The Founders expected America to become a great nation. Perhaps America has in fact been a great nation. Is it still? Can it be in the future?

These questions will be considered by looking at some of the broad challenges to American greatness, today and in the future.

**Monday, July 22, 2013, 9:00 am to Noon**

**The Hope and the Fear**

*Reading:*

1. *Federalist*, Nos. 1, 2

*Discussion Questions:*

1. The Founders and Tocqueville thought American democracy could degenerate, and that it could fail. How? Why?

**Challenge 1: Solvency**

*Reading:*

- Nicholas Eberstadt, *A Nation of Takers*, Parts I–II, Epilogue

*Discussion Questions:*

1. Will the entitlement state destroy—or at least enfeeble—America? Has it already?

**Tuesday, July 23, 2013, 9:00 am to Noon**

**Challenge 2: Family and Society**

*Reading:*

- Charles Murray, *Coming Apart*, Part 1, Preface (pp. 16–22); Part 2, Preface (pp. 128–130), Chs. 6, 8; Part 3, Chs. 15, 17
Discussion Questions:
1. Are trends affecting family and society destroying—or at least enfeebling—America? Could they be reversed?

Wednesday, July 24, 2013, 9:00 am to Noon

Challenge 3: Demography

Reading:
- Jonathan V. Last, *What To Expect When No One’s Expecting*, Introduction, Chs. 1, 2, 5, 9

Discussion Questions:
1. Are demographic trends destroying—or at least enfeebling—America? Could they be reversed?

Thursday, July 25, 2013, 9:00 am to Noon

Challenge 4: Foreign Policy

Reading:

Discussion Questions:
1. Can American continue to “make” the world order? Should it?
2. Why does such an effort matter to American well-being, or American greatness?

Friday, July 26, 2013, 9:00 am to Noon

Challenge and Response?

Reading:

Discussion Questions:
1. Is there a path forward?