

THE LAMBERT FAMILY COMMUNICATION CONFERENCE

ON RHETORIC AND **POSSIBILITY** AND POLITICAL THEORY

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Thursday, April 2

12:00pm–5:30pm at Hardin Hall

Opening Remarks: 12:15-12:45

Session I: 12:45-2:45

MODERATOR

Keith Topper, University of California,
Irvine

SPEAKERS

“Thucydides in Baghdad”

Peter Euben, Duke University

“Rhetoric and Representation in
Plato’s Republic”

Jill Frank, University of South Carolina

Welcoming Remarks: 3:00-3:30

Henry Bienen, President,
Northwestern University

Barbara O’Keefe, Dean, School of
Communication, Northwestern University

Session II: 3:30-5:30

MODERATOR

Robert Hariman, Northwestern University

SPEAKERS

“Subdue the Senate: Machiavelli’s ‘Way
of Freedom’ or Path to Tyranny?”

John McCormick, University of Chicago

“Fanon’s Revolutionary Rhetoric”

Anne Norton, University of Pennsylvania

Friday, April 3

9:00am–5:30pm at Scott Hall Room 212

Session I: 9:00-12:00

MODERATOR

Mary Dietz, Northwestern University

SPEAKERS

“Spinoza’s Failed Rhetoric of a
Supposedly Inconspicuous Transition
to Secularity”

Ronald Beiner, University of Toronto

“Bringing Home the Case of the Poor:
The Rhetorical Achievement of Adam
Smith’s Wealth of Nations”

Samuel Fleischaker, University of
Illinois at Chicago

“Burke and the Rhetoric of
Self Knowledge”

Uday Mehta, Amherst College

Session II: 1:00-3:00

MODERATOR

John Wynne, Northwestern University

SPEAKERS

“Aristotle’s Rhetoric as Political
Philosophy”

Bernard Yack, Brandeis University

“Cicero and the Other Scene: Integrity and
Instability in the Rhetorical Republic”

Joy Connolly, New York University

Session III: 3:30-5:30

MODERATOR

Lars Tønder, Northwestern University

SPEAKERS

“Hobbes Reading Hobbes: Applying
Hobbes’ Instructions for Reading Scripture
to a Reading of Leviathan Itself”

James Martel, San Francisco State
University

“Rhetorical Investments: The Topos
of the Ages and Locke’s Narrative
of Political Beginnings”

Kirstie McClure, University of California,
Los Angeles

Saturday, April 4

9:00am–5:30pm at Hardin Hall

Session I: 9:00-12:00

MODERATOR

James Farr, Northwestern University

SPEAKERS

“Rousseau and the Ends of Rhetoric”

Peter Meyers, Sorbonne Nouvelle
and Princeton University

“Words as Weapons in Benjamin
Constant’s Thought”

Bryan Garsten, Yale University

“Ambivalent Prophecy: the Rhetoric of
Tocqueville’s Democracy in America”

George Shulman, New York University

Session II: 1:00-3:00

MODERATOR

Patchen Markell, University of Chicago

SPEAKERS

“Hyperbolic Rhetoric and Polemics’:
the Question of Nietzsche”

Tracy Strong, University of California,
San Diego

“On Public Action: Rhetoric and Glory in
Hannah Arendt’s The Human Condition”

Andrew Norris, University of California,
Santa Barbara

Session III: 3:30-5:30

MODERATOR

Dilip Gaonkar, Northwestern University

SPEAKERS

“Political Philosophy as Rhetoric: the
Case of Leo Strauss”

Miguel Vatter, Pontificia Universidad
Católica de Chile

“Quentin Skinner’s ‘Rhetorical Turn’
and its Implications for the Study
of Political Thought”

Kari Palonen, University of Jyväskylä

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