

Alaskan Native languages are both ancient and alive, and embedded within them are perspectives about the land and our relationship to it that are both appropriate and necessary today. In tonight's lecture, Professor Boraas will explore some of these lessons using examples from the Dena'ina language of Cook Inlet.

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The relationship between American political principles and Christianity, as revealed in the two great founding moments of American life: the coming of the Pilgrims and the making of the American Revolution.

Michael Zuckert, Professor of Political Science, University of Notre Dame  
**Thursday, February 22, 7:30 p.m., Consortium Library, Room 307**

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##### Thomas Jefferson

Charles Kesler, Professor of Political Science, Claremont McKenna College  
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Tensions between justice and mercy and between lewdness and chastity lead scholars to interpret this play both darkly and happily.

Daniel Lowenstein, Professor of Law, UCLA Law School  
**Thursday, March 8, 7:30 p.m., Rasmuson Hall, Room 101**

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Matthew Spalding, Director of the B. Kenneth Simon Center for American Studies, the Heritage Foundation  
**Thursday, March 29, 7:30 p.m., Consortium Library, Room 307**

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## Modern Lessons Through Ancient Alaskan Languages

February 15, 2007

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 of learning."  
 —Benjamin Disraeli, 1873*

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## Program

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WELCOME	Josh Resnick '10
POLARIS LECTURES	James W. Muller
INTRODUCTION	Stephen W. Haycox
MODERN LESSONS THROUGH ANCIENT ALASKAN LANGUAGES	Alan Boraas
VOTE OF THANKS	Josh Resnick '10