

# Hoogland Center for Teacher Excellence

## The Art of Teaching: American History

Westin Peachtree Plaza  
210 Peachtree St NW, Atlanta, GA 30303

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<b>8:00–9:00 a.m.</b> <i>Chastain Foyer (6<sup>th</sup> Floor)</i>	<i>Registration &amp; Continental Breakfast</i>
<b>9:00–9:15 a.m.</b> <i>Chastain F-H</i>	<i>Welcome</i>
<b>9:15–10:15 a.m.</b> <i>Chastain F-H</i>	<i>Breakout Session I</i> <b>“Teaching American History to Middle &amp; High School Students”</b> <i>Steven Battaglia, Headmaster of the Upper School, Seven Oaks Classical School</i>
<i>Chastain E</i>	<i>Breakout Session II</i> <b>“Teaching American History &amp; Civics in Elementary School”</b> <i>Carie Brown, Kindergarten Teacher, Hillsdale Academy</i>
<b>10:15–10:30 a.m.</b>	<i>Coffee Break</i>
<b>10:30–11:30 a.m.</b> <i>Chastain F-H</i>	<b>“History as a Way of Knowing”</b> <i>Dr. Wilfred McClay, Victor Davis Hanson Chair in Classical History &amp; Western Civilization &amp; Professor of History, Hillsdale College</i>
<b>11:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m.</b>	<i>Lunch</i>
<b>12:45–1:45 p.m.</b> <i>Chastain F-H</i>	<b>“The U.S. Constitution: Its Principles &amp; History”</b> <i>Dr. Paul Moreno, Dean of Social Sciences, William &amp; Berniece Chair in Constitutional History, &amp; Professor of History, Hillsdale College</i>
<b>1:45–2:00 p.m.</b>	<i>Coffee Break</i>
<b>2:00–3:00 p.m.</b> <i>Chastain F-H</i>	<b>“History &amp; the Moral Imagination”</b> <i>Dr. Bradley Birzer, Russell Amos Kirk Chair in American Studies &amp; Professor of History, Hillsdale College</i>



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