

THE JEFFERSON SCHOOL  
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THE INTELLECTUAL FOUNDATIONS OF A FREE SOCIETY III

Lecture Descriptions and Faculty Biographies

PHILOSOPHY: Twenty-one hours of instruction.

Leonard Peikoff: Objectivism: State of the Art (six lectures)  
Questions and Answers on Objectivism (two lecture periods)

This series of lectures will cover, in Dr. Peikoff's words, "what I myself have learned about Objectivism while writing my current book on the subject." (The book is titled Objectivism: The Philosophy of Ayn Rand and will be completed in 1988.) Special attention will be paid to the logical development of Objectivism, i.e., to the hierarchical structure of its ideas. Topics include: the anteroom of epistemology (sense perception and volition); the uniqueness of the Objectivist concept of "logic," and its relation to objectivity; integration as the central cognitive process; why "reason" is the end, not the beginning of the Objectivist epistemology; why the concept of "certainty" is necessary--and where it is inapplicable; what moral principles are and why man's mind and life require them.

In addition, Dr. Peikoff will offer two further sessions in which he answers questions on any aspect of Objectivism.

Dr. Peikoff is an outstanding author and lecturer. His most important work is The Ominous Parallels, a masterful philosophical-cultural history of the United States and modern Germany, which makes intelligible the rise of Nazism and the ominous signs of a similar development in this country. For 30 years he was a close associate of the late Ayn Rand, and is Chairman of the Board of Directors of the recently formed Ayn Rand Institute: The Center for the Advancement of Objectivism. As Miss Rand's intellectual heir, he wrote the Introduction to Miss Rand's posthumously published collection of essays Philosophy: Who Needs It, and has also brought out, with Introduction and Notes, The Early Ayn Rand: A Selection from her Unpublished Fiction. He is in the process of preparing for publication the rest of Miss Rand's unpublished manuscripts, correspondence, and journals, and is presently arranging for the production of a motion picture of Atlas Shrugged. Dr. Peikoff's lectures on philosophy have been given regularly in New York City and played on tape to audiences in over 100 cities in North America, Europe, Asia, and Australia. Dr. Peikoff taught philosophy for many years at Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, where he was Associate Professor, and before that at the University of Denver, Hunter College, Long Island University, and New York University. His articles have appeared in Barron's, The Objectivist, and other periodicals. His essay "The Analytic-Synthetic Dichotomy" was reprinted in Ayn Rand's Introduction to Objectivist Epistemology as a companion piece to her own essay.

Allan Gotthelf, *Aristotle's Metaphysical Individualism and Its Biological Basis* (two lectures): I. The unity of matter and form in individual living things.  
II. Aristotle as biologist and as philosopher of science.

These lectures present an overview of Aristotle's metaphysics and philosophy of science, and their relation to his systematic study of living things. After a brief outline of the deepest essentials of Aristotle's philosophy, the first lecture examines his concepts of matter, form, potentiality, and teleological causation, and his doctrines of (i) the irreducibility of form to matter, (ii) the unity of matter and form, and (iii) the individuality of form. The second lecture identifies the central features of Aristotle's scientific epistemology and then shows that epistemology at work in his three great biological treatises. It concludes with some remarks on the vitality of Aristotelian studies today and its implications for the near future of academic philosophy.

Dr. Allan Gotthelf is Associate Professor of Philosophy at Trenton State College and a life member of Clare Hall, Cambridge University. A distinguished Aristotelian scholar of international reputation, he has edited or co-edited two books, and organized several international conferences, devoted to the philosophical implications of Aristotle's biological works, and has published articles and reviews on Plato, Aristotle, and Theophrastus. Dr. Gotthelf received his Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1975. He has taught philosophy at Wesleyan University and Trenton State, and, in a visiting capacity, at Oxford University, Swarthmore College, and Georgetown University. He has lectured on Aristotle and on Objectivism to numerous university groups in the U.S., Canada, and Europe.

Harry Binswanger: *Special Topics in the Philosophy of Science* (two lectures)

A philosophical investigation of certain basic concepts in mathematics (e.g., "number"), physics (e.g., "space"), and biology (e.g., "life"). A clarified understanding of these concepts will be applied to answering such questions as: Does a finite universe have an end? Can there be empty space (a void)? Do "imaginary" numbers qualify as numbers? Is life reducible to physical-chemical interactions? Is evolution a hypothesis or an established fact?

Dr. Binswanger is the editor and publisher of The Objectivist Forum, a bimonthly journal devoted to the philosophy of Ayn Rand. His recently published book, The Ayn Rand Lexicon, is a topically organized compilation of extracts from Objectivist writings and lectures. Dr. Binswanger received his Ph.D. from Columbia University and taught philosophy for many years at Hunter College (City University of New York) and at the New School for Social Research. He has written and lectured extensively on ethics, philosophy of science, and political philosophy. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Ayn Rand Institute.

Mary Ann Sures, The Aesthetics of the Visual Arts (two lectures)

These two lectures will cover the distinctive nature of the visual arts, the means by which abstract values are conveyed in painting and sculpture, and viewer response to art (how one can identify and develop artistic preferences and increase one's enjoyment of art). The lectures will be illustrated with color slides.

Mary Ann Sures did graduate work in art history at New York University (Institute of Fine Arts), and at Hunter College from which she received an M. A. She has taught art history at both schools and, apart from academic teaching, has lectured on Objectivist aesthetics of the visual arts. She also founded and managed Sures Art Enterprises, Ltd., a fine art reproduction company. Presently, Mrs. Sures is a free lance art consultant.

ECONOMICS: Fifteen hours of instruction.

George Reisman: A Theory of Productive Activity, Saving, and Profit (six lectures)

These lectures will present a modernized, radically restructured version of the ideas of the British Classical Economists on the subjects of productive activity, saving, and profit. They will deal with the connection between money making and productive activity, the productive role of businessmen and capitalists, the role of saving both as the source of most spending in the economic system and in relation to technological progress and capital accumulation, and the determinants of the average rate of profit on capital invested. Classical economics, when freed of its errors and inconsistencies, will be shown to provide the basis for the overthrow of the central ideas both of Keynesianism and--despite the prevailing contrary view--the Marxian exploitation theory.

Dr. Reisman is a leading advocate of laissez-faire capitalism. He is best known as the author of The Government Against the Economy, an exposition of free-market price theory and critique of price controls and socialism. He was originally a student of the late Ludwig Von Mises, under whom he obtained his doctorate in economics at New York University. He is the translator of Von Mises' Epistemological Problems of Economics and of Heinrich Rickert's Science and History, and has authored over thirty articles on economics. He is internationally known as a lecturer. Currently, Dr. Reisman is Professor of Economics at Pepperdine University's School of Business and Management in Los Angeles.

Manuel Ayau: two lectures

The Story of Francisco Marroquin University and the Real--and Unreported--Politico-Economic Situation in Central America

This lecture combines the story of the founding and growth of the pro-free-enterprise Francisco Marroquin University in Guatemala with a description and analysis of the real, but largely unreported politico-economic situation in Central and Latin America.



Von Mises' Law of Association and the Case for the Free Market

This lecture presents the Law of Association, which when applied to international trade is known as the Law of Comparative Advantage, as a major foundation of the mutual gains inherent in free exchanges, a major coordinating principle of the economic activities of individuals in a free market, and a principal basis for opposing government interference in the economic system.

Dr. Ayau is the founding and current President of the Universidad Francisco Marroquin in Guatemala City. He has been a member of the Legislative Assembly of Guatemala, a member of the Board of the Guatemalan Central Bank, of two commercial banks, and the Chamber of Industry, of which he was also Vice-President. He is a past President of the Mont Pelerin Society.

Hans F. Sennholz, Money and Freedom (two lectures)

Dr. Sennholz will show that the struggle for freedom of money is an essential part of the struggle for a free society. He will demonstrate that money with legal-tender power--money that is issued by politicians or bureaucrats and forced on people at face value--is an ominous restraint of individual rights and causes inflation and depressions and breeds social and political strife. A free society implies the termination of the government's money monopoly and legal tender coercion. It thus represents the establishment of sound money and banking, which are not impossible, but, for the present, merely illegal.

Dr. Sennholz is the author of more than half a dozen books--among them How Can Europe Survive (1955), Inflation or Gold Standard (1973), Age of Inflation (1979), The Politics of Unemployment (1987)--and over 300 published essays and articles. He is also the translator (with George Huncke) of Eugen von Boehm-Bawerk's three volume Capital and Interest, one of the most important economic classics of all time. The holder of two doctorates--one earned in economics under Ludwig Von Mises at New York University in 1955, the other earned in political science at the University of Cologne in 1949--Dr. Sennholz has been Professor of Economics and Chairman of the Economics Department at Grove City College in Pennsylvania since 1956. He is a trustee of the Foundation For Economic Education and, in connection with his activities in the world of business and finance, has served on the board of directors of business enterprises, as well. Dr. Sennholz is a popular and frequent lecturer to educational and professional audiences throughout the country.

PSYCHOLOGY, HISTORY, AND CURRENT AFFAIRS: Eighteen hours of instruction.

Edith Packer: The Obsessive Compulsive Syndrome (one lecture)  
Question and Answer Period on Psychological Theory and Psychotherapy

In this lecture, Dr. Packer will deal with the broad spectrum of obsessive-compulsive behavior, ranging from its relatively minor use as a defense mechanism to the most serious neurosis inhibiting performance and severely undercutting a person's life. She will cover the syndrome's development, its various symptoms, and the underlying core evaluations on which it rests. Dr. Packer will discuss the resulting attitudes affecting the individual's work and his dealings with people, in particular his capacity for friendships and romantic relationships.

In her second session, Dr. Packer will answer questions on various aspects of psychological theory and psychotherapy.

Dr. Packer is an attorney and clinical psychologist. She has been in private practice as a psychotherapist for eighteen years. She has lectured on psychology and psychotherapy in the United States and Canada and has been published on these subjects in The Objectivist Forum. Dr. Packer is a member of the Board of Directors of the Ayn Rand Institute and is a trustee of The Foundation For The New Intellectual.

John Ridpath: Totalitarian Power-Lust: The Marxist-Leninist Variant (two lectures)

These lectures will present Lenin's life and ideas as an amalgam of Marxism and its natural complement: traditional Russian despotism. They will show how Lenin brings Marxism to the only culmination possible to it in practical reality--namely, elitist tyranny, mass destruction, and war against the West.

Dr. Ridpath is Associate Professor of Economics and Intellectual History at York University in Toronto, Canada. Widely recognized for his lecturing skills, and for his public speaking and debating in defense of capitalism, he is a recipient of the prestigious award given by the Ontario Council of University Faculty Associations for outstanding contribution to University teaching. His research interests lie in the history of basic ideas and their impact on social change.

Peter Schwartz: The Politics of Pragmatism (two lectures)

Why has the political revolt of the right, begun in the late 1970's, fizzled into nonexistence? Why is the eight-year legacy of the Reagan Administration--the last best hope of the conservatives--trillion dollar annual budgets? Is liberalism poised for a rebirth? Did it every really die? These two lectures analyze the ideas of leading conservative and liberal thinkers. They show how pragmatism is the increasingly dominant element in political theory today, as evidenced by such

phenomena as supply-side economics on the right and "neoliberalism" on the left. And they examine why the welfare state--the paradigm of pragmatism--has become the unchallenged ideal of both liberalism and conservatism.

Mr. Schwartz is editor and publisher of The Intellectual Activist, a pro-individual rights newsletter he founded in 1979, and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Ayn Rand Institute. He has worked as a freelance writer and as an editor for Hearst Magazines and other publications. He is a frequent lecturer on college campuses and guest on radio and television talk shows.

Arthur Mode: two lectures

James Madison

This lecture shows how Madison brought the spirit of practical success to the philosophy of liberty and the realm of politics. He did so by blending the close study of political theory and history with extraordinary persuasiveness and persistence, all of it dedicated to protecting the liberties of his countrymen. Not only was he Jefferson's Secretary of State and personal friend, and the fourth President of the United States, but he was, as John Quincy Adams described him, "the Father of the Constitution."

The Virginia Ratifying Convention of 1788

Have American politicians always debated on the pallid, pragmatist level of today? Has there ever been argumentation over fundamental issues that was conducted on a more elevated, principled level? Indeed there has. It involved the ratification of our American constitution, and it pitted James Madison against Patrick Henry. In this bicentennial-year of the Constitution, there are few better ways to restore one's confidence in the possibilities of political discourse than to hear the words of these and other Founding Fathers in a dramatic discussion of issues that remain profoundly relevant today.

Arthur Mode, M.D., is a psychiatrist in private practice in Falls Church, Virginia. His avocation is eighteenth and early nineteenth century American history. A supporter of individual rights and the free market, his articles have appeared in publications such as Private Practice, The Intellectual Activist, and The Freeman.

Edwin Locke: two lectures

"Animal Lovers": The New Man-Haters

This talk will examine the goals and arguments of the advocates of so-called animal rights in the light of their implications for human life and well-being. The fallacy of attributing rights to animals will be exposed.



Why Modern Intellectuals Deny the Concept of Evil

This lecture will examine the premises held by contemporary psychologists and other intellectuals that lead them to deny the existence of evil, such as the insistence that all people are good, are open to reason, and are morally equal. Dr. Locke will discuss such concrete symptoms of the denial of evil as the fact that the Holocaust is not discussed in psychology texts, the failure of intellectuals to condemn Soviet concentration camps, and the belief that anyone who believes the U.S. should arm itself is mentally ill.

Dr. Locke is Professor of Business and Management and of Psychology at the University of Maryland, where is also Chairman of the Organizational Behavior and Industrial Relations Faculty. In addition, he is in private practice as a psychotherapist and serves as a consultant to business firms. He is internationally known in the field of Industrial/Organizational Psychology, especially for his work in the areas of goal setting and job attitudes.

George Hansen: IRS Abuses of the American Taxpayer

Mr. Hansen will detail how taxpayers are being "mugged" by the IRS--an incredible story of the brute force, harassment, lies, and coverups used against American citizens by their own government.

Former seven-term Idaho Congressman George Hansen is a fearless critic of the IRS and is the author of the hard hitting book To Harass Our People, which exposes the awesome power of the IRS and other government agencies. Mr. Hansen, now a Washington, D. C., consultant, is President of the New Continental Congress, has organized a grass roots group Victims of Government United Everywhere (VOGUE), and also acts as an advisor to the National Coalition of IRS Whistle Blowers.

Robert C. Richardson: The Role of Strategic Defense in National Security

General Richardson will show that the debate over the strategic defense initiative is about a major change in U. S. strategy, not merely a new or different weapons system. Specifically, SDI represents the abandonment of the strategy of "mutually assured destruction" (MAD) in favor of a strategy of protection from destruction. His lecture will discuss the nature, origin, purpose, and historical precedents for this change in strategy. It will also discuss the need for near term deployments, its impact on U.S. Allies and their attitudes, and the likely outcome of the debate and its probable impact on the 1988 elections. Depending on time and intervening developments, relationships between the civil space program and SDI/HF (high frontier) may also be dealt with.

Robert C. Richardson, Brigadier General USAF, Ret., a graduate of the National War College, has served as Deputy Chief of Staff for Science and Technology in

the USAF Systems Command and subsequently as Deputy Commander Atomic Weapons and Training in the Defense Atomic Support Command, Sandia Base, N.M. Since 1981, he has worked with Lt. General Daniel Graham in High Frontier Inc., an organization dedicated to the development of effective defenses against Soviet Missiles and to the early civil and military exploitation of space. Gen. Richardson is currently Deputy Director of High Frontier.