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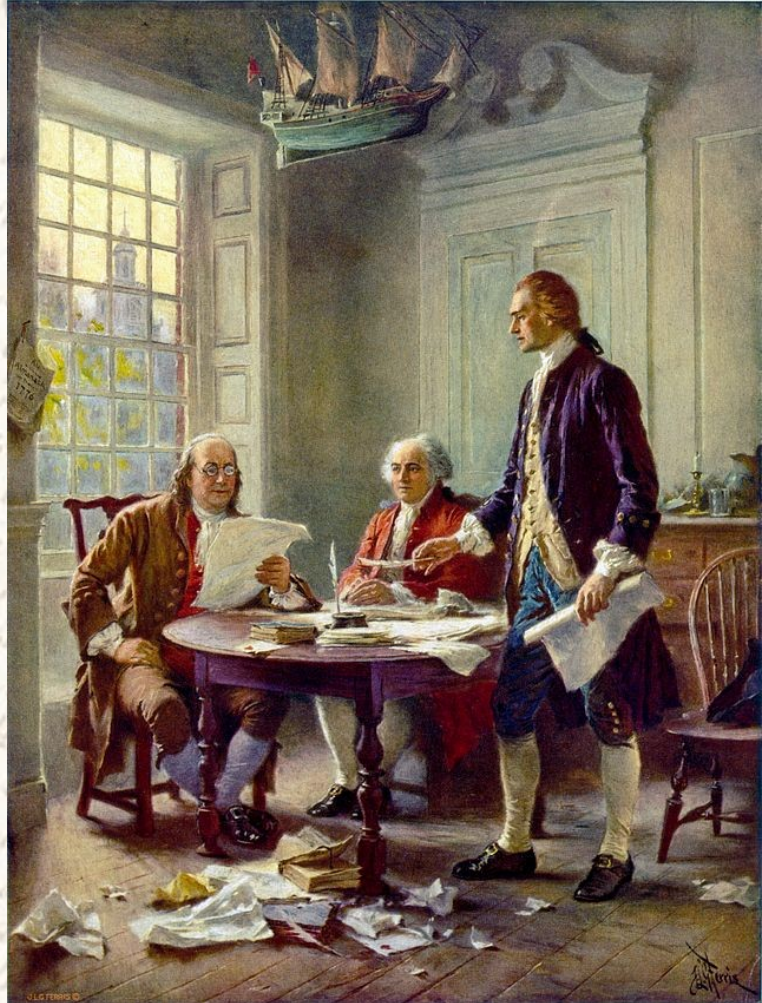
The SUNY Plattsburgh Institute for Ethics in Public Life presents
“The Declaration at 250:

The Declaration's Political Theory and Contentious Legacy”

Sep. 2 (W) at 3:30 in person or on Zoom (see below)

Our first Institute event of this academic year commemorates the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, by discussing the political ideas that shaped its drafting.

Concepts such as natural rights, equality, and the right to resist despotism were being debated at the time of its drafting, and those theoretical disputes had very real consequences for the Declaration. Meanwhile, the co-existence of those ideas alongside colonialism and the slave trade makes the legacy of the Declaration more fraught -- a complexity that has led contentious movements throughout American history to return to and refashion the meaning of this founding document.



We welcome special guest Dr. John McMahon, Associate Professor of Political Science, to help us understand this important topic. This forum is an opportunity for students, faculty, administrators, staff, alumni, and community members to come together and learn about this issue.

Join us in person in Hawkins 233 (the Institute offices) or
on Zoom at <https://plattsburgh.zoom.us/j/85190262933>

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