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Mr. Michael Grebe
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Dear Michael:

Thank you for the opportunity to make nominations for the Bradley prize. I repeat my nominations from previous years of Charles Kesler, Harry Jaffa, and Hugh Hewitt.

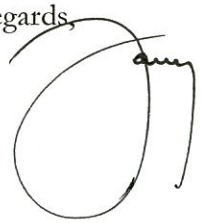
Two years ago, Charles Kesler published what I think is the best book about Barack Obama. *I Am the Change* is likely to live as the most insightful of this powerful and disastrous president. It takes him seriously, which so many books do not. It shows the roots of his statesmanship, and it shows how those roots have blossomed in his thinking and his work into a growth beyond the imagination and likely intentions of his predecessors. Liberalism is changing, Kesler explains. It has lost its confidence in the future even as it redoubled its efforts to remake that future. It is better aware of the absence, within itself, of any standard to guide or moderate its actions. It becomes fiercer as it becomes more wanton. The first step to answering the challenge of Obama is to understand it fully. Charles has helped us to take that first step.

Harry Jaffa passed away this January at the age of 96. His work seems to me more important now than ever. Take for example the second inaugural of President Obama. In that, the president adapts the language of the American Revolution for different and radical purposes. The speech also contains a quote from Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address, and he uses that address for those same purposes, purposes so foreign to it. The work of Professor Jaffa is the best place in our time to discover the truth about these matters. He deserves recognition for that.

Hugh Hewitt is a force on radio. He also serves as a leader in conservative thought through his commentary as a columnist, blogger, and author. His show is revealing and smart and serves to elevate the political, cultural, and religious debate of the day. His most recent book, *The Happiest Life,* is the result of a career spent searching for goodness and truth and a life well spent in its service.

I thank you also for continuing this great work. Bradley is a pillar upon which so much rests, and in its strength it will help hold up all. I hope to be with you for the awards.

Warmest regards,



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Statement of Nomination: Charles R. Kesler

The news about Professor Kesler this year is a continuation from previous years. The *Claremont Review of Books* grows in importance and also in wisdom. It is a thing made for a moment of fundamental decision, and we are at such a moment, and it contributes to the decision. One prays it will be sufficient along with thing the rest of us do. Charles' editing of the publication and his writing in each issue its beginning are central to its success.

Kesler directs and advances critical ideas within the conservative movement from his position as Editor of the *Claremont Review of Books.* Having received his Ph.D. from Harvard, Kesler is well aware of the treacherous fault lines in educating the next generation of conservative leaders. Through the *Claremont Review of Books,* he seeks to provide a proper understanding of key conservative principles and their connection to those of the United States.

Throughout course of the current administration, Kesler has offered a steady voice, reminding conservatives to examine history, return to the Constitution, and join in reasoned debate. He has written on such topics as the spread of democracy, neo-conservatism, limited government, and Constitutional authority. Kesler's influence is far greater than his writings. As editor, he solicits articles from some of the greatest conservative minds among us. He orchestrates the discussion and debates that occur in the *Claremont Review of Books* in order to advance the conservative movement while still holding fast to its core values.

Biography: Charles R. Kesler

Charles R. Kesler is a senior fellow of the Claremont Institute, editor of the Claremont Review of Books, and professor of government at Claremont McKenna College.

Dr. Kesler also teaches in the Claremont Institute's Publius Fellows Program and Lincoln Fellows Program. He received his A.B. in Social Studies (1978) and his A.M. and Ph.D. in Government (1985) from Harvard University.

From 1989 to 2008, Dr. Kesler was director of CMC's Henry Salvatori Center for the Study of Individual Freedom in the Modern World. From September 2000 to March 2001, he served as vice chairman of the Advisory Committee to the U.S. Congress's James Madison Commemoration Commission. He was selected in June of 2000 as a member of The Scholars Commission on the Jefferson-Hemings Issue sponsored by The Thomas Jefferson Heritage Society.

Dr. Kesler is editor of *Saving the Revolution: The Federalist Papers and the American Founding* (Free Press, 1987), and co-editor, with William F. Buckley, Jr., of *Keeping the Tablets: Modern American Conservative Thought* (HarperCollins, 1988). He has written extensively on American constitutionalism and political thought. He is the author of *I Am the Change: Barack Obama and the Crisis of Liberalism* (Broadside Books, 2012) and his edition of The Federalist Papers (Signet Classics, 2003) is the best-selling edition in the country.

Dr. Kesler contributes regularly to the opinion pages of *The Wall Street Journal* and the *Los Angeles Times*. His articles on contemporary politics have also appeared in *The Washington Times*, *Policy Review*, *National Review*, and *The Weekly Standard*, among other journals.

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Statement of Nomination: Hugh Hewitt

Hugh Hewitt is the host of the best radio show on politics. His show is remarkable for its ambitious scope, intelligence, and good humor. Hugh engages our culture by interviewing the most important people in politics, religion, journalism, and academia. His interviews are masterful and his interviewees diverse, including: Ted Cruz, Charles Krauthammer, Archbishop Chaput, and David Mamet. These interviews are remarkable for the way in which Hugh prepares and the enthusiasm in with which they are conducted. The result is a show that serves to illuminate his subjects and to inform his listeners so as to elevate the conversation on the most important questions our country faces.

Hugh also is a prolific columnist, blogger, and author. Lately, he has published a book entitled *The Happiest Life: Seven Gifts, Seven Givers & The Secret to Genuine Success.* The book preaches generosity in giving the gifts of ourselves. It inspires one to be a better spouse, parent, and friend. Hugh especially is qualified to write this book because these are gifts he gives in abundance to his law students, his radio listeners, his coworkers, and his friends. They are the gifts of a relentless optimist. When you combine this optimism with his intelligence and incisive analysis of the state of this nation, you have a man well-fitted for the times in which we live. When we find our way out of the crisis in which we live, it will be because of people like Hugh

Hugh Hewitt is an important man in important times.

Biography: Hugh Hewitt

Professor Hugh Hewitt is a lawyer, law professor and broadcast journalist whose nationally syndicated radio show is heard in more than 120 cities across the United States every weekday afternoon. Professor Hewitt is a graduate of Harvard College and the University of Michigan Law School, and has been teaching Constitutional Law at Chapman University Law School since it opened in 1995. Professor Hewitt has been a frequent guest on CNN, Fox News Network, and MSNBC, and has written for The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, and the Los Angeles Times. He has received three Emmys for his work as co-host of the ground-breaking Life & Times program, a nightly news and public affairs program that aired on the Los Angeles PBS affiliate, KCET, from 1992 until 2007. Professor Hewitt also conceived and hosted the 1996 PBS series, Searching for God in America. He is the author of a dozen books, including two New York Times best-sellers.

Professor Hewitt is best known as the host of his radio show, which has an audience estimated at more than 2 million listeners every week. Since its debut in July of 2000, Professor Hewitt has conducted groundbreaking interviews with government officials from both parties and widely respected analysts, authors and pundits. In a 2006 profile of Hewitt for The New Yorker, the dean of the Columbia University School of Journalism told his readers that Hewitt was "the most influential conservative you have never heard of."

Hewitt writes daily for his blog, HughHewitt.com, which is among the most visited political blogs in the U.S. He is also a weekly columnist for The Washington Examiner and Townhall.com. Professor Hewitt served for nearly six years in the Reagan Administration in a variety of posts, including Assistant Counsel in the White House and Special Assistant to two Attorneys General. Since returning to California in 1989 to oversee the construction of the Nixon Library in Yorba Linda, Hewitt has served as a member of the California Arts Council, the South Coast Air Quality Management District, and the Orange County Children and Families Commission. He and his wife live in Orange County

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Statement of Nomination: Harry V. Jaffa

Harry Jaffa, the great professor, passed away on January 10, 2015 at the age of 96. His work goes on now through his students. One day we will live under the principles of the Declaration of Independence rightly understood, and we will live under the Constitution faithfully followed. When that day comes, his work will have shown the first light down the path to recovery.

Jaffa advanced the principles and ideals of the American Founding through his extensive writing on the Constitution, Declaration of Independence, and the Lincoln Douglas Debates. Jaffa was a Distinguished Fellow of the Claremont Institute and has authored numerous books used in classrooms across America. He published a sequel, *A New Birth of Freedom,* to his highly acclaimed *Crisis of the House Divided.* The 2009 republication of that particular forty-year-old book takes on more value because of that. It is the fount of the best scholarship on that statesmen and much of the best scholarship on the entire American political tradition.

Jaffa's writings appeared regularly in the *Claremont Review of Books* where he defended the American Founding, discussed current events, and parsed arguments within the conservative movement. He also continued as an authority on the subject of Aristotle, writing a review for the new translation of Aristotle's *Ethic* for the *New York Times* two summers ago. Jaffa brings to the discussion a rich history of work within public service and academia.

Why did he care about these arguments? I think the answer is the same as the reason he cared about Abraham Lincoln and Winston Churchill. He loved them with all his heart. They were causes to him. I think I can put the argument together. I think the question of the good is the first question. I think it issues, if one can find it, in beauty and truth. I think that one approaches it through the law, which makes the authoritative statements. I think that we humans, even so great a human as Harry Jaffa and his greatest heroes, can't really command all of nature. We approach it through our good and our place in nature, and so he thought that the job was to put together an argument to vindicate the goodness of the heroes who made our country and the workings of our country so that there could still be civilization and freedom and justice, after the time that philosophy has gone off the rails so badly that it led one of the greatest thinkers in the 20th century to join the party that sought the life of Professor Jaffa's teacher. I think that like Strauss, Professor Jaffa sought to solve that problem. And I think that he had a soul, the only one I've ever met among thinkers, that was big enough to address itself to that problem. And we are less without him. And we thank God for him.

Biography: Harry V. Jaffa

Harry V. Jaffa, a Distinguished Fellow of the Claremont Institute, is the author of numerous articles and books, including his widely acclaimed study of the Lincoln-Douglas debates, *Crisis of the House Divided: An Interpretation of the Lincoln-Douglas Debates* (University of Chicago Press, 1959).

He was the Professor Emeritus of Government at Claremont McKenna College and the Claremont Graduate School. He received his B.A. from Yale, where he majored in English, in 1939, and earned the Ph.D. from the New School for Social Research.

His other books include *Thomism and Aristotelianism* (Greenwood Press, 1979); *The Conditions of Freedom* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 1975), *How to Think About the American Revolution* (Carolina Academic Press, 1978); *American Conservatism and the American Founding* (Carolina Academic Press, 1982); and, most recently, *Original Intent and the Framers of the Constitution: A Disputed Question* (Regnery Gateway, 1994).

Professor Jaffa recently released the first volume of the sequel to his classic *Crisis of the House Divided*, titled *A New Birth of Freedom* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2000).

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