

HARRY V. JAFFA CONFERENCE
“The Writings of Harry Jaffa”
February 27 – March 1, 2014
Conference Agenda

Conference Location – Claremont McKenna College, Kravis Center, 3rd Floor, Room 367

Friday, February 28

8:00-8:30 AM Continental Breakfast: Conference Room

8:30-10:00 Session 1: Opening Statement: Harry Jaffa; response and remarks by participants.

10:00-10:30 Break

10:30-12:00 Session 2: Crisis of the House Divided 50th Anniversary Edition (Chicago: Univ. Chicago Press, 2009), “Introduction,” 2008; “Preface to Chicago Edition,” 1981; “Preface” to original edition, 1959. Part IV. Discussion will be centered on how Lincoln understood the Founding and how Jaffa understood Lincoln to have elevated the founding by introducing Aristotelian elements into the regime. In other words, did Lincoln understand the Founders better than they understood themselves?

12:00-1:15 Lunch on location - CMC

1:15-2:45 Session 3: New Birth of Freedom, Chapters. 1-4. Discussion for both sessions 3 and 4 will be centered around whether a better understanding of the theological-political question animated *New Birth*, and whether the Lincoln who understood the Founders as they understood themselves is the same Lincoln as the one described in *Crisis*.

2:45-3:00 Break

3:00-5:00 Session 4: New Birth of Freedom, Chapters. 5-7.

Saturday, March 1

8:00-8:30 AM Continental Breakfast: Conference Room

8:30-10:00 Session 1: Crisis of the Strauss Divided, Chapters. 1, 4, 5.

10:00-10:15 Break

10:15-12:00 Session II: Crisis of the Strauss Divided, Chapters 11, 12, 18, 19.

12:00 PM Lunch on CMC campus location

PARTICIPANTS:

Harvey Mansfield, Harvard University; Michael Zuckert, University of Notre Dame; John Marini, University of Nevada-Reno; R.J. Pestritto, Hillsdale College; Ken Masugi, John Hopkins University, The Claremont Institute; V. Phillip Munoz, University of Notre Dame; William B. Allen, Michigan State University; Jon Alvis, University of Dallas TX; Colleen Sheehan, Villanova University.