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# HF NEWS

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## Inequality & Race The First Annual Policy Debate

The first annual policy debate was held on Wednesday, February 22nd, featuring riveting Inequality & Race. The goal of the conversation was to distinguish writers to campus to debate major community concern. It featured Reeves, a senior fellow of economic studies at the Brookings Institute and Jason Riley, a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute. The discussion covered topics such as inequality, measurement of inequality, gender pay gap, culture poverty, and the war on drugs. The lecture drew a great turnout of both faculty members and students.



## Upcoming Events

HF Boston Trip  
Saturday, March 25

Academic Fest  
Wednesday, May 3

Periclean Scholar  
Award

Awards – Friday

We are happy to announce our Spring trip this year will be to Boston, MA on Saturday, March

2017

Daniel Ryan/Wings of Wax!

# First Annual Faculty Dinner and Reception Featuring Professor Matthew Hockenos

The Honors Program is proud to have the opportunity to facilitate dialogue with Professor Matthew Hockenos, the Todd and Patricia Hockenos Professor of History, and a professor of the University of Iowa. Hockenos had a wide-ranging discussion about his research and writing, how he first became interested in history, and how he became a professor. Hockenos has experienced the Holocaust, and discussed the lives and deaths of two German Protestant laymen, Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Martin Niemöller. Niemöller was an important critic of Adolf Hitler and a leader of the anti-Nazi Protestant Church. His opposition to Hitler eventually led to his imprisonment in a concentration camp. He is perhaps most well known for his statement during the early post-war period: "First they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out—because I was not a Socialist. Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out—because I was not a Trade Unionist. Then they came for me, and one left to speak for me." Hockenos, the son of a prominent professor of philosophy at Skidmore, grew up on trips to Germany as a child and eventually followed his somewhat indirect path to graduate school in history. He also writes about his love for reading and the importance of making new discoveries and sharing them. Professor Hockenos's forthcoming book, *The Moral and Political Eye*, will be discussed at the dinner.

