



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **Hillsdale College Hosts Lecture Series: ‘The American West’**

The history of the Old West, dating roughly from the beginning of the Lewis and Clark expedition in 1804 to the Wounded Knee massacre in 1890, was but the length of one long lifetime. The debate over how to understand America’s western expansion has already eclipsed it in time. This third CCA of the 2016-2017 academic year will consider both the history and the debate. All lectures are open to the public.

Media should RSVP by contacting Emily Davis at [edavis1@hillsdale.edu](mailto:edavis1@hillsdale.edu).

#### **Sunday, Jan. 29**

4:00 p.m. “Frederick Jackson Turner’s Frontier Thesis and Its Critics”  
**Wilfred M. McClay**  
University of Oklahoma, Libby Blankenship Chair in History

8:00 p.m. “The American West: Myth and Reality”  
**Michael Wallis**  
Author, *The Real Wild West: The 101 Ranch and the Creation of the American West*

#### **Monday, Jan. 30**

4:00 p.m. “Painting the West: Remington and Russell”  
**Peter Hassrick**  
Buffalo Bill Center of the West

8:00 p.m. “Western Music: A Performance”  
**Sourdough Slim**  
Last of the Vaudeville Cowboys

#### **Tuesday, Jan. 31**

4:00 p.m. “Rise and Fall of the Comanches”  
**S.C. Gwynne**  
Author, *Empire of the Summer Moon*

8:00 p.m. “The West in the Movies and Early Television”  
**John Marini**  
University of Nevada at Reno, professor of political science

**WHERE:** **Hillsdale College**  
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Hillsdale, MI 49242

**Hillsdale College's Center for Constructive Alternatives (CCA)** sponsors one of the largest college lecture series in America. CCA seminars are held four times a year on wide-ranging topics. Lectures are open to the public and out-of-town guests are welcomed.

**About Hillsdale College**

Hillsdale College is an independent liberal arts college located in southern Michigan. Founded in 1844, the College has built a national reputation through its classical liberal arts core curriculum and its principled refusal to accept federal or state taxpayer subsidies, even indirectly in the form of student grants or loans. It also conducts an outreach effort promoting civil and religious liberty, including a free monthly speech digest, *Imprimis*, with a circulation of more than 3.5 million.

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