

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Hillsdale College Hosts Discussion with Author Wilfred M. McClay

Author and historian will discuss new book as part of Kirby Center's AWC Lecture Series

On Wednesday, July 17, Hillsdale College's Allan P. Kirby, Jr. Center for Constitutional Studies and Citizenship will host a lecture from author and historian Wilfred M. McClay as part of the AWC Family Foundation Lecture series. McClay's lecture will focus on his new book, *Land of Hope: An Invitation to the Great American Story*, which explores the events, circumstances, and people that shaped the American nation as we know it.

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

WHEN: **Wednesday, July 17**
6 p.m. ET – Doors open
6:30 p.m. ET – Program begins

WHERE: **Allan P. Kirby, Jr. Center for Constitutional Studies and Citizenship**
227 Massachusetts Ave. NE
Washington, D.C. 20002

WHO: **Wilfred M. McClay** is an American historian and an award-winning author. He currently serves as the G.T. and Libby Blankenship Chair in the History of Liberty at the University of Oklahoma. McClay is the author of several books, including *Land of Hope: An Invitation to the Great American Story*, *Why Place Matters: Geography, Identity, and Civic Life in Modern America*, *A Student's Guide to U.S. History*, and *The Masterless: Self and Society in Modern America*, which won the Merie Curti Award of the Organization of American Historians for best book in American intellectual history.

McClay has held positions as senior scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, senior fellow at The Trinity Forum, and senior fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center. He has received numerous awards and fellowships, including the Templeton Honor Rolls, National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, National Academy of Education Fellowship, and Howard Foundation Fellowship. He received his B.A. from St. John's College and his Ph.D. in history from Johns Hopkins University.

About Hillsdale College's 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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