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10 a.m.–12 noon

“Why the Liberal Arts?”

Exploring the Aims of a University Education”

Although liberal education is one of the most frequently used phrases in higher education, there is little consensus regarding what it means or how it might be accomplished. Over the years, there have been various attempts to define it with creation of core curricula, development of general education classes, and identification of reflective thinking experiences. With current economic, political, and social pressures for more practical educational experiences, the liberal arts aims of liberating students’ minds and preparing them for their future roles in society may seem unimportant. This symposium will explore the nature of a liberal arts education in our contemporary culture and the relationships between humanistic, scientific, and moral education.

MODERATOR

Stanley N. Katz

*Professor at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs,
Princeton University*

PANELISTS

Andrew Delbanco

Julian Clarence Levi Professor in the Humanities, Columbia University

Jean Bethke Elshtain

*Laura Spelman Rockefeller Professor of Social and Political Ethics,
University of Chicago*

Kenneth R. Miller

Professor of Biology, Brown University

Harry S. Stout

Jonathan Edwards Professor of American Christianity, Yale Divinity School

MODERATOR

Stanley N. Katz

Stanley Katz, professor of Public and International Affairs at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, is President Emeritus of the American Council of Learned Societies, the leading organization in humanistic scholarship and education in the United States. Dr. Katz graduated *magna cum laude* from Harvard University in 1955 majoring in English History and Literature. He received his MA and PhD degrees from Harvard University in American History. He is co-editor of *Mobilizing for Peace: Conflict Resolution in Northern Ireland, South Africa and Israel/Palestine*, published by Oxford University Press in 2002, and he was editor of the eleven-volume *Oliver Wendell Holmes History of the United States Supreme Court*. Dr. Katz is a leading expert on American legal and constitutional law.

PANELISTS

Andrew Delbanco

Author and essayist Andrew Delbanco is the Julian Clarence Levi Professor in the Humanities at Columbia University, where he also serves as director of undergraduate studies in English. He has written extensively on American history and culture for publications such as *The New Republic*, *New York Times*, *Commonwealth*, and *Partisan Review*. Dr. Delbanco received his bachelor's degree at Harvard University in 1973 and his doctorate in 1980. In 2001 Dr. Delbanco was named a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and in 2003 was named New York State Scholar of the Year by the New York Council for the Humanities. Hailed by *Time* as "America's best social critic," Dr. Delbanco uses unparalleled historical and critical perspective to give us both a commanding biography and a riveting portrait of the young nation in his new book, *Melville: His World and Work*, published this year.

Jean Bethke Elshtain

Jean Bethke Elshtain is the Laura Spelman Rockefeller Professor of Social and Political Ethics at the University of Chicago. She received her PhD in politics from Brandeis University and went on to join the faculties of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and Vanderbilt University before accepting her present position at the University of Chicago in 1995. A Guggenheim Fellow and Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Elshtain is the author of several books including *Public Man, Private Woman: Women in Social and Political Thought* and *Just War Against Terror: The Burden of American Power in a Violent World*. Dr. Elshtain is a highly acclaimed teacher and scholar and has served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute for Advanced Studies at Princeton as well as the National Humanities Center. As a political philosopher, Dr. Elshtain's task has been to show the connections between our political and ethical convictions.

Kenneth R. Miller

Kenneth Miller did his undergraduate work at Brown University and later received his PhD from the University of Colorado. After six years on the faculty at Harvard University, he returned to his *alma mater*, Brown University, where he has had a prolific teaching and research career in molecular and cell biology. The author of more than fifty scientific papers and reviews, Dr. Miller has co-authored three high school and college biology textbooks used by millions of students around the United States. In 1999 Harper Collins published Dr. Miller's book, *Finding Darwin's God*, subtitled *A Scientist's Search for Common Ground Between God and Evolution*. He is the recipient of numerous honors and awards for his distinguished contributions to teaching and learning. He continues to examine the public understanding of evolution and to debate the scientific integrity of evolution vis-à-vis "intelligent design" and anti-evolutionists.

Harry S. Stout

Harry Stout is a scholar and prolific writer on American Religious History, Christianity in America, and Religion and the American Civil War. Having received his graduate degrees from Kent State University, Dr. Stout is currently the Jonathan Edwards Professor of American Christianity at Yale Divinity School. Dr. Stout's numerous books have won critical acclaim and include two Pulitzer Prize nominations and a Book of the Year Award. Among his many significant scholarly collaborations, Dr. Stout and Wake Forest President Nathan O. Hatch co-edited two volumes entitled *Jonathan Edwards and the American Experience*. Professor Stout's most recent book, entitled *Upon the Altar of the Nation: A Moral History of the Civil War*, will be published in January 2006.

2 p.m.—4 p.m.

“The Moral Challenges of Professional Life”

As modern society has become more complex, the pressures and demands on American professionals in all areas have increased. Today, the decisions our professionals are called upon to make routinely involve the weighing of social, political, economic, legal, institutional, and personal factors, and many of these decisions depend on the moral and ethical frames of reference these professionals have developed and regularly bring to bear on a range of important issues. This symposium will explore the variety of moral challenges faced by contemporary professionals, and the implications of these challenges for the ways in which we train and prepare future professionals in our society.

MODERATOR

E.J. Dionne, Jr.

*Syndicated Columnist, Washington Post Writers Group,
Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution*

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Charles K. Francis

*Rudin Scholar in Urban Health and Director of the Office of Urban Health Disparities,
New York Academy of Medicine*

Miroslav Volf

*Henry B. Wright Professor of Systematic Theology,
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The Honorable Ann C. Williams

United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, Chicago

MODERATOR

E.J. Dionne, Jr.

A native of Fall River, Massachusetts, and a *summa cum laude* graduate of Harvard University (1973), E.J. Dionne, Jr. received his doctorate from Oxford University where he was a Rhodes Scholar. He was a reporter for the *New York Times* for fourteen years before joining *The Washington Post* in 1990, where he now writes a syndicated op-ed column on American politics. A Senior Fellow in the Governance Studies Program at the Brookings Institution and a senior advisor to the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life, Dr. Dionne is a regular political analyst for National Public Radio and the author of three books, among them the best-seller, *Why Americans Hate Politics*.

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James A. Autry

James Autry is a former Fortune 500 executive, having served as president of the Meredith Corporation, responsible for such publications as *Better Homes and Gardens* and *Ladies Home Journal*. Mr. Autry is also the author of ten books, eight of which are about business and two of which are collections of his poetry. His 1992 book, *Love and Profit, The Art of Caring Leadership*, has received much recognition for its impact on executive thinking and has been translated into a number of languages. Featured on Bill Moyers' special series, "The Power of the Word," and on Garrison Keillor's "The Writer's Corner," Mr. Autry is known for his insight and elegant writings. In addition, he is active in civic and charitable organizations and has worked with disability rights groups for thirty years.

Charles K. Francis, M.D., MACP, FACC

Dr. Charles Francis has had a distinguished career in medicine. A cardiologist, Dr. Francis has served as president of the American College of Physicians, chair of the Association of Black Cardiologists, and professor of medicine at UCLA, Columbia, and Yale. He is now the Rudin Scholar in Urban Health and director of the Office of Urban Health Disparities at the New York Academy of Medicine in New York City. His numerous writings on racial and ethnic health disparities, medical education, and health services research have received national attention. He serves on the Advisory Committee to the director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and is a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. Dr. Francis has provided leadership for the American Heart Association as well.

Miroslav Volf

A native of Croatia, Miroslav Volf is the Henry B. Wright Professor of Theology at Yale University Divinity School and director of the Yale Center for Faith and Culture. Dr. Volf was educated in Croatia, the United States, and Germany. He has written or edited nine books in addition to publishing sixty-five scholarly articles and over one-hundred-fifty popular publications. Most of his works address the intersection between faith and aspects of contemporary life, such as economics, politics, and inter-faith relations. He has been active in international ecumenical dialogues, too. Dr. Volf's book *Exclusion and Embrace*, in which he reflects on conflicts raging around the question of identity, won the 2002 Grawemeyer Award in Religion.

The Honorable Ann C. Williams

Judge Ann Williams is a member of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit in Chicago. She began her career as a music and third-grade teacher in the inner-city public schools of Detroit. After receiving her law degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1976, Ms. Williams quickly established an outstanding reputation as an assistant U.S. attorney in Chicago, where she tried major felony cases. In 1985, she was appointed to the Federal District Court and in 1999 to the United States Court of Appeals, becoming only the third African American woman to serve on any federal appeals court. Judge Williams founded the "Just the Beginning Foundation" in 1993 to educate the public about the African American Judiciary and to award law scholarships to minority law students.



