

2ND ANNUAL ALASKA DAY POLARIS LECTURE

The Constitution and the Rule of Law

An examination of the law in Alaska's history, and the role of the rule of law in society.

Hon. H. Russel Holland, United States District Court Judge

Wednesday, October 18, 7.30 p.m., Anchorage Museum of History and Art

TEACHING AMERICAN HISTORY SERIES

The American Constitution and the Common Law

The common law is important for the American founding, because we inherited legal and constitutional traditions from England, despite our break with the mother country. The common law affects judicial and political institutions which were present from the beginning and gained importance as America developed.

James R. Stoner, Professor of Political Science, Louisiana State University

Thursday, November 2, 7.30 p.m., Social Sciences Building (SSB), Room 118

POLARIS LECTURE

"One of Nature's Greatest Princes": Lawrence of Arabia and His Legacy

A reconsideration of T. E. Lawrence, who caught the imagination of a generation in championing the Arab revolt in the desert.

Paul K. Alkon, Leo S. Bing Professor of English and American Literature, University of Southern California

Friday, December 1, 7.30 p.m., Social Sciences Building (SSB), Room 118

2006-2007 Polaris Lecture Series



TEACHING AMERICAN HISTORY SERIES

**Benjamin Franklin
as a Typical
American:
A Study of His
Autobiography**

*"A university should be a
place of light, of liberty, and
of learning."*

—Benjamin Disraeli, 1873

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Even if Franklin wasn't as American as apple pie, he was as American as the corn dog. By this Professor Weinberger means that Franklin was fully American in the sense of the exciting project—the ever-widening carnival of novelty and change—but not in the sense of American idealism, not in the sense of seeing America as the moral light unto the nations. In this lecture, Professor Weinberger will discuss Franklin's understanding of the new American future that was, in his opinion, the destiny of the world.

Lecturer: Jerry Weinberger
Professor of Political Science
Michigan State University

Author of *Benjamin Franklin
Unmasked: On the Unity of His Moral,
Religious, and Political Thought*



Program

WELCOME	Kyra D. Sherwood '09
POLARIS LECTURES	Stephen W. Haycox
INTRODUCTION	James W. Muller
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN AS A TYPICAL AMERICAN: A STUDY OF HIS AUTOBIOGRAPHY	Jerry Weinberger
VOTE OF THANKS	Kyra D. Sherwood '09