

Vacation in the world of ideas...

# HILLSDALE HOSTEL

**2009**

**May 31-June 6**  
ONE SEMINAR

**June 14-20**  
TWO SEMINARS

**July 5-11**  
TWO SEMINARS

**July 19-25**  
ONE SEMINAR



The learning experience of a lifetime...  
to complement a lifetime of learning

# Greetings from the Director



**I**t's our 20th anniversary! Come celebrate with us.

Another summer of Hostels is behind us, and what an outstanding year it was! Even with the addition of a sixth new program, we were filled to capacity by December, leaving many names on the waiting list. This is exciting indeed! On that note, our sixth Hostel alone, "Islam and the West," boasted 109 participants. Our 266 full-time participants came to Hillsdale from 156 cities and 32 states. Eighteen professors presented lectures throughout the summer. Once again, we ran two programs concurrently giving spouses the opportunity to seek different programs the same week if they chose. This year, we had several participants that attended two programs in two different weeks! I often reflect on how at the inception in 1990, we began with one program with participants hailing from 25 cities and now boast over 150 cities per year.

The Sherlock Hibbs Hillsdale Hostel remains a unique experience. Many participants have returned to campus to partake of yet "one more" Hostel. Some have actually attended one or another program as many as eight times! I invite you to choose your area of interest and pursue it during the summer of 2009. On behalf of the entire College, I look forward to providing a week quite unlike any you have experienced.

I encourage you to contact me by telephone at 1-888-886-1174 or by e-mail at [shenry@hillsdale.edu](mailto:shenry@hillsdale.edu) if you have questions or wish further information. Also, feel free to check us out on our Web site: [hillsdale.edu/seminars/oncampus/hostel.asp](http://hillsdale.edu/seminars/oncampus/hostel.asp).

Won't you please consider attending one of these very unique Hostel programs in 2009? Join others across the country in experiencing an incredibly special week, one I am sure you will agree to be the learning experience of a lifetime . . . to complement a lifetime of learning.

A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Sandi J. Henry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sandi" and last name "Henry" clearly legible.

Sandi Henry

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# A world of ideas awaits you at Hillsdale College!

**H**illsdale Hostel provides a learning vacation unlike any other. Spend a week with some of Hillsdale College's most distinguished professors exploring the great ideas and principles that built and sustain America. Enjoy the beautiful Hillsdale campus, nestled in the rolling farm country of southern Michigan. Meet others who share your interests in continued learning and the preservation of liberty.

## Relive higher education as it used to be, in a place where it still is.

**H**illsdale Hostel lets you relive college life as you remember it: the sharing of insights, the give-and-take of lively discussion, the camaraderie of peers. It's a fresh reminder of the enduring virtues of Western Civilization, free of the trends and ideologies that dominate so many other campuses today. It's a vacation unlike any you've ever had.

## Enjoy good food, healthful recreation and quality accommodations.

**H**illsdale Hostel offers a week of exciting activities. In addition to intense discussions with Hillsdale faculty members and other program participants, you can take advantage of unique opportunities for fun, recreation and fit-



ness training in our magnificent sports complex. You will enjoy healthy, delicious and attractively served meals prepared by the staff of Hillsdale College's award-winning food service operation. And you will sleep in air-conditioned comfort in the lovely Dow Leadership Center, Hillsdale's self-contained, on-campus conference hotel, just steps from the Hostel lecture rooms.

**Cost: \$905 per person**

## During the summer of 2009, we are offering six Hillsdale Hostels:

### **MAY 31 - JUNE 6 . . . . . The American Constitution**

For over 215 years, the American Constitution has served as a blueprint of limited government and a guard of the natural rights proclaimed in the Declaration of Independence. What is the relationship between equality and natural rights? How does the Constitution's structure work to secure liberty?

This Hostel will discuss the American Founders' understanding of constitutionalism, examine the challenge to the Constitution in the years preceding and during the Civil War, explain the attack on the Constitution during the Progressive era and consider subsequent events that have undermined limited government.

- Mickey Craig . . . . . "The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution"
- Thomas Krannawitter. . . . . "Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War"
- Will Morrissey. . . . . "Progressivism and the Administrative State"
- David Raney . . . . . "Constitutional History"

### **JUNE 14-20 . . . . . What is America?**

The American experiment of self-government under God is the pinnacle of Western Civilization. Whether it remains successful depends largely on our ability to retain, and pass down to our children, a keen understanding of who and what we are.

This interdisciplinary Hostel will explore America's founding principles and political history, the economic ideas that have contributed to America's unparalleled prosperity, American literature and the lives and characters of great Americans.

- Daniel Sundahl. . . . . "Great Works of American Literature"
- Mickey Craig . . . . . "The History of American Political Thought"
- Burt Folsom . . . . . "History as Biography"
- Gary Wolfram . . . . . "Free Market Economics in America"

### **JUNE 14-20 . . . . . Ancient Roots of Western Civilization**

Just as we can achieve a greater understanding of our personal debts and obligations by tracing our family histories, we can deepen our understanding of our political and religious debts and obligations by studying the roots of our civilization.

This Hostel will explore the rise and fall of Athenian democracy, the Roman Republic and Empire and the roles of Judaism and Christianity in the development of our Western heritage.

- Thomas Burke . . . . . "Christian Philosophy"
- Donald Westblade . . . . . "Judaism and Christianity"
- David Jones. . . . . "Greek and Roman Literature"
- Kenneth Calvert. . . . . "Greek and Roman History"



## JULY 5-11 . . . . . Free-Market Economics

From the classical liberal principles of the American Founders to the critique of socialist planning by the Austrian school of economics in the 20th century, the ideas of property rights and economic liberty have proven successful in terms of creating widespread wealth and unprecedented prosperity. This Hostel will examine these ideas and apply them to many of today's leading public policy issues.

- Burt Folsom . . . . . “U.S. Economic History”
- TBA . . . . . “Markets and the Political Process”
- Ivan Pongracic . . . . . “Competition, Prices, and the Market Process”
- Gary Wolfram . . . . . “The Information Problem and Institutional Solutions”

## JULY 5-11 . . . . . The Great Conversation in Western Literature

Great literature reflects and shapes the character of a civilization and of its citizens. Thus, Homer was called the “schoolteacher of the Greeks.” Who are our schoolteachers as Americans, and more generally, as citizens of the West?

This Hostel will examine the great conversation in Western literature, beginning in ancient Greece and Rome and continuing in Renaissance Europe, Elizabethan England and the United States.

- Daniel Sundahl . . . . . “Modern Literature”
- David Whalen . . . . . “The Classics: Homer and Virgil”
- Stephen Smith . . . . . “Shakespeare”
- Michael Bauman . . . . . “Christianity and Literature”

## JULY 19-25 . . . . . Islam and the West

As one of the world's great monotheistic religions, Islam has been worthy of Western notice and study since its inception. In recent years, with the rise of Islamic terrorism and increased Islamic immigration to the West, greater understanding becomes an urgent necessity.

This Hostel will investigate Islam from historical, religious and political perspectives, as well as look at Islamic art and architecture and its significance.

- Donald Westblade . . . . . “The Religion of Islam”
- Kenneth Calvert . . . . . “The History of Islam”
- Will Morrissey . . . . . “The Politics of Islam”
- Barbara Bushey . . . . . “The Art and Architecture of the Islamic World”





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“Everything about the Hostel was top notch, from our arrival to our departure.”

— M/M R. L., Covina, CA

“The Hostel program was everything we could hope for in a fun, challenging, educational and certainly interesting experience!”

— M/M S. M., West Liberty, OH

“From the first hour at registration to the good-bye, we became a part of the Hillsdale Family. Our aging minds were challenged and refreshed.”

— A. S., Syracuse, NY

“This was the BEST one-week conference I have ever attended, and I have put on and attended many, many over the years.”

— F. L., Dearborn, MI

“An incredibly special week at Hillsdale. A Camelot-like wonder characterized my experience.”

— K. F., N. Thetford, VT

“Thank you for standing for principle. One of the most memorable weeks of our lives! Truly!!”

— M/M J. H., Genoa, NV

“Words cannot describe adequately our experience this past week!”

— M/M C. B., Escondido, CA

“Having participated in 15 elder hostel programs, Hillsdale College ranks #1. It would be a program worth repeating.”

— M/M W. St. J., Womelsdorf, PA

# Make your reservations now!



**RESERVE YOUR** place at the 2009 Hillsdale Hostel now. The cost for each week-long program is **\$905 per person**, which includes all seminars, recreational activities, meals and six nights' accommodations (double occupancy) in the Dow Leadership Center. Single rooms are available for an additional \$125 per person.

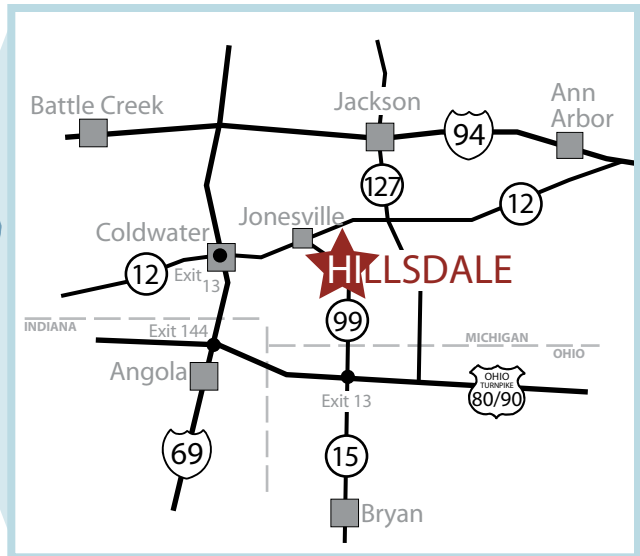
Fill in the information requested on the enclosed form and return it along with your **deposit of \$100 per person**. Or, if you would like additional information about the 2009 Hillsdale Hostel, call Sandi Henry at Hillsdale College toll-free at **(888) 886-1174**.

## DIRECTIONS TO HILLSDALE

**HILLSDALE COLLEGE** is located in the center of Hillsdale County in south-central Michigan, midway between Lake Michigan and Lake Erie, near the meeting place of Michigan, Indiana and Ohio. Recreation and scenic opportunities abound in this rolling farm country that contains the headwaters of five major rivers. Hillsdale is just north of Exit 13 on the Ohio Turnpike. Air transportation is available through Detroit, and rail connections can be made on Amtrak in nearby Jackson, Michigan, or Bryan, Ohio.



Hillsdale is  
90 miles west  
of Detroit,  
70 miles northwest  
of Toledo and  
200 miles east  
of Chicago.



Call our TOLL-FREE number: **(888) 886-1174**