



# NATIONAL SUMMIT ON CIVIC EDUCATION

## WORDS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD: AMERICA AT 250

May 18-19, 2026 | Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

### Monday, May 18, 2026

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Philadelphia Civics Stakeholders Breakfast
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Summit Registration
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Naturalization Ceremony
11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Opening Lunch with remarks by JMC President Hans Zeiger
12:45 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Opening Plenary a Conversation with Peggy Noonan on <i>A Certain Idea of America</i> Moderator: Thomas Kelly, Jack Miller Center
1:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Invite-Only Conversation with Peggy Noonan
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Breakout Sessions  <i>How Should We Tell the American Story?</i> Beverly Gage, Yale University Allen Guelzo, University of Florida
	 <i>Who Owns the Declaration?</i> William Galston, Brookings Institution Yuval Levin, American Enterprise Institute Moderator: Lawrence W. Reed, Foundation for Economic Education
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Breakout Sessions  Small-group discussion of the Declaration Danielle Allen, Harvard University Diana Schaub, Loyola University Maryland
	 Small-group discussion of the Declaration Lucas Morel, Washington and Lee University Colleen Shogan, Former Archivist of the National Archives



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## Monday, May 18, 2026 (cont.)

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Small-group discussion of the Declaration Daniel DiSalvo, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill Roosevelt Montás, Bard College
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Break in Programming
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Cocktail Reception
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Teach for Freedom Dinner with Keynote

## Tuesday, May 19, 2026

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Breakfast with Plenary Panel on <i>The Civics Renaissance in Higher Education</i> Justin Dyer, University of Texas at Austin Bryan Garsten, Yale University Sarah Igo, Vanderbilt University Melinda Zook, Purdue University Moderator: Tamara Tweel, Teagle Foundation
10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	Civics Innovators Competition Breakout session (2-4 per breakout, competitively selected)
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Closing Lunch, Teaching America250 Award and Breakout Winners presentation, and remarks by JMC President Hans Zeiger