

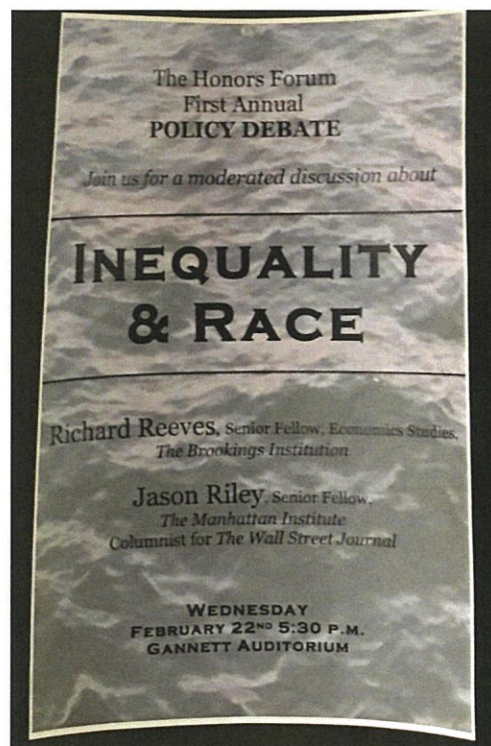
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HF NEWSLETTER

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Inequality & Race The First Annual Policy Debate

Our first annual policy debate was held on Wednesday, February 22nd and it was a riveting discussion on Inequality & Race. The goal of the conversation was to bring distinguished thinkers and writers to campus to debate matters of community concern. It featured Richard Reeves, a senior fellow of economic studies at The Brookings Institute and Jason Riley, a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute. The discussion covered topics such as inequality, measurement of inequality, gender pay gap, culture, poverty, and the war of drugs. The lecture drew a great turn out of both faculty members and students!



Upcoming Events

HF Boston Trip –
Saturday, March 25

Academic Festival –
Wednesday, May 3

Periclean Scholar
Awards/HF Senior
Awards – Friday,
May 20

We are happy to
announce our
Spring trip this
year will be to
Boston, MA on
Saturday, March
25th to the Boston
Ballet to see
Kylia/Wings of
Wax!

First Annual Faculty to Faculty Dialogue Featuring Professor Matthew Hockenos

The Honors Forum held its first annual Faculty to Faculty Dialogue. Professor Matthew Hockenos, the Toadvine '56 Chair in 20th-Century History, and Professor Flagg Taylor had a wide-ranging discussion about Professor Hockenos's research and writing, how he first became interested in these themes, and his path to becoming a professor.

Hockenos is an expert on Nazi Germany and 20th century European politics. Hockenos discussed the lives and thought of two German Protestant clergymen, Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Martin Niemöller—he is currently working on a biography of the latter. Niemöller was an outspoken critic of Adolf Hitler and a defender of the autonomy of the Protestant Church. His opposition to Hitler eventually led to his imprisonment in a concentration camp. He is perhaps most well-known for his quotation uttered in the early post-war period. "First they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out—because I was not a Socialist. Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out—because I was not a Trade Unionist. Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—because I was not a Jew. Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me."

Hockenos, the son of a longtime professor of philosophy at Skidmore, reflected on his trips to Germany as a child and explained his somewhat indirect path to graduate school in history. He also revealed his love for exacting, archival research and the joy of making new discoveries and sharing those with the public and his fellow historians. Professor Hockenos's forthcoming book is entitled *Then They Came for Me: The Moral and Political Evolution of Martin Niemöller* and will be out in fall 2017.

Honors Forum Induction Dinner March 3, 2017

