



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Samuel Brownback To Speak At Hillsdale College’s Kirby Center
U.S. religious freedom ambassador will discuss global threats to religious liberty

On Thursday, May 17, Hillsdale College’s Allan P. Kirby, Jr. Center for Constitutional Studies and Citizenship will host a lecture from U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom Samuel D. Brownback as part of the AWC Family Foundation Lecture series. Brownback’s lecture, “Understanding the Threats to Religious Liberty Worldwide,” will draw on his years of experience in public policy to discuss what lessons Americans can learn from threats to religious liberty around the world.

Brownback is the U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom. He previously served as governor of Kansas from 2011 to 2018, U.S. Senator from Kansas from 1996 to 2011 and as U.S. House Representative from Kansas from 1995 to 1996. During his time in the Senate, Brownback was a sponsor of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998. Before taking federal office, Brownback served as Kansas secretary of agriculture and a White House fellow in the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative. He earned his bachelor’s degree from Kansas State University and his J.D. from the University of Kansas.

The lecture is free and open to the media, but space is limited and attendees are encouraged to [register by visiting the event’s ticketing site here.](#)

WHEN: Thursday, May 17, 2018
6 p.m. EDT – Doors Open
6:30 p.m. EDT – Lecture // Reception to follow

WHERE: Allan P. Kirby, Jr. Center for Constitutional Studies and Citizenship
227 Massachusetts Avenue NE
Washington, DC 20002

WHO: Samuel D. Brownback, U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom

About the Kirby Center

The Allan P. Kirby, Jr. Center for Constitutional Studies and Citizenship is an extension of the teaching mission of Hillsdale College to Washington, D.C. Its purpose is to teach the Constitution and the principles that give it meaning. Through the study of original source documents from American history—and of older books that formed the education of America’s founders—the Center seeks to inspire students, teachers, citizens, and policymakers to return the Constitution to its central place in the political life of the nation.

About Hillsdale College

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