

# Aspen Executive Seminar

ASPEN, COLORADO

## Draft Schedule

### Saturday

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| 5:15 – 6:00 pm | Opening reception                                                    |
| 6:00 pm        | Opening dinner and orientation                                       |
| 7:30 – 8:30 pm | <b>Opening Discussion</b><br>Anonymous, “An Agreement of the People” |

### Sunday

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| 7:00 am            | Davis Commons open for breakfast                                                                                                                                                      |
| 8:30 am – 12:30 pm | <b>Session I: Human Nature</b><br>Aristotle, Nicomachean Ethics, selections<br>Thomas Hobbes, Leviathan, selections<br>Mencius, Human Nature<br>Nel Noddings, <i>Starting at Home</i> |
| 12:30 pm           | Lunch                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 1:30 – 2:30 pm     | Antigone rehearsal                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 2:30 – 6:15 pm     | Free Time                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 6:15 – 7:00 pm     | Reception and Art Tour                                                                                                                                                                |
| 7:00 pm            | Dinner                                                                                                                                                                                |

### Monday

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| 7:00 am | Davis Commons open for breakfast |
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| 8:30 am – 12:30 pm | <b>Session II: Liberty and Rights</b><br>Aristotle, Politics, Book I, Chapters 1-7<br>Jean Jacques Rousseau, The Social Contract, selections<br>Declaration of Independence<br>Ayn Rand, “What is Capitalism?,” selections |
| 12:30 pm           | Lunch                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 1:30 – 4:00 pm     | Aspen Town Tour and walk to Hallam Lake<br><i>Departs from Isaacson Lobby, Bring Billy Budd</i>                                                                                                                            |
| 4:30 – 6:00 pm     | <b>Tensions: Law &amp; Conscience</b><br>Herman Melville, <i>Billy Budd</i> (paperback book)                                                                                                                               |
| 7:00 – 8:00 pm     | Dinner at Hallam Lake                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 8:30 pm            | Return from dinner at Hallam Lake                                                                                                                                                                                          |

## Tuesday

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| 7:00 am            | Davis Commons open for breakfast                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 8:30 am – 12:30 pm | <b>Session III: Efficiency and Prosperity</b><br>Plato, The Republic, Book II, selections<br>Ibn Khaldûn, The Muqaddimah: An Introduction to History, selections<br>Amartya Sen, Development as Freedom, selections<br>Simón Bolívar, “The Angostura Address,” selections<br>Wisława Szymborska, “Nothing’s a Gift” |
| 12:30 pm           | Lunch                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 1:30 – 4:00 pm     | Hiking Excursion<br>Shuttle departs from Isaacson Lobby                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 5:00 – 6:00 pm     | Antigone rehearsal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 7:00 pm            | Dinner                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

## Wednesday

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| 7:00 am            | Davis Commons open for breakfast                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 8:30 am – 12:30 pm | <b>Session IV: Equality and Dignity</b><br><br>Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, <i>The Communist Manifesto</i> , selections<br><br>Arthur M. Okun, <i>Equality and Efficiency: The Big Tradeoff</i> , selections<br><br>Simone de Beauvoir, <i>The Second Sex</i> , selections<br><br>Martin Luther King, Jr., “Letter from Birmingham City Jail” (see paperback book) |
| 12:30 pm           | Lunch                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 2:00 – 3:00 pm     | Free Time                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 3:00 – 6:00 pm     | <b>Session V: Individual and Community</b><br><br>Alexis de Tocqueville, <i>Democracy in America</i> , selections<br><br>bell hooks, “Kentucky is My Fate,” selections<br><br>Richard Rodriguez, Brown, <i>The Last Discovery of America</i> , selections<br><br>Walter Van Tilburg Clark, “The Portable Phonograph”                                                  |
| 7:00 pm            | Shuttle departs from Aspen Meadows for dinner in town                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

## Thursday

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| 7:00 am            | Davis Commons open for breakfast                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 8:30 am – 12:30 pm | <b>Session VI: Leadership</b><br><br>Niccolò Machiavelli, <i>The Prince</i> , selections<br><br>Confucius, <i>Analects</i> , selections<br><br>Plato, <i>The Republic</i> , Book VII, selections<br><br>Karl Popper, “The Paradoxes of Sovereignty”<br><br>Maya Angelou, “Surviving |

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| 12:30 pm       | Lunch                                            |
| 2:30 – 4:00 pm | Antigone rehearsal                               |
| 4:00 – 6:00 pm | Sophocles, Antigone (performance and discussion) |
| 6:30 – 7:00 pm | Reception – Merrill Patio                        |
| 7:00 pm        | Celebration Dinner                               |

## Friday

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| 7:00 am            | Davis Commons open for breakfast                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 8:00 am – 12:00 pm | <p><b>Session VII: Values in Balance</b></p> <p>Isaiah Berlin, “Two Concepts of Liberty”</p> <p>Ursula K. LeGuin, “The Ones Who Walk Away from Omelas”</p> <p><b>Break, Individual Reflection, Seminar Evaluations</b></p> <p><b>Discussion:</b></p> <p>James O’Toole, “Four Poles of the Good Society”</p> <p>Common Reflections and Group Farewells</p> |
| 12:00 pm           | Lunch                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |