



SPECIAL ISSUE

2005 Bradley Prizes



The 2005 Bradley Prize recipients at The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., in February

Recipients' Outstanding Achievements Recognized, Celebrated at Inspiring Kennedy Center Ceremony

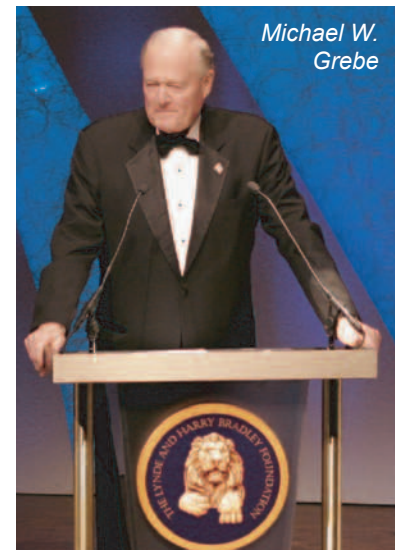
Milwaukee's Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation awarded its 2005 Bradley Prizes to American Civil Rights Institute founder Ward Connerly, Princeton University professor Robert P. George, Manhattan Institute scholar Heather Mac Donald, and columnist George F. Will in an inspiring and entertaining ceremony at The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., on February 16. The \$250,000 prizes recognize and celebrate the honorees' achievements in areas consistent with the Foundation's mission — the promotion and defense of liberal democracy, democratic capitalism, and American ideas and institutions at home and abroad.



Fred
Barnes



Daniel
Rodriguez



Michael W.
Grebe

Will has been a respected public intellectual for three decades. He is also an ABC News analyst and *Newsweek* magazine contributor. He won a Pulitzer Prize for distinguished commentary in 1977.

"It's even better," Will declared upon accepting it, "to receive the Bradley Prize."

Connerly is a leading advocate of equal opportunity in government hiring and public college and university admissions. "Conservatives desperately need an event to

socially celebrate their accomplishments and to remind each other how their various campaigns interrelate," Connerly said later. "The Bradley Prize achieves this purpose in a spectacular fashion."

Mac Donald is the John M. Olin Fellow at the Manhattan Institute and a prolific contributor to its *City Journal* magazine. She has written on homeland security, immigration, homelessness,

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THE SELECTION PROCESS

Prize nominations were solicited from a national panel of more than 100 prominent individuals in academia, public-policy research, journalism, civic affairs, and the arts who were asked to submit names of eligible recipients. All nominations were evaluated by a selection committee, which made recommendations to the Foundation's Board of Directors.

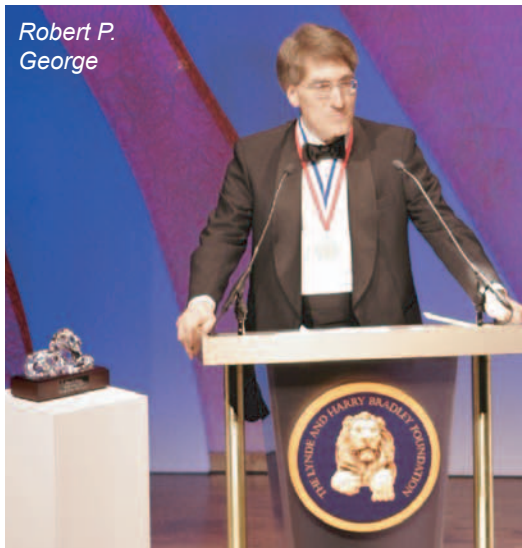
Members of the selection committee were Bradley's President and Chief Executive Officer **Michael W. Grebe**, the Foundation's Board chairman **Thomas L. Rhodes** and members **Pete du Pont** and **Thomas L. Smallwood**, senior Bradley program officer **Dianne J. Sehler**, the American Enterprise Institute's **Robert H. Bork** and **Jeane J. Kirkpatrick**, and columnist **Charles Krauthammer**.



Jennifer
Holliday



Ward
Connerly

Robert P.
GeorgeHeather Mac Donald accepts
Michael W. Grebe's congratulationsGeorge F.
Will

BRADLEY CENTER SYMPOSIUM EXPLORES CONSERVATIVE VISION AND PHILANTHROPY

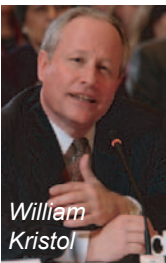
On the same day as the Bradley Prizes ceremony, the Bradley Center for Philanthropy and Civic Renewal at the Hudson Institute in Washington, D.C., held a symposium on "Vision and Philanthropy" at The Ritz-Carlton hotel there.

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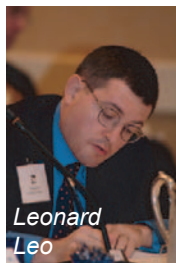
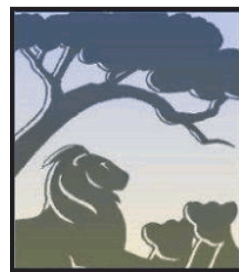
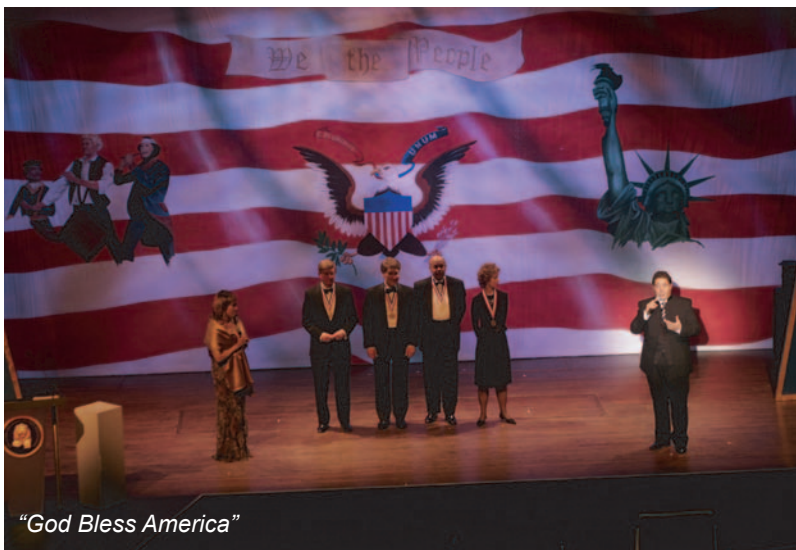
At the symposium, a group of 20 nationally prominent conservative intellectuals, commentators, activists, and philanthropists explored what the conservative vision for

America is today and how philanthropy can best promote it. About 150 people, most of them also prominent thinkers and writers themselves, attended.

"We often hear that the key to conservatism's success in the policy world is that it has the ability to get beyond a litany of isolated policy proposals and instead to offer the American people a unified, coherent vision of the public

William
Kristol

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"God Bless America"



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and education. In her acceptance remarks, as in her articles, she lamented the “destruction wrought by liberal paternalism” and expressed relief that “the supporters of common sense and personal responsibility now hold the reins in Washington.”

George is the McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence at Princeton, where he also directs the academically pathbreaking James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions. He serves on the President’s Council on Bioethics, as well. He touchingly referenced his immigrant family forebears’ history in America, including their reliance upon its timeless principles.

The evening’s master of ceremonies was Fred Barnes of *The Weekly Standard* magazine and FOX News. Former New York police officer and talented tenor Daniel Rodriguez and Broadway star Jennifer Holliday provided patriotic musical interludes. About 500 people enjoyed the festivities, which concluded with a gala reception.

The inaugural Bradley Prizes were presented at The Library of Congress in October 2003 to Mary Ann Glendon, Leon R. Kass, Charles Krauthammer, and Thomas Sowell.

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interest,” according to Hudson senior fellow and Bradley Center director **William A. Schambra**. “Furthermore, we often hear that the largest conservative foundations have contributed to this success through consistent, long-term support of projects furthering that coherent vision.”

In many various contexts, the symposium generally tested whether these propositions have been, are, and will continue to be true. Among other things, the short papers prepared by many participants for it and its conversations covered the proper role of government in America’s democratic-capitalist system, the right role of the U.S. in the world, the state of American popular culture, and the status of religion in public life.

Its sessions were moderated by Hudson senior fellow **Amy Kass**. The keynote address was delivered by **Peter Wehner**, director of The White House’s Office of Strategic Initiatives.

All of the papers and a transcript of the day’s entire proceedings are available online at:

<http://pcr.hudson.org>

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