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CONFERENCE WELCOME

Thank you for attending this year's public policy conference! We are excited to welcome guests and presenters alike to our fourth annual conference. We hope you will enjoy the wonderful slate of guest speakers who are participating in our plenary sessions, as well as the numerous students, guests, and faculty who will be presenting their own research via 12 panels and in over 40 papers. These panels represent the following areas of law, government, and policy: 1) State & Local Issues; 2) Family & Life Policy Issues; 3) China Policy, 4) Foreign Policy, 5) Philosophy, Politics, & Virtue, and 6) Education & Technology. We hope you will enjoy the hard work and thoughtful efforts of our guests, faculty, and students in these topics!

Each year, we seek to address the pressing policy issues of our time. Our guest speakers will be discussing the challenges of Constitutionalism, national security, family and social policy, economic policy in support of free enterprise, questions of international policy, and human trafficking. From pressing national security issues such as China's growing influence, resource supply chains, and European security, to domestic concerns such as safeguarding elections, human trafficking, and the ongoing challenges of excessive spending, we believe that this year's conference will provide a Biblical, scholarly, and nuanced perspective on these issues. As we discuss and wrestle with these important topics, we are glad for your participation as well and hope you will find all of the presentations useful for equipping you to impact culture in the public arena!



Interim Dean Joel Cox



Dr. Kahlib Fischer



Dr. Mary Prentice

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

9:00 AM – 9:15 AM	Welcome with Interim Dean Joel Cox
The Honorable	The Constitution & Public Policy Panel in the Montview Ballroom George S. Dunlop, former Principal Deputy Asst. Secretary of the Army le Becky Northrop Dunlop, former Ronald Reagan Distinguished Fellow Dr. Gai Ferdon, Moderator
10:30 AM – 11:40 AM	
12:00 PM – 12:50 PM	Lunch Break
1:05 PM – 1:55 PM	
2:10 PM – 3:00 PM	
3:15 PM – 4:05 PM	Break-Out Session 3
Thursday, April 11, 2024	
Dr. Jennifer Baun	Family & Social Policy Panel in the Montview Ballroom wens, Director of the Center for Family Studies, Family Research Council in the Richard and Helen DeV os Center for Life, Religion, and Family Dr. Kahlib Fischer, Moderator
9:45 AM – 11:00 AM	Break-Out Session 4
	in the Montview Ballroom Representative Ben Cline, U.S. House of Representatives legate Wendell Walker, 52 nd District in the Virginia House of Delegates

Professor Aaron Van Allen, Moderator

12:45 PM – 2:00 PM	
2:15 PM – 3:30 PM	International Relations & Foreign Policy Panel
His Excellency Ambassa	in the Montview Ballroom dor Alfredo Fabiao Nuvunga, Ambassador of the Republic of Mozambique to the United States of America
Ambassador Extraorda	inary H.E. Tadeous Tafirenyika Chifamba, Ambassador of the Republic of Zimbabwe to the United States of America Ambassador Lisa Gable Dr. Mary Prentice, Moderator
3:45 PM – 5:00 PM	National Security & Intelligence Panel
	in the Montview Ballroom Rachel Davis, Liberty University Student Rear Admiral Dr. Carl Rehberg, Liberty University Adjunct Instructor (Ret.) Michael Studeman, United States Navy Lieutenant Colonel Allen West Admiral Tony Cothron, Moderator
5:15 PM – 6:30 PM	
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM	
Friday, April 12, 2024	
8:15 AM – 9:05 AM	
	in the Montview Ballroom Dr. Jarrod Sadulski, Liberty University Adjunct Faculty Detective Paul Osborn, Tallahassee Police Department Ms. Joy Cover, President of Freedom 4/24 Professor Larry Presley, Moderator
9:15 AM – 10:25 AM	
	Breakout Session 6 Bess Blackburn, JSPP Editor in Chief Daniel Fodorean, JSPP European Advisor Dr. Marieta Safta, Titu Maiorescu University Dr. Mary Prentice, Moderator
10:30 AM – 11:40 AM	

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024

GENERAL SCHEDULE

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	Interim Dean Joel Cox
9:20 AM – 10:10 AM	The Constitution & Public Policy Panel
	in the Montview Ballroom George S. Dunlop, former Principal Deputy Asst. Secretary of the Army le Becky Northrop Dunlop, former Ronald Reagan Distinguished Fellow Dr. Gai Ferdon, Moderator
10:30 AM – 11:40 AM	in the Vines Center with Ben and Cristi Dozeier, hosts of HGTV's "Building Roots"
12:00 PM – 12:50 PM	Lunch Break Please see campus meal options on p. 19 of program.
1:05 PM – 1:55 PM	Breakout Session 1
Philosophy, Politics & Virtue I in Mon Dr. Timothy O'Brien, Moderator Philosophy, Politics, & Virtue II in Mon	
Dr. Melissa Stewart, Moderator	
Foreign Policy Issues I in Montview 357 Dr. Carl Rehberg, Moderator	' 0
2:10 PM – 3:00 PM	Breakout Session 2
Philosophy, Politics, & Virtue III in Mo 2570 Dr. Kahlib Fischer, Moderator Philosophy, Politics, & Virtue IV in Mo Dr. Gai Ferdon, Moderator	ontview 2610
Education & Technology in Montview 3. Dr. Connie Huber, Moderator	35/0

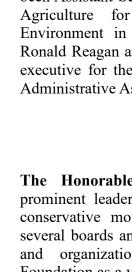
<u>Dual Degree MAPP Informational Session</u> in Montview

2570 Dr. Kahlib Fischer, Moderator

Philosophy, Politics, & Virtue V in Montview 2610

Dr. Timothy O'Brien, Moderator







The Honorable George S. Dunlop is a life-long entrepreneur as an equity partner in business ventures, and he has a 50-years experience in leading, helping, and motivating people and organizations in the private sector, politics, and government to make things happen with clarity, integrity, and excellence. Previously, Mr. Dunlop has been Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture for Natural Resources and the Environment in the Administration of President Ronald Reagan and for fourteen years was a senior executive for the United States Senate, serving as Administrative Assistant to Senator Jesse Helms.

The Honorable Becky Dunlop has been a prominent leader, strategist, and counselor in the conservative movement. Mrs. Dunlop serves on several boards and advises a wide range of leaders and organizations. She joined the Heritage Foundation as a vice president in 1988 and held that post until 2016 when she became the Ronald Reagan Distinguished Fellow, the only policy chair in the country official named for the 40th president. She served on the Trump Transition team in 2016 and was a senior official in the Reagan administration from 1981-1989 inside of the White House, at the Justice Department, and at the Interior Department.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024

1:05 PM – 1:55 PM BREAK-OUT SESSION ONE

Philosophy, Politics, & Virtue I in Montview 2570	
Moderator:	Dr. Timothy O'Brien
<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Mayce Combs	City on a Hill: A Reflection on Christian Ethic and Human Morality
Rebekah Honaker	The Duality of Machiavellianism in Regard to Modern Political
	Philosophy
Katherine Musgrove	Biblical Duty and Government

Philosophy, Politics, & Virtue II in Montview 2610	
Moderator:	Dr. Melissa Stewart
Presenter	<u>Topic</u>
David Bolton	Upholding Liberty and Justice through the Virtues of Citizen
	Volunteerism
Darren Guerra	The American Project and the American Soul

Foreign Policy Issues I in Montview 3570	
Moderator:	Dr. Carl Rehberg
<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Anthony Hughes	The 5 Disruptions
Chul Chang & Zhimen Chen	The Chinese Communist Party, the Dominance of Destructive Culture,
	and the Question of China's Future
Dr. Mary Prentice & Kueth	Mediterranean Security: Italian, United States, NATO, and North
Yul, and Umberto Bosna	African National Interests from a Geopolitical Perspective

2:10 PM – 3:00 PM BREAK-OUT SESSION TWO

Philoso	pphy, Politics, & Virtue III in Montview 2570
Moderator:	Dr. Kahlib Fischer
<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Dr. Timothy O'Brien	Citizenship and Virtue Are Requirements for Maintaining Liberty
Dr. Darren Guerra	Obligation and Authority: Samuel West and the Christian Tradition of
	Resistance Theology
Denis-Roxana Gavrila	What the Yalta Conference for the Rights and Freedoms of the Peoples
	of Western and Eastern Europe Meant

Philosophy, Politics, and Virtue IV in Montview 2610	
Moderator:	Dr. Gai Ferdon
<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Grace Albertson	The Social Contract and Feminism
Jordan Janson	COVID-19: The Federal Government, Federalism, South Dakota, and
	American Indians

Education & Technology in Montview 3570	
Moderator:	Dr. Connie Huber
<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Dr. Marcia Bennett	Ethical Considerations in Implementing AI Technologies in Higher
	Education
William Norris	The True Cost of Education
Samuel Whatley II	The Influences of Social Media

3:15 PM – 4:05 PM BREAK-OUT SESSION THREE

Dual Degree MAPP Informational Session in Montview 2570	
Moderator:	Dr. Kahlib Fischer

Philosophy, Politics, and Virtue V in Montview 2610	
Moderator:	Dr. Timothy O'Brien
Presenter	<u>Topic</u>
David Button	Can Volunteer Fire Departments Improve Recruiting?
James Black & Michelle	The Dueling First Amendment Clauses: Are They in Tension, or do
Deutch	They Work Together?

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024

GENERAL SCHEDULE

8:15 AM—9:30 AM...... Family & Social Policy Panel in the Montview Ballroom Dr. Jennifer Bauwens, Director of the Center for Family Studies, Family Research Council Ms. Grace Melton, Senior Associate in the Richard and Helen DeVos Center for Life, Religion, and Family Dr. Kahlib Fischer, Moderator 9:45 AM – 11:00 AM.......Breakout Session 4 State and Local Issues in Montview 2570 Professor Aaron Van Allen, Moderator China Policy I in Montview 2610 Dr. Anthony Hughes, Moderator Foreign Policy Issues II in Montview 3570 Dr. Jarrod Sadulski, Moderator 11:15 AM—12:30 PM...... Free Enterprise & Economic Policy Panel in the Montview Ballroom Congressman Ben Cline, 6th Congressional District of Virginia Delegate Wendell Walker, 42nd District of the Virginia House of Delegates Professor Aaron Van Allen, Moderator 12:45 PM – 2:00 PM......Breakout Session 5 Family & Life Policy Issues in Montview 2570 Professor Robert Cooper, Moderator China Policy II in Montview 2610 Dr. Anthony Hughes, Moderator Foreign Policy Issues III in Montview 3570 Professor Scott Strobel, Moderator 2:15 PM—3:30 PM...... International Relations & Foreign Policy Panel in the Montview Ballroom Ambassador Lisa Gable, Bestselling Author and CEO His Excellency Ambassador Tadeous Tafirenyika Chifamba, Ambassador of Zimbabwe His Excellency Ambassador Alfredo Fabaio Nuyunga, Ambassador of Mozambique Dr. Mary Prentice, Moderator in the Montview Ballroom Rachel Davis, Liberty University Graduate Student Dr. Carl Rehberg, Liberty University Adjunct Professor Rear Admiral (Ret.) Michael Studeman Lieutenant Colonel Allen West Rear Admiral (Ret.) Tony Cothron, Moderator 5:15 PM – 7:30 PM...... Citizenship & Virtue Conference Reception



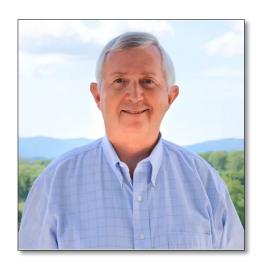


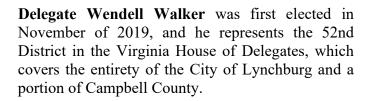


Dr. Jennifer Bauwens serves as the Director of the Center for Family Studies at Family Research Council. In her role, she researches and advocates for policies that will best serve the health and well-being of families and communities. Dr. Bauwens has a Ph.D. from New York University, where she was bestowed the Robert Moore Memorial Award and granted valedictorian for her dissertation on Hurricane Katrina. Dr. Bauwens has worked extensively as clinician providing trauma-focused treatment, and her scholarship has focused on the effects of psychological trauma, including man-made and natural disasters.

Grace Melton is a Senior Associate for international social issues in The Heritage Foundation's Richard and Helen DeVos Center for Life, Religion, and Family. In this role, Ms. Melton focuses on life, marriage and family, religious liberties, and human rights as they pertain to U.N. policies, as well as in American foreign policy priorities.

Congressman Ben Cline represents Virginia's 6th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives, where he is a member of the House Committee on the Judiciary, the House Committee on Appropriations, and the House Committee on the Budget. He previously served as a Member of the Virginia House of Delegates, representing the 24th District from 2002 – 2018. Prior to his election to the House of Representatives in 2018, Congressman Cline was an attorney in private practice.





Wendell has been a consistent voice for the taxpayers, fighting for fiscal responsibility, limited government, and protecting our shared Virginia values. He understands the challenges that currently face our community and has been committed to finding solutions to enhance the quality of life in Central Virginia.

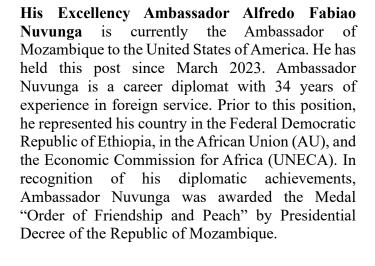


Ms. Lisa Gable is an award-winning author who is highly regarded in business, political, and philanthropic circles for her ability to tackle difficult issues directly and with discipline and diplomacy. As a CEO of several organizations and as a former Presidential appointee, U.S. Ambassador, U.N. Delegate, and advisor to Fortune 500 companies, Ms. Gable has orchestrated and executed the successful turnarounds of well-known private and public organizations.



His Excellency Ambassador Tadeous Tafirenyika Chifamba serves as the Ambasssador of Zimbabwe to the United States of America. As a career diplomat and former ambassador to the European Union, Ambassador Chifamba has many years of experience and has held a wide variety of posts. The Embassy of Zimbabwe remains focused in pursuit of economic diplomacy, including diaspora involvement in national development and the normalization of bilateral relations with the USA.







Rachel Davis is a senior at Liberty University studying International Relations: Strategic Intelligence with a minor in German. She has focused on China throughout her studies at Liberty and is writing her senior honors thesis on Chinese economic coercion in the Indo-Pacific.



Dr. Carl Rehberg is an adjunct professor for Liberty University and a non-resident senior fellow at the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments. He was founder and director of the Headquarters Air Force Asia-Pacific Cell, which played a pivotal role in the development of Air Force strategy, force development, planning, and analysis, and war fighting concepts supporting initiatives related to Asia-Pacific and the DoD Third Offset Strategy. He spearheaded the establishment of the China Airspace Studies Institute and led the development of innovative concepts and capability proposals to improve DoD's joint resiliency and integrated air and missile defenses.



Rear Admiral Mike Studeman (Ret.), the former Commander of the Office of Naval Intelligence, is one of the nation's leading national security professionals, with extensive global experience in intelligence, foreign policy, and defense matters. He is an internationally recognized expert on Asian affairs with deep expertise on China. In 2005, President Bush appointed Rear Admiral Studeman as a White House Fellow, where he served at the Department of Homeland Security, on the President's Hurricane Katrina Recovery Task Force, and as a Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Intelligence and Analysis.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024

9:45 AM – 11:00 AM BREAKOUT SESSION FOUR

State and Local Issues in Montview 2570	
Moderator:	Professor Aaron Van Allen
Presenter	<u>Topic</u>
Carl Rehberg	The Immorality of Open Borders
Glenn Bass	Criminal Justice: Racial Equity in the United States of America
Ann Melise Mullins	State Compacts vs. Emergency Powers

China Policy I in Montview 2610	
Moderator:	Dr. Anthony Hughes
<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Hannah Marchiny	Analysis of Sun Tzu's "Art of War"
Anya Veinberg	Investigating the Chinese Government's Relationship with the Uyghur
	Population to Determine the Potential for Terrorism and Genocide
Jamison Finnamore	Rethinking Supply Chains: Mitigating the Rise of Chinese Dependence
	and Protecting U.S. Semiconductor Intellectual Property
Choi Unbi	The Importance of Dialogue between the United States and North
	Korea: How can the United States Respond to the Nuclear Issue with
	North Korea?

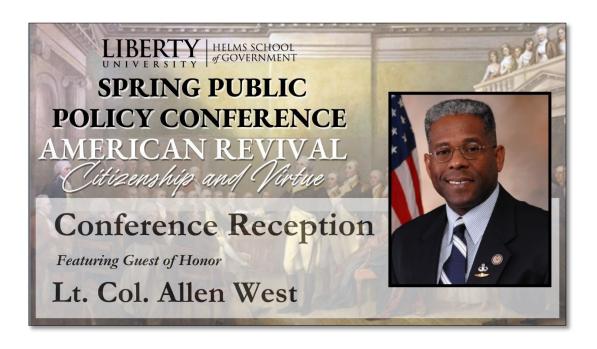
Foreign Policy Issues II in Montview 3570	
Moderator:	Dr. Jarrod Sadulski
<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Logan Kase	The Significance of European Integration of Western Balkan
	Territories: Serbia, Kosovo, and North Macedonia
Ani Rostomyan	Georgia and Russia: A Tenuous Relationship
Emma Chupp	Bosnia and Herzegovina's Prospects on Membership in the North
	Atlantic Treaty Organization
Isaac Deak	Roger Altman's 2008 Public Policy Analysis: At Fault Without the
	Blame

12:45 PM – 2:00 PM BREAKOUT SESSION FIVE

Family & Life Policy Issues in Montview 2570	
Moderator:	Professor Robert Cooper
<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Haleigh Perkins	Beyond Being Rescued
Jeremy Kang	How to Rightly Fight Abortion in Law: An Analysis of the
	Constitutionality and Effectiveness of Federal and State Restrictions
Rachel Howell	Confronting Cosmetic Carcinogens: A Proposal Regarding the Dangers
	of Talcum Powder
Helen Gizachew	A Persuasive Case Against Government Authority in End-of-Life
	Decisions for Vegetative Patients

China Policy II in Montview 2610	
Moderator:	Dr. Anthony Hughes
<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Adam Opp	Navigating the Threat Posed by the Chinese Communist Party
John Davis	China, Taiwan, and the Fed
Jeb Hinkle	Deforestation in Brazil's Amazon and the Effects on Its Position in
	International Politics
Kaleb Horne	China: A Settler Colonial Empire?

Foreign Policy Issues III in Montview 3570	
Moderator:	Professor Scott Strobel
<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Bismark Agbemble	American Elections & Worldwide Elections
Christophe Mwungura	The Impact of Obama and Biden's Woke Foreign Policy on Christian
	Values in Africa and Its Effect on American Democracy Promotion
Dr. Tom Metallo	The International Left and Guatemalan Civil War
Remy Goldsmith	Worldviews Impacting Leadership Within U.S. National Security:
	Christianity vs. Secularism



Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:15 pm – 7:30 pm

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Allen B. West is a Christian constitutional conservative, combat veteran, and former member of Congress.

West was born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia in the same neighborhood where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once preached. He is the third of four generations of military servicemen, all combat veterans, in his family.

West was commissioned through ROTC at the University of Tennessee as a Second Lieutenant (2LT) on July 31, 1982. West's culminating assignment to his career was a Battalion Commander of the 2d Battalion 20th Field Artillery, 4th Infantry Division. He assumed command of this unit on June 6, 2002. He deployed with his unit during the Iraq War in 2003 and continued to command his battalion until his retirement from the Army in 2004 after 22 years of honorable service in defense of the Republic.

In November 2010, Allen was honored to continue his oath of service to his country when he was elected to the United States Congress, representing Florida's 22nd District. As a member of the 112th Congress, West introduced seven major pieces of legislation.

West holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and two Masters, one from Kansas State University and another from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff Officers College.

West is an avid distance runner, a Master SCUBA diver, a motorcyclist, and in his spare time, he enjoys cheering on his beloved Tennessee Volunteers.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024

GENERAL SCHEDULE

8:15 AM – 9:05 AM......The Criminal Justice & the Rule of Law Panel

in the Montview Ballroom

Ms. Joy Cover, President of Freedom 4/24 Detective Paul Osborn, Tallahassee Police Department Dr. Jarrod Sadulski, Liberty University Adjunct Faculty Professor Larry Presley, Moderator

9:15 AM – 10:25 AM......Romanian/ American Citizenship & Law

Breakout Session 6 in the Montview 2570

Bess Blackburn, JSPP Editor in Chief Daniel Fodorean, JSPP European Advisor Dr. Marieta Safta, Titu Maiorescu University Dr. Mary Prentice, Moderator

in the Vines Center

with for King & Country, Christian pop music duo

Romanian/American Citizenship & Law in Montview 2570	
Moderator:	Dr. Mary Prentice
<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Professor Marieta Safta	The Evolution of Human Rights Law and the Role of Education in
	Promoting Constitutional Values in Romania
Dr. Daniel Fodorean	Citizenship and Romania
Bess Blackburn	The Child is not the Mere Creature of the State: The Ineffective Right
	to Privacy, K-12 Education, and the Law







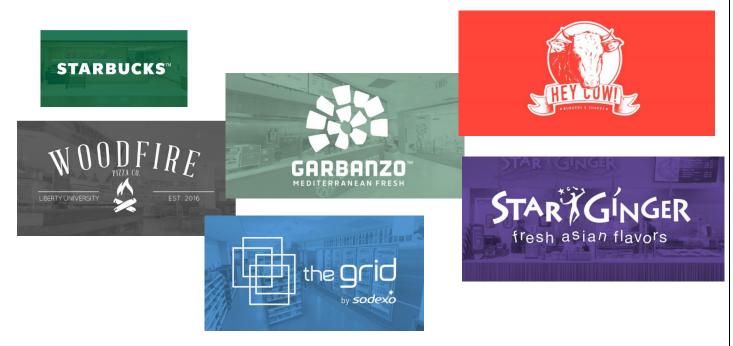
Ms. Joy Cover serves as the President of Freedom 4/24, a non-profit with the mission of preventing and ending sexual exploitation and trafficking. Freedom raises awareness, provides prevention education, and supports organization working to end exploitation by providing a pathway to freedom for trafficked and exploited women and children. Ms. Cover non-profit work has included experience in identifying priority needs within a community, developing organizational strategy and education initiatives, program implementation and management, and international staff management.

Detective Paul Osborn has been an officer with the Tallahassee Police Department for 22 years. He has been assigned as a detective for more than 12 years with nearly 10 years in the Special Victims Unit where his primary focus has been as a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force In that time, Detective Osborn has focused on efforts to identify individuals using the Internet to victimize children. In 2019, Detective Osborn worked on Operation Stolen Innocence, which was a nearly two year Human Trafficking investigation which resulted in nearly 200 arrests.

Dr. Jarrod Sadulski is adjunct professor for Liberty University who provides international human trafficking, homeland security, and counter-narcotics training to organizations and governments. He served as an expert witness on human trafficking to the U.S. Congress and was a consultant for the Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime's Global Organized Crime Index. Through his leadership in law enforcement operations, Dr. Sadulski received the Coast Guard Reserve McShan Inspiration Leadership Award in 2019.

CAMPUS DINING OPTIONS

Liberty's campus includes a wide variety of dining options, including a full-service dining hall and many restaurants. Several convenient options are located on the first floor of the Montview Student Union, but please see any staff member if you would like help finding a dining option which suits you.





The Liberty University Journal of Statesmanship & Public Policy explores topics in the realms of national security, international relations, domestic policy, and political philosophy from a deeply thoughtful, ethical, and Christian perspective. Current residential and online undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students along with faculty of Liberty University are invited to submit original articles by May 15, 2024, for the next issues.



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