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### AMERICAN DEMOCRACY FORUM GOALS:

- Increase opportunities for undergraduates to study the founding principles and ongoing practice of American democracy
- Provide opportunities for junior high and high school teachers to access the latest research on the principles and practice of American democracy
- Support graduate students and early career scholars whose work focuses on the principles and practice of American democracy
- Build a conversation about the principles and practice of American democracy among leading scholars from a variety of disciplines at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and beyond

## University of Wisconsin-Madison: The American Democracy Forum

*Dedicated to the Principles and Practice of American Democracy*

Launched in fall 2010, the *American Democracy Forum* (ADF) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison promotes the study of the principles of the American founding and their continued place in the practice of democracy in the United States.

Under the direction of Professor John Zumbrennen, ADF offers a variety of courses and programs for undergraduate students, undergraduate and postdoctoral fellowships, conferences and workshops, and more.



*John Zumbrennen*

For example, undergraduates can enroll in courses examining themes such as the principles and history of American political thought and the ethics of civic engagement. Each year, the ADF invites a select group of students to participate in its Undergraduate Fellows program, which includes a small seminar on key ideas like freedom, equality and representation. Fellows are also eligible for summer fellowships that support independent research and/or thesis projects.

Additionally, ADF invests in teachers and scholars through academic conferences and workshops for scholars. The American Democracy Educators' Forum offers high school teachers the opportunity to engage with key texts from the history of American political thought and to engage in related curriculum development activities.

Furthermore, this fall ADF launched its newest initiative, the Benjamin Franklin Initiative, with generous support from the John Templeton Foundation. This initiative will explore links between law, science, and politics in the Atlantic Enlightenment generally and the American Founding specifically. The Benjamin Franklin Initiative includes a series of lectures and workshops as well as a new post-doctoral fellowship focused on research, publishing, and teaching courses examining the connections between scientific and technological innovation, politics, and law.

For more information on the *American Democracy Forum*, visit [www.adf.wisc.edu](http://www.adf.wisc.edu).