSIS, Jacob worked on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee with the Indo-Pacific, Europe, and Human Rights departments.



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has held a variety of positions serving in government at both the state and federal level. He is specifically interested in U.S. policy toward NATO and Eastern Europe.



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works in the energy industry with a focus on oil & gas trading. He has a Master of International Affairs from the Bush School of Government and Public Service of Texas A&M University and a B.A. in economics from New York University.



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### **MS. MAZUBA MAFWENKO**

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is a Fulbright scholar from Zambia, pursuing her master's in public affairs at the Harry S. Truman School of Government and Public Affairs, University of Missouri-Columbia. She has a B.A. in international relations from the University of Pretoria and an honor's degree from the University of Cape Town respectively. She is an aspiring career diplomat.



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is a public policy associate at the Alliance for Innovation and Infrastructure in Arlington, VA where he researches energy, transportation, and infrastructure issues. He is a graduate of Bates College, a former Fulbright fellow, and a former intern at The Heritage Foundation, American Enterprise Institute, and the office of Senator Tim Scott. His pieces on energy and security have been published in *The National Interest*, *RealClearEnergy*, and *RealClearWorld*.



### **MR. DANIEL PATTERSON**

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is a consultant who specializes in the delivery of technology programs for government clients. He is currently supporting the U.K. Ministry of Defense. He studied philosophy and politics at the Universities of Glasgow and Sydney and is keenly interested in international relations, freedom, and enterprise.



### **DR. ELIZABETH ERVIN**

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### **MS. EMILY REES**

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is a program associate at the American Council of Trustees and Alumni where she writes about higher education and philanthropy and manages social media and digital presence. She graduated from Brigham Young University in 2020 with a B.M. in music performance and has a private flute studio.



### **MS. ASHLEY SIMONS**

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is a recent Queens College graduate with a B.S. in computer science and B.A. in political science. Highlights of her college career include internships at the White House, NASA, and the U.S. Department of State. This summer she is working as a docent at the Montauk Lighthouse. She has an interest in the growing problem of cyber threats and how it affects both national security and individual citizens.



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is a senior at Yale University, studying global affairs and energy studies. He is the battalion commander for Yale Naval ROTC, a Stanford Gordian-Knot Defense Innovation Scholar, a William F. Buckley Jr. Student Fellow, and has authored several military publications. He will be reporting to Naval Nuclear Power School after graduation to begin his training as a submarine warfare officer.



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is a 2021 Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellow studying international organizations, nuclear statecraft, and Eastern Europe at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. Mr. Vega received his bachelor's degrees from Arizona State University in both political science and great books, and his senior capstone was on the permissibility of nuclear weapons in just war theory. He is originally from Mesa, Arizona.

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# ITINERARY

**Sunday, June 5**

MOUNT VERNON, VA; ALEXANDRIA, VA

### **12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.**

Fellows will report to 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Hwy, Mount Vernon, VA 22309 by noon. A CSS staff member will meet you at the main gates of the Mount Vernon property.

Assorted sandwiches dropped off by Mount Vernon Inn at 12:00 PM

Location: Ann Pamela Cunningham Building

### **1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.**

Introduction lecture to Founders' Foreign Policy

Faculty: Marion Smith

Location: Ann Pamela Cunningham Building

### **2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.**

Walking tour of George Washington's Mount Vernon

Tour guide will meet the group at the Ann Pamela Cunningham Building

### **3:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.**

Group discussion led by faculty

Location: Ann Pamela Cunningham Building

### **5:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.**

Group will pack up and walk to the Mount Vernon Inn with all belongings

### **5:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.**

Plated dinner on property

Location: Betsy Ross room at Mount Vernon Inn

### **6:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.**

Lecture on George Washington's statesmanship of the Early Republic (e.g., Neutrality Proclamation) with assigned readings

Faculty: Joseph Stoltz

Location: Betsy Ross room at Mount Vernon Inn

### **7:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.**

Group discussion led by faculty

Location: Betsy Ross room at Mount Vernon Inn

### **8:30 P.M.**

Debrief & Departure

# Monday, June 6

ALEXANDRIA, VA; MONTICELLO, VA; MONTPELIER, VA

## 5:45 A.M.

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Fellows to meet staff in the lobby for group check-out  
Morrison House Hotel to have coffee prepped  
for the group

## 6:00 A.M.

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Depart for Thomas Jefferson's Monticello via charter bus  
(est. 2.5-hour drive)

## 8:30 A.M.

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Charter bus to drop off group and park in bus lot. Group will  
leave most belongings on the bus

## 8:30 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.

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Continental breakfast at Thomas Jefferson's Monticello  
Location: Milstein Theatre

## 9:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.

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Lecture on Thomas Jefferson with assigned readings  
Faculty: Jim Sofka  
Location: Milstein Theatre

## 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

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Walking tour of Thomas Jefferson's Monticello  
Tour guide will meet the group at the  
Bus loading zone

## 12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.

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Group discussion led by faculty  
Location: Milstein Theatre

## 1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.

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Travel to James Madison's Montpelier via charter bus with boxed  
lunch (est. 45-minute drive)

## 2:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

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Lecture on James Madison with assigned readings  
Faculty: Tyson Reeder  
Location: Claude Moore Hall

## 3:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

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Walking tour of James Madison's Montpelier  
Tour guide will meet the group at Claude Moore Hall

## 5:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.

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Group discussion led by faculty  
Faculty: Tyson Reeder  
Location: Claude Moore Hall

## 6:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

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Group to walk to Lewis Dining Hall

## 7:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

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Dinner on property  
Location: Lewis Dining Hall

## 8:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.

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Lecture on Jefferson and Madison with assigned readings  
Faculty: Garrett Ward Sheldon  
Location: Lewis Classroom

## 8:30 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.

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Group discussion led by faculty  
Faculty: Garrett Ward Sheldon  
Location: Lewis Classroom

## 10:00 P.M.

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Debrief & Dismissal  
Pass out room keys and mark room assignments  
Relay morning schedule and meeting point

## Tuesday, June 7

MONTPELIER, VA; PHILADELPHIA, PA

### 5:45 A.M.

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Fellows to meet staff for group check-out  
Montpelier to have coffee prepped for the group

### 6:00 A.M.

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Depart for Fredericksburg, VA Amtrak station (FBG) via  
charter bus (est. 1-hour drive)

### 8:10 A.M. – 12:07 P.M.

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Travel to Philadelphia, PA (PHL) via Amtrak 174 Northeast  
Regional (business class)

### 12:30 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.

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Travel to National Constitution Center via Ubers

### 1:00 P.M. – 1:50 P.M.

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Lecture on Benjamin Franklin with assigned readings  
(sandwich buffet)

Faculty: Jerry Weinberger  
Location: Bogle Chairman's Room

### 1:50 P.M.

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Group to walk to Independence Hall for tour

### 2:20 P.M. – 2:45 P.M.

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Walking tour of Independence Hall

### 3:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

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Group discussion led by faculty (snacks and  
refreshments available)

Faculty: Jerry Weinberger  
Location: Bogle Chairman's Room

### 5:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.

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Tour of National Constitution Center Exhibition (Leadership of  
George Washington theme)

Tour guide to meet group at Bogle Chairman's Room

### 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

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Dinner on property  
Location: Bogle Chairman's Room

### 7:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

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Lecture on John Jay with assigned readings

Faculty: Jeffrey Rogg  
Location: Bogle Chairman's Room

### 8:00 P.M. – 9:30 P.M.

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Group discussion led by faculty

Faculty: Jeffrey Rogg  
Location: Bogle Chairman's Room

### 9:30 P.M.

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Debrief & Dismissal

Pass out room keys and mark room assignments  
Relay morning schedule and meeting point  
Group to depart to Notary Hotel in Philadelphia, PA  
via Ubers

# Wednesday, June 8

PHILADELPHIA, PA; NEW YORK, NY

## 7:15 A.M.

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Fellows to meet staff in Notary Hotel lobby for group check-out

## 7:30 A.M.

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Depart for Philadelphia Amtrak station (PHL) via Ubers

## 9:09 A.M. – 10:44 A.M.

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Travel to New York, NY (NYP) via Amtrak 172 Northeast Regional (business class)

## 11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

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Travel to Alexander Hamilton Custom House via Ubers

## 12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.

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Lecture on Alexander Hamilton with assigned readings (lunch provided)

Faculty: Michael Federici

Location: Tax Collector's Room

## 1:00 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.

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Walk to Alexander Hamilton's grave site

## 2:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

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Group discussion led by faculty

Faculty: Michael Federici

Location: Tax Collector's Room

## 4:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.

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Walk to nearby hotel to drop off bags, then walk to Fraunces Tavern for dinner

AHCH to Artezen Hotel: .5-mile walk

Artezen Hotel to Fraunces Tavern: .5-mile walk

## 5:30 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

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Reception & CSS member check in

Location: The Bissel Room

## 6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

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Dinner at Fraunces Tavern with CSS members

Location: The Bissel Room

## 7:00 P.M. – 7:45 P.M.

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Lecture on George Washington: American's Cincinnatus with CSS Members

Faculty: Jeffry Morrison

Location: The Bissel Room

## 7:45 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.

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Group discussion led by faculty with CSS members

Faculty: Jeffry Morrison

Location: The Bissel Room

## 8:30 P.M.

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Group to walk to Artezen Hotel for debrief & dismissal

Relay morning schedule and meeting point



# Thursday, June 9

NEW YORK, NY; BOSTON, MA

## 5:15 A.M.

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Fellows to meet staff in Artezen Hotel lobby for group check-out

## 5:30 A.M.

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Depart for New York City Amtrak station (NYP) via Ubers

## 6:50 A.M. – 11:05 A.M.

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Travel to Boston, MA (BBY) via Amtrak 190 Northeast Regional (business class)

## 11:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

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Travel to Battery Wharf Hotel via Ubers

## 12:30 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.\*

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Lunch

Location: Waterfront Ballroom

## 1:30 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.

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The Legacy of John Quincy Adams and America's Nationalist Internationalism

Faculty: Juliana Geran Pilon

Location: Waterfront Ballroom

## 2:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

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Group discussion led by faculty

Faculty: Juliana Geran Pilon

Location: Waterfront Ballroom

## 3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.\*

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Break to check-in and change

## 5:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.

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Travel to Old State House via Ubers

## 5:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.

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Tour of Old State House

## 6:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

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Reception in Old South Meeting House with CSS Members

## 7:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

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Dinner in Old South Meeting House with CSS Members

## 8:00 P.M. – 8:45 P.M.

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Foundations of American Foreign Policy

Faculty: Seth Cropsey

Location: Old South Meeting House

## 8:45 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.

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Closing reception with CSS Members

Location: Old South Meeting House

## 10:00 P.M.

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Depart for Battery Wharf Hotel via Ubers

*\*Fellows and faculty will be asked to participate in interviews during this time.*





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