Lecture Series Description

“Conservatism and Progressivism in America”

We live in an era of divisive and shallow political disagreement, in which conservatives and progressives shout at one another on the radio and television, and in which members of Congress have difficulty finding any common ground on even the most crucial issues facing the nation’s future. In such an environment, it is easy for American citizens to become cynical about democratic deliberation or be swayed by one extreme position or another by their emotions. The aim of “Conservatism and Progressivism in America,” the lecture series sponsored by Phronesis: a Program in Politics and Ethics and the Honors College, is to deepen and enrich contemporary political discourse by taking an intellectual, historical, and philosophical approach to our political debates. This lecture series will invite scholars and public intellectuals of the left and right to speak about the principles, history, and future of Conservatism and Progressivism. The lectures are free and open to the public; food and drink will be served after the lecture.

Upcoming Speakers:

Thomas Spragens (Duke University), October 7, 5:30pm, author of *Getting the Left Right: the Transformation, Decline, and Reformation of American Liberalism*

Patrick Deneen (Georgetown University), October 25, 5:30pm, author of *Democratic Faith*

William Galston (Brookings Institution), February 10, 2012, scholar, public intellectual, writer for *The New Republic*, former policy advisor to President Clinton

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