

STATESMANSHIP and RELIGIOUS FREEDOM (SaRF) SEMINAR SERIES

Washington DC, May 18-20, 2022

Wednesday, May 18th

- 2:00-5:00 *Hotel Check-In*
Residence Inn by Marriott Washington, DC/Capitol
333 E St SW, Washington, DC 20024
- 3:00-5:00 *Pre-Event Highlights Tour of the Museum of the Bible (Optional)*
400 4th St SW, Washington, DC 20024
Meet in Main Hall on First Floor between 2:45-2:55
- 5:00-5:45 *Event Registration at the Museum of the Bible*
400 4th St SW, Washington, DC 20024
Main Floor across from ticketing desk
- 5:45-7:00 **Opening Dinner**
Location: Gathering Room (MOTB)
Welcome: Jeff Kloha/Sandra Argo
- 7:00-7:45 **Seminar Introduction**
Speaker: David Trimble, Vice President, Public Policy and Director, RFI Center For Religious Freedom Education

Thursday, May 19th

- 7:30-8:45 *Breakfast*
Hotel
- 9:00-9:30 **Session #1**
Location: MOTB Scholars Initiative Room
Topic: Old World Antecedents
The modern world's widespread recognition of religious freedom's importance was anything but certain. This introductory session will survey revolutionary ideas, watershed moments, and key individuals from the ancient, medieval, and modern worlds that significantly advanced the cause of religious freedom.
Speaker: Jim Bennett
- 9:30-10:40 **Session #2**
Location: MOTB Scholars Initiative Room
Topic: The Pursuit of Religious Liberty in the American Constitutional Tradition
This session will explore how the diversity of religious sects in the North American British colonies compelled the colonists to work out the terms of toleration, disestablishment, and religious liberty to flourish and be free from the violence that plagued the Old World.
Speaker: Daniel Dreisbach

- 11:00-12:10 **Session #3**
 Location: MOTB Scholars Initiative Room
 Topic: *The American Founding*
The American Founders embedded religious freedom in the first 16 words of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution thereby earning it the nickname “America’s First Freedom.” This session will examine the key philosophies, documents, and personalities that led to the full expression of religious freedom at the American founding.
 Speaker: Tom Farr
- 12:10-12:40 Lunch
 Location: MOTB Scholars Initiative Room
- 1:30-2:00 **Field Experience #1**
 Location: US Capitol Grounds
 Speaker: Ambassador Rashad Hussain
- 2:30-3:15 **Field Experience #2**
 Location: US Capitol Grounds
 Speaker: Members of Congress
- 3:45-4:55 **Session #4**
 Location: Religious Freedom Institute
 Topic: *The American Experience: Establishment*
The Founder’s quest “to create a more perfect union” began 250 years of debate over the nature of religious freedom and its value to the common good. Of particular scrutiny were the “religion clauses” of the First Amendment. This session explores the topic of disestablishment through the lens of US jurisprudence.
 Speaker: Andrew Graham
- 5:00-6:00 Transit and Rest
- 6:00-7:00 **Dinner**
 Location: MOTB Gathering Room (Meet at VIP Entrance of the Museum)
- 7:15-8:15 **Field Experience #3**
 Location: MOTB Exhibit Galleries
 Topic: *Toward a More Perfect Union: Religious Freedom and Social Justice*
 Facilitator: Jim Bennett

Friday, May 20th

- 7:30-8:45 Breakfast
 Hotel
- 9:00-10:10 **Session #5**
 Location: MOTB Scholars Initiative Room
 Topic: *The American Experience: Free Exercise*
The Founder’s quest “to create a more perfect union” began 250 years of debate over the nature of religious freedom and its value to the common good. Of particular scrutiny were

the “religion clauses” of the First Amendment. This session explores the topic of Free Exercise through the lens of US jurisprudence.
Speaker: Andrew Graham

10:10-10:30 *Break*

10:30-11:00 **Session #6**

Location: MOTB Scholars Initiative Room

Speaker: David Burrowes, Prime Minister’s Deputy Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion or Belief (United Kingdom)

11:15-12:00 **Session #7**

Location: MOTB Scholars Initiative Room

Speaker: Andrew Bennett, former Ambassador for Religious Freedom (Canada)

12:00-12:30 *Lunch*

Location: MOTB Scholars Initiative Room

12:45-1:45 **Session #8:**

Location: MOTB Scholars Initiative Room

Topic: Student Breakout Session

1:45-2:45 **Session #9**

Location: MOTB Scholars Initiative Room

Topic: A More Perfect Union: Leadership in Contemporary America

This sessions explores questions of law and culture that animate contemporary conversations about religious freedom and equips participants to develop informed responses to today’s key critical debates.

Speaker: David Trimble

2:45-3:00 *Seminar Summary*

END OF PROGRAM