The Alexander Hamilton Institute
for the Study of Western Civilization

Annual Report 2014



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Promoting Civic Literacy

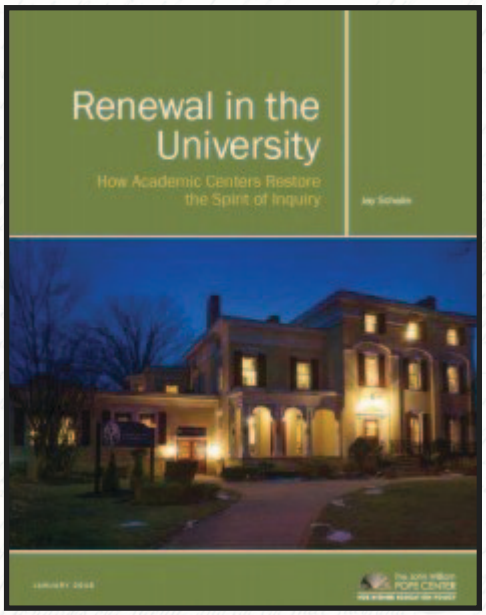
The Alexander Hamilton Institute for the Study of Western Civilization (AHI) seeks to promote excellence in scholarship through the study of freedom, democracy, and capitalism. Founded on Constitution Day, September 17, 2007, the AHI was established as an independent center devoted to the study of American ideals and institutions.

The mission of the AHI rests on a traditional understanding of a liberal arts education as a means by which truth is pursued, the responsibilities of freedom are explained, and the dignity of moral beings is cultivated by studying what the best and brightest in the Western tradition have thought and said throughout the ages.



Introduction

In 2014 the Alexander Hamilton Institute for the Study of Western Civilization (AHI), while receiving increasing national recognition, extended its reach to other colleges and universities, expanded its programming to undergraduates and informed citizens, and acknowledged the impressive accomplishments of members of its extended family.



John W. Pope Center Report

In December, for example, Jay Schalin of the John W. Pope Center for Higher Education Policy recognized the AHI in a study, "Renewal in the University: How Academic Centers Help Restore the Spirit of Inquiry," commissioned by the Thomas W. Smith Foundation. Not only did the publication feature AHI headquarters on its cover, but it applauded the success of AHI programming in creating a nurturing environment for an impressive group of undergraduates. The report expressed concern about the threat to liberty and to the values of Western Civilization itself posed by "dogmatic philosophies" that have infiltrated college campuses to the detriment of a free marketplace of ideas. After surveying dozens of kindred-spirit organization across the country, the report concluded,

"The Alexander Hamilton Institute for the Study of Western Civilization has shown that in today's world, no amount of opposition can keep valuable ideas off campus if a single faculty member is determined to have them heard."

- Jay Schalin, John William Pope Center for Higher Education Policy Report

The Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation and the American Conservative Union Foundation also brought the AHI to national attention. In March, these two organizations jointly awarded AHI Charter Fellow Robert Paquette, one of the chief architects of the AHI, with the prestigious Jeanne Jordan Kirkpatrick Prize for Academic Freedom. Dr. Paquette received his award, a crystal eagle, on March 7 in Washington D.C. from former Hewlett-Packard executive and potential 2016 presidential candidate Carly Fiorina. The prize honors the memory of Dr. Kirkpatrick, the former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, for her fierce defense of academic freedom.



AHI Charter Fellow Robert Paquette

"The study and teaching of Western Civilization is fading from college campuses," said Michael W. Grebe, President and CEO of the Lynde & Harry Bradley Foundation. "Robert Paquette's scholarship ensures that students will gain an understanding of society's foundations and how to meet future challenges."

- Michael W. Grebe, President and CEO of the Lynde & Harry Bradley Foundation

This recognition has shown a national audience that the AHI is here to stay as an enduring oasis of educational excellence, which, in the words of the Pope Center Report, may even help to "save academia from itself." The AHI, in presenting its 2014 Annual Report, wishes to thank supporters, fellows, students, board of academic advisors, and board of directors for all their efforts in making the AHI a special place, an "oasis of excellence." We also invite interested others to read for themselves about the AHI's rich menu of annual activities and programming in the hope of earning your future support with which to provide enlarged and fresh initiatives.

AHI Student and Community Programming Continues to Thrive

Engaging a broad community of informed citizens, including high school and college students, teachers, alumni, trustees, and political officials, the AHI offers programs that elevate civic and economic literacy. Programs include colloquia, courses, lectures, reading clusters, internships, and fellowships.

When the AHI opened its doors for the first time in 2007, a core group of several dozen students from Hamilton College entered our headquarters to benefit from AHI programs. Seven years later, the AHI engages hundreds of persons on and off campus, extending its educational outreach to adults as well as undergraduates. In 2014, more than 200 undergraduates from Hamilton College alone participated in the AHI programming. The AHI Undergraduate Fellows Program at Hamilton College currently has more than 100 student registered.

In 2014, the AHI sponsored or co-sponsored activities at the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), Skidmore College, Dartmouth College, Utica College, and Hamilton College. We co-sponsored major events with Colgate University's Center for Freedom & Western Civilization and Baylor University's Department of Political Science. In 2014, AHI Senior Fellow Joseph Fornieri, Professor of Political Science at RIT inaugurated on his campus the Center for Statesmanship, Law, and Liberty (CSLL), which exists in affiliation with the AHI.



AHI's Undergraduate Fellows: Leaders on Their Campuses and in Their Communities

In 2014, AHI Undergraduate Fellows and other students attracted to other AHI organizations like the Publius Society, Christopher Dawson Society, and Entrepreneurship Club led student discussions on a wide range of topics in economics, history, philosophy, religion, and political science. They took the initiative to organize their own events and movie series, debate other students, present papers at conferences, and engage scholars and entrepreneurs who visited the AHI for academic discussions, often at one of our Leadership Dinners. The Seventh Annual Carl B. Menges Colloquium "The West and War: Strategic Issues Past, Present, and Future," April 3-5, at the Turning Stone Resort, attracted more than 100 undergraduates from Hamilton College, RIT, Skidmore, and Colgate University. During the Thursday evening kick-off ceremonies, AHI Undergraduate Fellow Max Schnidman spoke about how the vibrant intellectual life at the AHI persuaded him not to transfer out of Hamilton College.

In April, AHI Undergraduate Fellows Dean Ball and Joe Simonson not only organized but participated in a campus-wide discussion on "Drawing the Line: Free Speech at Hamilton." The event included a panel of students and faculty that focused on how members of the Hamilton College community draw the line between acceptable and unacceptable speech.



AHI Undergraduate Fellows Joe Simonson and Michael Adamo

During the academic year 2014-15, AHI Undergraduate Fellows Michael Adamo and Joe Simonson built on the work of AHI alumnus Paul Carrier in co-editing an independent publication called *Enquiry*. The student-run publication has as its mission the promotion of "free thought and discourse." AHI Fellow Dr. David Frisk oversees the weekly publication.

AHI Undergraduate leaders Amy Elinski, Michael Adamo, and Alex Klosner interned for the AHI during the summer. They participated in the annual summer conference with Baylor University's Department of Political Science and had reading lists specially prepared for their career advancement by AHI Fellows who discussed each reading with them intensively. Elinski also conducted tours of AHI headquarters during one of several open houses. She explained the mission of the AHI to visitors this way:

> *"The AHI is an incredibly warm, welcoming place," said Elinski. "Every person who steps through the front doors is treated as both an esteemed guest of honor and a beloved family member. It was an honor to be able to extend that same warmth and gratitude to those who visited the AHI, and express to them what a wonderful resource the AHI is to the community. The AHI and everyone involved have been such an incredible help to me, and I feel entirely blessed to be able to take part in it all."*
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> *- AHI Undergraduate Leader Amy Elinski*

In October, AHI Undergraduate Fellows reached out to serve the community for a third year in a row by co-sponsoring the annual Red Cross blood drive in partnership with the AHI Undergraduate Fellows Program and the Hamilton College chapter of Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity. The AHI prides itself on being part of an ever-growing network of kindred-spirit organizations that seeks to provide undergraduate students with the knowledge and skills necessary for success in a free society of responsible and accountable citizens.

AHI Undergraduate Fellows Gain Valuable Insight from Entrepreneurship Club



Lee Garcia

Entrepreneurship, at its core, involves innovative risk-taking based on judgments about the future in a world of uncertainty. Since 2011, the AHI's Entrepreneurship Club has sponsored presentations by successful men and women in business and finance whose life experience has provided them with vital lessons to share with students. In March 2014, AHI Undergraduate Fellow Will Robbins organized a special session with Lee Garcia, life trustee of Hamilton College. Mr. Garcia, a legendary investor who at one time headed the Board of Trustee's investment

committee, spoke to students about principles of investing and the importance of social psychology in helping to interpret market activity. In April, AHI President Dick Erlanger held at Hamilton College a fireside chat on "Private Equity and Venture Capital" with an enthusiastic crowd of undergraduate entrepreneurs. Mr. Erlanger riveted the audience with a series of personal stories about the promise and perils of start-ups.

AHI Undergraduate Fellows Lead the Edmund Burke Association

Dozens of undergraduates participated in reading groups and programs developed as part of the AHI's Edmund Burke Association. Its members explore political thought and political theory related to Western culture, the founding of the United States, and the development of American ideals and institutions.



Dr. Paul Gottfried, Horace Raffensperger Professor of Humanities Emeritus at Elizabethtown College

During the presidency of Ronald Reagan, a political movement known as neoconservatism rose to importance on the American right. Neoconservatives clashed with a diverse group of libertarians and traditionalists known as paleoconservatives. In April, the AHI featured Dr. Paul Gottfried, Horace Raffensperger Professor of Humanities Emeritus at Elizabethtown College, the intellectual historian who coined the word "paleoconservative." He spoke at Hamilton College on "Paleos, Neos, and the Future of American Conservatism," and AHI Undergraduate Fellows continued the conversation with Dr. Gottfried at a Leadership Dinner in his honor. He shared a number of personal stories drawn from his autobiographical memoir, *Encounters: My Life with Nixon, Marcuse, and Other Friends and Teachers* (2009), including his personal friendship with Eugene D. Genovese and Elizabeth Fox-Genovese, both of whom served as AHI academic advisors before their deaths.

In 2014, AHI Resident Fellow Dr. David Frisk led two undergraduate reading clusters, one during the spring semester devoted to the writings of Edmund Burke and a second during the fall semester on Leo Strauss's most influential book, *Natural Right and History* (1953).

AHI Undergraduate Fellows Continue to Distinguish Themselves

AHI Undergraduate Fellows, current members and alumni, continue to distinguish themselves in 2014. A few examples:

Dean Ball, co-leader of the AHI's Undergraduate Fellows Program was hired in 2014 by the Manhattan Institute, one of the premier organizations in the United States for shaping urban public policy, to serve as Policy Manager of the Center for State and Local Leadership.

Anthony Mark Garcia, a former Undergraduate Fellow, began working this past year for a company that specializes in SEC compliance. Garcia, a graduate of Vanderbilt Law School, credits his liberal arts education, which the AHI had helped nurture, for his success in multiple professional environments.

> *"The value of a liberal arts education," said Garcia, "is that it fosters critical thinking skills that can translate to a variety of professions and fields, and also instills a desire to understand the world around you and how the pieces from a variety of disciplines, cultures, and time periods all fit together.*

I could not have made this many career jumps, nor would I have found something intellectually engaging and enjoyable in each of them, had it not been for my exposure to the AHI."

- Former Undergraduate Fellow, Anthony Mark Garcia

Max Schnidman, former co-leader of the AHI's Publius Society, was hired by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation as an Analyst in the Division of Insurance and Research. When commenting on his new post, Schnidman stated:

"I am proud to be joining the FDIC's Research Fellows Program. I will have the opportunity to take the skills in analysis and communication I have developed through AHI activities and apply them to economic research, particularly in banking and finance."

- Former co-leader of the AHI's Publius Society, Max Schnidman



Max Schnidman, former co-leader of the AHI's Publius

Former AHI Undergraduate Fellows are completing graduate study at elite universities. Will Eagan is completing a doctorate in statistics at Purdue University. Tim Minella is finishing his Ph. D. dissertation in the history of science at the University of South Carolina.

Thomas Cheeseman is completing his law degree as a scholarship student at Vanderbilt Law School. He traveled to Hong Kong this summer as a guest of the Mont Pelerin Society for having distinguished himself in a global essay competition on Friedrich Hayek's epistemology and how it relates to an understanding of liberty. Cheeseman also interned this summer for the Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Delaware.

One of the AHI's original Undergraduate Fellows, Elizabeth Farrington, graduated from Notre Dame Law School and is now in Albuquerque, New Mexico, working with the staff attorneys at the New Mexico Court of Appeals. When she was interviewed by current AHI Undergraduate Fellow Amy Elinski in October, she stated that her time at the AHI was exciting and impacted her life not only during college, but after she graduated. According to Farrington:

"The AHI changed everything for me."

- Former Undergraduate Fellow, Elizabeth Farrington



Sarah Larson, co-leader of the AHI's Undergraduate Fellows

Sarah Larson, co-leader of the AHI's Undergraduate Fellows Program, received a fellowship from the Charles Koch Foundation Fellowship, which supported her summer internship at the Manhattan Institute.

Former Undergraduate Fellow Anthony Balbo has embraced entrepreneurship, managing a nationwide portfolio of restaurants and properties for a privately owned company.

Margaret (Maggie) Joyce, from New Canaan, Connecticut, interned this summer as a Research Associate in Washington, D.C. at the Council on Hemispheric Affairs.

AHI Undergraduate Fellow Anderson Tuggle was accepted into Yale Law School. AHI Undergraduate Fellow Taylor Elicegui served as a summer intern on Capitol Hill.

AHI Undergraduate Fellows Michael Adamo, Alex Klosner, and Amy Elinski participated in the Baylor University summer conference on Alexis de Tocqueville and interned for the AHI as well.

William Boudreau, from Wilton, Connecticut, received the 2014 Carl B. Menges Award for an undergraduate paper he composed on asymmetrical warfare and the War of 1812 in conjunction with the Menges colloquium. Upon graduation, Mr. Boudreau accepted a commission as Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps.

In the future, we plan to continue efforts to expand programming related to job opportunities in areas that accord with our mission.



William Boudreau receives the 2014 Carl B. Menges Award

AHI Expands Continuing Education and Designs Programs for All Ages

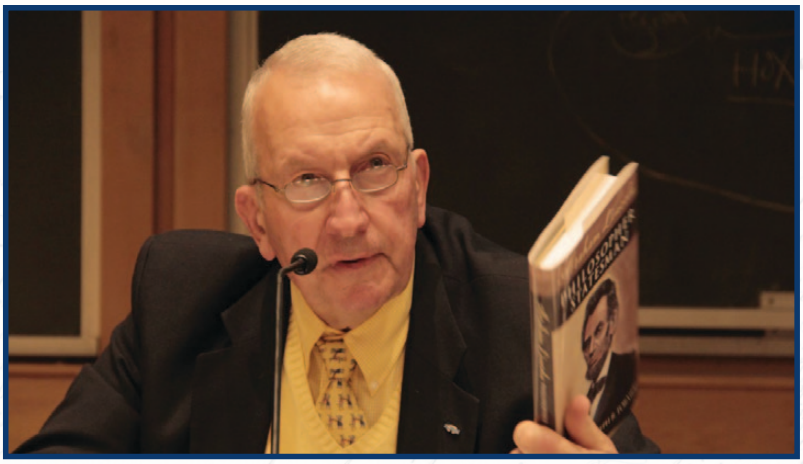
The AHI continues to expand its continuing education programs. In 2014, hundreds of adults from upstate New York attended AHI events, most of which are open to the public.

AHI Resident Fellow David Frisk, a prize-winning journalist and Ph.D. in Political Science from the Claremont Graduate University, teaches courses in continuing education at the AHI. During the spring semester, he taught "What Is Conservatism?" During the fall semester, he taught "Modern Leadership and Statesmanship." Both courses reached room capacity with approximately thirty students each.

During the summer, 2014, the AHI welcomed Dr. Mary Grabar as a Visiting Fellow. At the AHI, Dr. Grabar has resumed her work, begun as a 2011 Bakwin Fellow, completing a monograph on the prominent African-American journalist George Schuyler (1895-1977). She will also use her time at the AHI to publish articles on education and other topics.

Also in 2014, Resident Fellow Dr. Christopher Hill, a prize-winning author and teacher, taught an AHI-sponsored, two-semester course at Utica College on "Law and Liberty in the Western Legal Tradition."

In November, a standing-room-only crowd turned out at Hamilton College for an AHI sponsored symposium that celebrated the publication of *"Abraham Lincoln: Philosopher Statesman,"* by AHI Senior Fellow Joseph Fornieri. Dr. Fornieri's exposition on Lincoln preceded a panel discussion. Moderated by AHI Charter Fellow Douglas Ambrose, it included Fornieri; AHI Resident Fellow David Frisk; and the Honorable Frank Williams, former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Rhode Island and co-founder of the Lincoln Forum. The event drew several classes of students in advanced placement history from New Hartford High School. One high school teacher who attended the event complimented the AHI in a letter to the *Utica Observer Dispatch:*



The Honorable Frank J. Williams, former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Rhode Island
- Photo by Phillip Parkes

> *"Our area is blessed with the presence of the Alexander Hamilton Institute, and I urge people to investigate the numerous opportunities of higher learning that are available for students, teachers, non-academics and the curious. This genuine gem of an institute is a major asset to higher learning here in Oneida County."*
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> *- Lou Parrotta, lecture attendee*

In September, the AHI co-sponsored a major conference, "Tyranny and Totalitarianism: Past, Present, and Future," with the Daniel Webster Center at Dartmouth College. James B. Murphy, Professor of Political Science at Dartmouth, convened the gathering, which boasted an impressive international cast of scholars. Paul Rahe, Charles O. Lee and Louise K. Lee Chair in the Western Heritage, Hillsdale College, who is also an AHI academic advisor, participated in the session on "Modern Tyranny."

The AHI and Skidmore's Benjamin Franklin Forum co-sponsored the Annual Undergraduate Conference on the American Polity, which was held at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, NY. Undergraduate students from elite colleges across the country participated along with select students from Cincinnati Country Day School, an elite college preparatory school. AHI undergraduates Dean Ball and Max Schnidman participated.



Dr. James Stoner delivers Constitution Day lecture at Skidmore College.
- Photo by Lauren Bosche

Last year, the AHI and the Clinton, New York, Chamber of Commerce continued their partnership to promote economic growth and prosperity in the area. Indeed, as a result of a previous agreement, AHI headquarters now houses the Clinton Chamber. In August, the AHI participated in the 9th Annual

Clinton Art and Music Festival. The AHI hosted the second main stage of the festival at its headquarters. According to Ferris Betrus, Executive Vice President of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce, the event has tripled in size.

"We're pleased to have [the AHI] play a role in it," said Betrus.

- Ferris Betrus, Executive Vice President of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce

AHI Promotes Educational Excellence and Intellectual Diversity

The AHI continues to sponsor events on a wide range of subjects for learners of all ages. Several of the AHI's most important initiatives have become highly anticipated annual events.

David Aldrich Nelson Lecture in Constitutional Jurisprudence

On September 17 (Constitution Day), the AHI co-sponsored with the Center for Statesmanship, Law, and Liberty at RIT Dr. Bruce Frohnen, Pettit School of Law, Ohio Northern University. Dr. Frohnen delivered the Seventh Annual David Aldrich Nelson Lecture in Constitutional Jurisprudence on "The Constitution and Religious Liberty."

The AHI expanded its Constitution Day programming by co-sponsoring with Skidmore College's Benjamin Franklin Forum a lecture that featured Professor James Stoner, Department of Political Science, Louisiana State University. Dr. Stoner spoke on "The Written Constitution and the Unwritten Tradition of Common Law."

Second Annual Josiah Bunting III Veterans Day Lecture

On November 11, at Hamilton College, AHI Senior Fellow Lt. Colonel Eric Hannis delivered the Second Annual Josiah Bunting II Veterans Day Lecture. A crowd of more than sixty adults and students turned out for Colonel Hannis's presentation on "Continentals at War: Hamiltonians and Their Impact on Our National Security."

Our Annual Colloquium

In April, a record crowd of more than 120 guests attended the keynote address by Michael Swaine, Senior Fellow, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, at the AHI's Seventh Annual Carl B. Menges Colloquium. Dr. Swaine spoke on "The U.S. and China in the 21st Century: Headed for Conflict or a New Great Power Relationship?" The Menges Colloquium brought together an intellectually diverse group of fifteen experts, including many with combat experience, to discuss in six sessions over two days "War and the West: Strategic Challenges Past, Present, and Future." AHI Resident Fellow Chris Hill moderated the panel.



Michael Swaine, Senior Fellow, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, at the AHI's Seventh Annual Carl B. Menges Colloquium

In April 2015, the Eighth Annual Carl B. Menges Colloquium will be devoted to "Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and the Rule of Law: How to Return America to Prosperity." Michael C. Munger, Professor of Political Science, Duke University, and Director of the Duke Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Program, will keynote.

AHI Annual Summer Conference

In June, the AHI and the Department of Political Science at Baylor co-sponsored their Sixth Annual Summer Conference. It focused on an intensive discussion of Alexis de Tocqueville's two-volume classic Democracy in America. Dr. James Ceaser, Harry F. Byrd Professor of Politics, University of Virginia, directed a panel of professors and graduate students in the conversation before a record crowd of students and local citizens.



Some of the many attendees at the AHI Summer Conference. - Photo copyright 2014, Tom Loughlin Jr, Utica, N.Y.

Recognition for AHI Fellows

In 2014, our academic fellows received a number of awards and professional accolades. Dr. David Frisk, recipient of the AHI's Seventh Annual Bakwin Fellowship, will continue on at the AHI as Resident Fellow for the foreseeable future. He will teach at least one continuing education course per semester during the academic year and be actively involved with undergraduates in forming reading clusters and in supervising undergraduate publications.

Senior Fellow Dr. Lee Cheek was appointed Dean of Social Sciences at East Georgia State College. Cheek, who formerly served as Chair of the Division of Social Sciences, assumed his new duties in early August.

Charter Fellow Douglas Ambrose received the 2014 Sidney Wertimer Award for Excellence in Teaching at Hamilton College's annual Class & Charter Day ceremony. The award, which is voted on by students, recognizes a member of the faculty who has served as an outstanding teacher and "mentor and active participant within the Hamilton community." Ambrose was also invited by the League of Women Voters Utica/Rome, to moderate debate of the three candidates running for Oneida County Family Court judge. He also directs the AHI's Christopher Dawson Society, which, among its activities in 2014, sponsored a movie series on religious themes.

AHI Charter Fellow Robert Paquette received the Jeanne Jordan Kirkpatrick Prize for his work with the AHI in defending Western civilization and was formally recognized at the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) in March. He served in 2014 on the New York Advisory Committee of the United States Commission on Civil Rights. Southern Illinois University Press published *"Abraham Lincoln, Philosopher Statesman,"* by AHI Senior Fellow Joseph R. Fornieri. Fornieri, Professor of Political Science at RIT, directs the newly formed Center for Statesmanship, Law, and Liberty, which is in affiliation with AHI.



AHI Charter Fellow Douglas Ambrose moderates October debate - Photo copyright 2014, Thomas Loughlin Jr., Utica, N.Y.

Recent Grants and Gifts

In May, the AHI announced that we were awarded a grant of $150,000 by the Thomas W. Smith Foundation. The grant of $50,000 per year will support three years of programming, which began in September 2014.

The Armstrong Foundation, an educational non-profit located in Fort Worth, Texas, awarded the AHI a $7,500 grant in support of its programming for the 2013-2014 academic year.

The Armstrong Foundation provides support to institutions interested in the perpetuation of a free society.

Generous support from the Charles Koch Foundation and the Apgar Foundation contributed to several initiatives sponsored by the AHI in 2014.

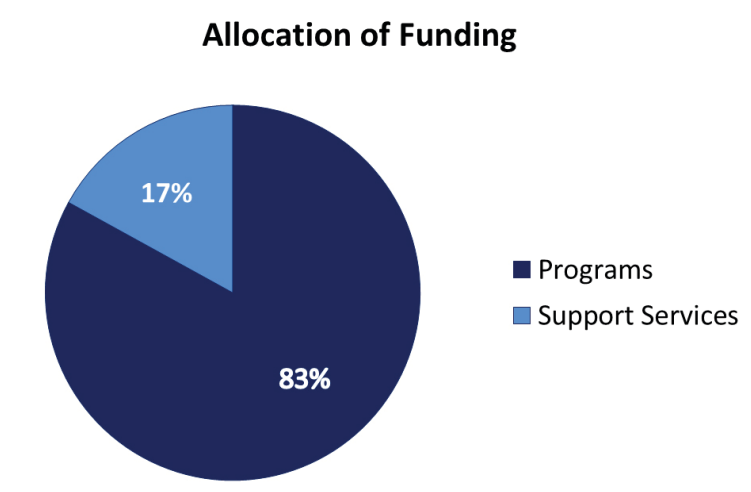
In 2014, the AHI received as a bequest in the will of the late Eugene D. Genovese (1930-2012), one of the most influential historians of his generation, a collection of books and papers, most of which are related to the study of slavery and antebellum southern history. AHI Fellows Douglas Ambrose and Sheila O'Connor Ambrose have undertaken an initiative to catalogue and house these materials properly and to create a special reading room at AHI headquarters for use by visiting scholars and undergraduates affiliated with the AHI. The AHI is in the process of completing a fundraising drive in the hope of completing this project in 2015.

The AHI opened two beautiful treasure rooms in AHI headquarters in 2014. The rooms house artifacts, rare books, and memorabilia related to the AHI and to the Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity, which was founded at Hamilton College in 1832. AHI board members Robert Hamill and Howard Morgan led the fund drive for this major renovation.

Business Operations and Financial Metrics

The AHI is moving forward carefully and deliberately to fund a growing list of programmatic initiatives and to extend its reach to other institutions. Our financial goal is to grow our constituencies, program endeavors, and donor bases while keeping our non-programming (overhead) expenses under tight control. We incurred our first operating loss in 2014 due to necessary repairs and upgrades to our headquarters building, an expansion of our classroom offerings, and conference support at other colleges and universities.

During 2014, 83% of our total expenses directly impact our educational activities through programming events or the operation of our headquarters in Clinton to present them. Our overhead consists primarily of costs associated with the operation and maintenance of our headquarters and with the outsourcing of services related to accounting and communications.



Fiscal Year 2014

Abbreviated Statement of Income (Unaudited)

	Fiscal Year 2014	Fiscal Year 2013
Total Donations and Other Income	$378,000	$338,200
Total Expense	$404,000	$321,400
Operating Income	($26,000)	$17,400

Abbreviated Balance Sheet at 12-31-2014

Current Assets	$87,300	Current Liabilities	$8,000
Fixed Assets	$104,000	Long Term Liabilities	0
Other Assets	$5,700	Equity	$189,000
Total Assets	$197,000	Total Liabilities and Equity	$197,000

Help Us Support Our Mission

We hope you will again consider a financial contribution of $100, $200, $300 or more to further our existing programs and future initiatives. Our work centers on restoring the spirit of a tradition on which a great civilization was founded. If you haven't made a donation yet, we hope that you will join in supporting us and our mission to create programs that provide for the innovative teaching of civic and economic knowledge in order to promote a genuine free marketplace for ideas.

We are supported exclusively by our donors. **We receive no funding from the government or from Hamilton College.** The AHI is a tax-exempt organization within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Accordingly, contributions are deductible to the fullest extent provided by law. We look to parents, alumni, and other supporters to support our important and growing mission.

Please consider an online donation which can be done via our website at: http://theahi.org/support-ahi/.

If you wish to mail a donation to support the AHI, please send your contribution to:

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"Money is with propriety considered as the vital principle of the body politic; as that which sustains its life and motion, and enables it to perform its most essential functions."

- Alexander Hamilton, Federalist #30

AHI Fellows

The AHI boasts a growing number of distinguished scholars and teachers whose experience and achievements have merited academic accolades. They have embraced the AHI's mission of educational reform and of the importance of the Western heritage in originating and spreading personal freedom, democracy, and capitalism around the world.

Charter Fellows

Douglas Ambrose: Ambrose is professor of history at Hamilton College, where he has taught since 1990. He holds a Ph.D. in history from the State University of New York at Binghamton.

James Bradfield: Bradfield is the Elias W. Leavenworth Professor of Economics at Hamilton College. He teaches courses in microeconomics and in the theory of financial markets.

Robert L. Paquette: Paquette received his B.A. cum laude in 1973 from Bowling Green State University; he received his Ph. D. with honors in 1982 from the University of Rochester.

Senior Fellows

H. Lee Cheek: Cheek is Professor of Political Science and Religion at the University of North Georgia. He received his bachelor's degree from Western Carolina University, his M.Div. from Duke University, his M.P.A. from Western Carolina University, and his Ph.D. from The Catholic University of America.

Theodore J. Eismeier: Eismeier is Professor of Government at Hamilton College, where he has taught since 1978. He graduated magna cum laude from Dartmouth College and received his Ph.D. with Distinction from Yale University.

Joseph R. Fornieri: Fornieri is Professor of Political Science at the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), Rochester, New York, where he teaches American politics, political philosophy, and constitutional rights and liberties.

Eric R. Hannis: Hannis is a Senior Fellow for Defense Studies at the American Foreign Policy Council in Washington, DC.

Ann Hartle: Hartle is Professor of Philosophy at Emory University where she has taught since 1984. She has her doctorate from the Graduate Center of the City University of New York.

Pamela K. Jensen: Jensen is Professor of Political Science at Kenyon College, where she has been teaching since 1979. She received her A.B. degree from Kent State University and her Ph.D. from the University of Chicago.

Robert P. Kraynak: Kraynak is Professor of Political Science at Colgate University, Department Chairman, and Director of The Center for Freedom and Western Civilization.

Daniel J. Mahoney: Mahoney is Augustine Professor of Distinguished Scholarship and Chairman of the Department of Political Science at Assumption College in Worcester, Massachusetts, where he has taught since 1986.

Claudia Nelson: Nelson earned her A.B. in history from Bryn Mawr College in 1980 and her Ph.D. in English from Indiana University in 1989. She is presently Professor of English and Cornerstone Faculty Fellow at Texas A&M University.

David Nichols: Nichols is an Associate Professor of Political Science at Baylor University.

Mary Nichols: Nichols is Professor and Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Political Science at Baylor University.

Juliana Geran Pilon: Pilon earned her Ph.D. in Philosophy from the University of Chicago and has published extensively on international relations and national security.

Michael Rizzo: Rizzo is Assistant Professor of Economics at the University of Rochester.

Fellows

Christopher Hill: Hill earned his Ph.D. from The University of Texas at Austin in 2008 and has advanced degrees in both medieval and modern European history.

Sheila O'Connor-Ambrose: O'Connor-Ambrose earned a Ph.D. in women's studies from Emory University in 2007, working under the direction of Elizabeth Fox-Genovese.

Resident Fellows

David Frisk: Frisk received his Ph.D. in political science from Claremont Graduate University in 2009 with specialties in American Politics and political philosophy.

Mary Grabar: Grabar received her Ph.D. in English from the University of Georgia in 2002. While teaching at Emory University, she established the website Dissident Prof, which specializes in educational reform.

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