



Teacher Seminar

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DAME KATHARINE BIRBALSINGH CBE

is the founder and headmistress of Michaela Community School, a charter school established in Wembley Park, London. She has been identified as among the twenty most influential figures in British education and was awarded the Contrarian Prize. She is the author of several books; her most recent, *The Power of Culture*, was published in 2020. Her work and pedagogy is analyzed in the 2022 Michaela documentary, *The Strictest Headmistress in Britain*. She is also chair of the Social Mobility Commission and was appointed Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) in the 2020 Birthday Honours.



DR. GUY BURNETT

is the director of education and research at the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation and a Common Sense Society Carolina Fellowship alumnus. He is author of *The Safeguard of Liberty and Property: The Supreme Court, Kelo v. New London*, and the *Takings Clause*. His articles have appeared in *Society*, *Political Behavior*, the *Claremont Review of Books*, and *City Journal*. He earned a B.S. from Utah State University, an M.A. from the University of Utah, and a Ph.D. from Claremont Graduate University.



DR. WILFRED M. MCCLAY

holds the Victor Davis Hanson Chair in Classical History and Western Civilization at Hillsdale College. He served for eleven years on the National Council on the Humanities and is currently a member of the U.S. Commission on the Semiquincentennial, which has been charged with planning the celebration of the nation's 250th birthday in 2026. His most recent book, *Land of Hope: An Invitation to the Great American Story*, is a U.S. history textbook that seeks, through a unifying narrative, to confront America's sins without selling short America's greatness. He is a graduate of St. John's College in Annapolis and received his Ph.D. in history from Johns Hopkins University.



THE HON. JON PARRISH PEEDE

is a senior fellow at Common Sense Society, the visiting writer in residence at Mississippi Valley State University, a public HBCU institution, and the former chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities. As chairman, he awarded more than \$500 million to universities, museums, libraries, scholars, and cultural nonprofits nationwide. He is the co-editor of *Inside the Church of Flannery O'Connor: Sacrament, Sacramental, and the Sacred in Her Fiction*. He has been interviewed by *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, *Stars & Stripes*, *Inside Higher Education*, NPR, Bloomberg Radio, BBC, CSPAN, PBS, and other media outlets. He completed his B.S. at Vanderbilt University and M.A. at the University of Mississippi.



DR. DAVID ROSE

is a senior fellow at Common Sense Society and professor of economics at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. His primary areas of research interest are behavioral economics, political economy, and organization theory. In 2008, he received the St. Louis Business Journal's Economic Educator of the year award. His book, *The Moral Foundation of Economic Behavior* was selected as one of CHOICE's outstanding titles of 2012 and was nominated for the Hayek Book Prize. He frequently contributes to policy debates through radio and television interviews as well as in op-eds in outlets such as the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, *The Word on Business*, *The School Choice Advocate*, *Forbes*, *The Washington Times*, and *The Christian Science Monitor*. He received his Ph.D. in economics in 1987 from the University of Virginia and his B.S. from Southwest Missouri State University.



MR. JUSTIN SHUBOW

is president of the National Civic Art Society and former chairman of the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts. He is the author of a variety of architectural commentaries, has taught courses on the topics of public art and architecture, and has overseen restoration projects. He is a member of the Board of Advisors of the Roger Scruton Legacy Foundation and the Board of Academic Advisors of the Alexander Hamilton Institute for the Study of Western Civilization.

CURRICULUM

THE AMERICAN CIVICS PROJECT

Faculty: David C. Rose

The American Civics Project (ACP) covers all of the traditional content of American civic education, but it also explains why our story begins long before America. Through a series of individual, two-day modules, ACP explores the rise of the West and America not as a tragic story of ever more effective oppression of the weak by the strong, but as a story of the evolution of ever more effective cooperation catalyzed by ever better market systems filled with ever freer citizens.

The four ACP modules that we will cover during the Teacher Seminar are:

- i. [Teacher Introduction](#)
- ii. [The Dawn of Cooperation](#)
- iii. [The Rise of Cities](#)
- iv. [U.S. Constitution](#)

ADDITIONAL MODULES

i. [The Ancients and the Founders](#)

Faculty: Guy Burnett

Before the American Founders took the first steps toward a democratic form of government, they studied what was successful and what the challenges had been, and what had never been tried in ancient Greek and Roman democracies. This two-day module explores the problems of ancient democracies, examines the Founders' solutions to these problems, and considers whether the system of government created by the U.S. Constitution has overcome these problems.

ii. [The World We Build: Architecture and Urban Planning](#)

Faculty: Justin Shubow

George Washington and Thomas Jefferson took great care in choosing the design of Washington, D.C. and its core government buildings. They consciously decided to model the buildings on classical designs. This two-day module explores how the design of federal government buildings and national memorials in Washington, D.C. shape our historic memory and national identity.

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RECOMMENDED READINGS

DAME KATHARINE BIRBALSINGH CBE

Headmistress and Co-Founder, Michaela Community School, London

Session: “The Fight against Low Standards in Education”

Session: “How To Raise Standards in Schools and Classrooms”

Reading: Katharine Birbalsingh, *The Power of Culture*, Introduction

HON. JON PARRISH PEEDE

Former Chairman, N.E.H.

Session: “The Importance of the Arts and Humanities Part 1”

Session: “The Importance of the Arts and Humanities Part 2”

Reading: “*On the Role and Value of the Humanities in American Culture: Reading Across the Centuries*”

DR. DAVID C. ROSE

Professor of Economics, University of Missouri–St. Louis

Session: “The American Civics Project”

Reading: “*Is Morality About Cooperation*”

MR. JUSTIN SHUBOW

President, National Civic Art Society

Session: “The Architecture of the Nation’s Capital”

Session: “American Monuments”

Video: *National Civic Art Society, “Washington: The Classical City”*

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED MATERIAL

On Dame Katharine Birbalsingh CBE, Headmistress and Co-Founder, Michaela Community School, London

Video: *Britain’s Strictest Headmistress*



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