

Vacation in the world of ideas...

HILLSDALE HOSTEL

2012

June 3-9

TWO SEMINARS

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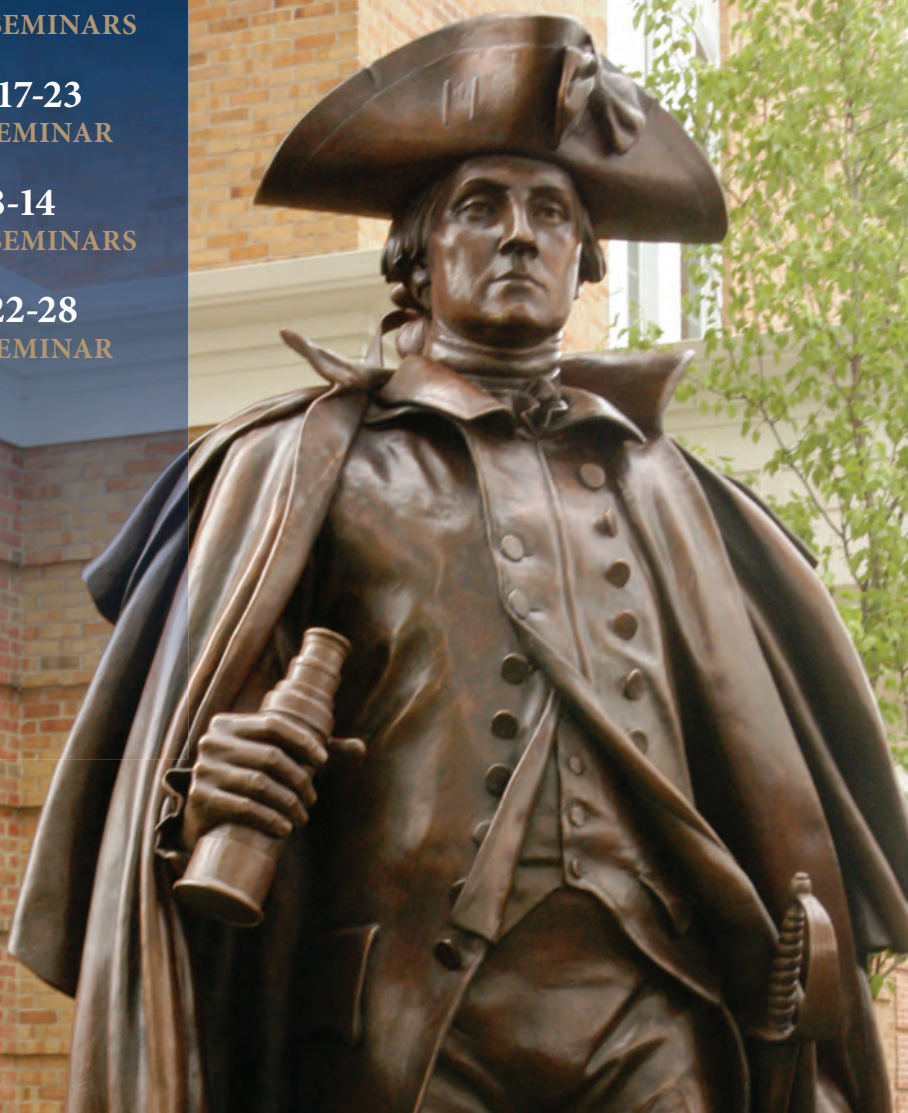
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Greetings from the Director



We celebrated our 22nd year of Hillsdale Hostels in the summer of 2011, and have now completed a total of 88 Hostels! A special thanks to all who joined us. Our 238 participants represented 149 cities and 36 states. Seventeen professors presented lectures throughout the summer. We twice ran two programs concurrently, giving spouses the opportunity to enroll in different programs during the same week. Not only was every program completely full, but, as in past years, several guests attended more than one program.

The Sherlock Hibbs Hillsdale Hostel continues to be an extraordinary event. Over 100 new Hostellers visited campus, as well as many Hostel alumni. This number continues to rise every year. I invite you to choose your area of interest and pursue it during the summer of 2012. On behalf of the entire College, we look forward to providing a week quite unlike any you have experienced.

If you have questions or wish further information, please contact me by telephone (888-886-1174) or by e-mail (shenry@hillsdale.edu). Also, feel free to visit our website (hillsdalehostel.com).

Won't you fill out the enclosed registration card and plan to join us for a week during the summer of 2012? Join others from across the country in experiencing a true learning vacation—the learning experience of a lifetime...to complement a lifetime of learning. Sign up now and come see for yourself.

A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Sandra J. Henry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Sandra J. Henry
Director of Hillsdale Hostel/Freedom Forum

A world of ideas awaits you at Hillsdale College!

Hillsdale 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.

Hillsdale 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.

Hillsdale 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: \$950 per person

During the summer of 2012, we are offering six Hillsdale Hostels:

JUNE 3-9 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.

- John Somerville "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 3-9 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"

JUNE 17-23 The American Constitution

For 224 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"
- Kevin Portteus "Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War"
- Will Morrissey "Progressivism and the Administrative State"
- David Raney "Constitutional History"



JULY 8-14. 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”
- Ivan Pongracic “Competition, Prices, and the Market Process”
- Gary Wolfram “The Information Problem and Institutional Solutions”
- Speaker & Topic TBA

JULY 8-14. 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 the schoolteachers of America, and more generally, of the 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.

- David Whalen “The Classics: Homer and Virgil”
- Stephen Smith “Shakespeare”
- Justin Jackson “Christianity and Literature”
- John Somerville “Modern Literature”

JULY 22-28. 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 has become an urgent necessity.

This Hostel will investigate Islam from historical, religious, and political perspectives, as well as consider 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 reservation now!



RESERVE YOUR PLACE at the 2012 Hillsdale Hostel now. The cost for each week-long program is **\$950 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 \$130 per person.

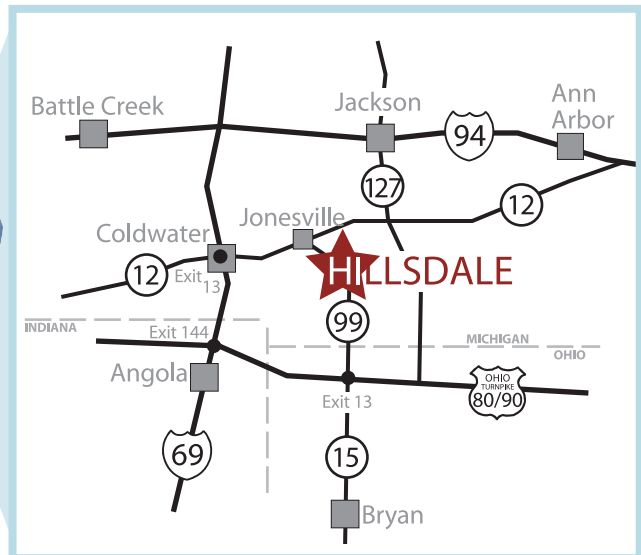
Fill in the information requested on the enclosed form and return it along with your **deposit of \$100 per person**. Or, if you would like additional information about the 2012 Hillsdale Hostel, call Sandi Henry at Hillsdale College toll-free at **(888) 886-1174**.

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**



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