



**Dr. Luke Foster**  
**First Book Manuscript Workshop:**  
*Excellence for the Democratic Age: Liberal Education and the Mixed Regime*  
March 30-31, 2023  
JNH 2060 (Conference Room)  
The University of Notre Dame  
South Bend, IN

**Wednesday, March 29**

Dinner	7:00 pm	Location: TBA
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**Thursday, March 30**

Breakfast with Tocqueville Fellows	8:00 am	Location: TBA
Public Lecture <i>“Liberal Education and the Restless Soul”</i>	12:00 pm	1030 Jenkins Nanovic Halls
First Book Manuscript Workshop	3:00 pm	JNH 2060 (Conference Room)

**Introduction: The Pursuit of Excellence in America**

3:00-3:45 pm

*Discussant: Richard Avramenko*

**Chapter 1: Aristocratic Education & the Democratic Soul**

4:00-4:45 pm

*Discussant: Ben Storey*

Dinner	7:30 pm	Location: TBA
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**Friday, March 31**

Breakfast Available (Conference Room)	8:30 am	JNH	2060
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9:00 am

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**Chapter 2: Meritocracy as the Democratic Soul in New Guise**

9:00-9:45 am

*Discussant: Jenna Storey*

**Chapter 3: Navigating by Knowledge: Plato on Teaching Democracy**

10:00-10:45 am

*Discussant: David O'Connor*

**Chapter 4: Teaching the Love of Greatness: Tocqueville on Poetry for Democratic Souls**

11:00-11:45 am

*Discussant: Richard Avramenko*

Lunch  
(Conference Room)

12:00 pm

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1:30 pm

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**Chapter 5: The “Socratic Remnant”: Irving Babbitt on Colleges as Counterweights**

1:30-2:15 pm

*Discussant: Jeff Polet*

**Chapter 6: Pedagogy Beyond the Cave: Seeking Magnanimity in Meritocracy**

2:30-3:30 pm

*Discussant: Mary Keys*

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