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Madison Foundation Names Annual Fellows

Washington, D.C.--The James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation has now listed on its website--<http://www.jamesmadison.com>--the winners of its 2008 fellowships. With over 50 fellows named annually, it is among the nation's largest programs honoring Madison.

Fellows are awarded up to \$24,000 each to fund their graduate studies with the expectation that the scholar eventually engage in the teaching of history to secondary school students. Established by an Act of Congress in 1986 to improve teaching about the Constitution, the program seeks fellows for every state and territory and selects its award winners on a very geographically diverse basis.

Based in Washington, D.C., the Foundation operates as an independent agency of the Federal Government's Executive Branch under the guidance and bi-partisan leadership of Senators Edward M. Kennedy (D, MA) and John Cornyn (R, TX) along with Admiral Paul A. Yost, Jr., who acts as the foundation's president. In addition to Kennedy and Cornyn, AFM Advisory Board member **J.C.A. Stagg** serves as a Foundation Trustee.

MADISON LEGISLATION

Washington, D.C.—Key legislation involving the legacy of James Madison remains on hold before the 2nd Session of the 110th Congress. As the opening salvo in the forthcoming bi-centennial salute to the Madison Presidency of 1809-1817, HR 3640 was introduced to construct a national monument for the key founder of the Nation.



...REMAINS PENDING BEFORE 110th CONGRESS

Despite the enthusiastic co-sponsorship of Representative Brian Baird (D, WA-3) and Representative Baron Hill (D, IN-9th), the legislative process that seeks adoption of HR 3640 and the creation of a James Madison Memorial Commission remains in committee referral before the House Natural Resources and its Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.

*How to Email a **Take Action** request to your Legislator*

To alert your Washington, D.C. representatives of your interest in action on HR3640 visit our website—<http://www.rallycongress.com/americansformadison/>—designed exclusively to transmit emails to Washington, D.C. legislators regarding HR 3640.

MADISON IN AMERICA

Editor's Comment: *Anyone visiting the AFM website can quickly observe that there are many places that have been named for James Madison. Here is this issue's story of one that will also celebrate a bi-centennial in 2009:*

Madison, IN—Although neither the smallest nor the largest of places named for James Madison, this "city" of almost 13,000 in southern Indiana, along the Ohio River, is probably the most historically well preserved of such places. Situated in the 9th Congressional District of HR 3640 co-sponsor **Representative Baron Hill**, it was once a booming port of entry into the Indiana Territory (of 1810-1816) that saw its fortunes rise quickly after its 1809 founding. By the Civil War's end, however, its neighboring towns of Louisville, Indianapolis and Cincinnati were able to displace its importance as a rail center and natural trade route so that a Pompeii-like state of preservation engulfed much of the community.

Offers a huge concentration of Registered Historic Places

With over 1,520 structures from the 19th century, the city features Federal and Greek Revival architecture and 133 blocks listed on the National Register of Historic Places making it—in the aggregate—one of the Nation's largest historical sites.



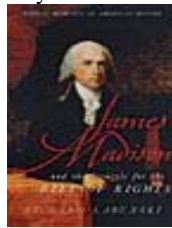
The Lanier Mansion is the 1844 Greek Revival home of James F. D. Lanier, located at 601 West First Street in historic Madison, Indiana.

The close proximity of its many well-preserved 19th century structures offer not only the opportunity for visitors to improvise wonderful walking tours but also for movie makers to do their wonders. In fact, several major motion pictures have been made on location and one—aptly named "Madison" features the local passion for Ohio River power boat racing. Despite—or perhaps because of—a local economy that includes three wineries as well as strong manufacturing, retail and service sectors, film makers are openly feted by locals who once even held an anniversary to mark a stay by Vincente Minnelli.

Like any place it has had an amazing array of visitors over the

Labunski's Madison: Now in Paperback

Lexington, KY—Following its original 2006 release in hardback, Richard Labunski's book titled "*James Madison and the Struggle for the Bill of Rights*" is now available in paperback from Oxford University Press.



New Paperback

years but its homegrown all-stars—who started something new—include Gail Borden of condensed milk fame and Dr. Harvey Wiley of the Pure Food and Drug Act.

Birth Place of Pledge of Allegiance?

In an apparent attempt to match the very spirit of the city's namesake who wrote the *Constitution* and *Bill of Rights*, this Hoosier city's Frank Bellamy (1876-1915) is argued by some to have penned (as a homework assignment while a local high school student) the Nation's *Pledge of Allegiance* that was first published *anonymously* in *The Youth Companion* on October 21, 1892.

Described by Publishers' Weekly as an "engaging study" which makes for "an interesting story, full of sonorous oratory and colorful details of 18th-century politicking," the book provides an important perspective as the start of the eight year bi-centennial celebration of Madison's Presidency begins in 2009.

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Ellis and Wilentz
(See Oct. 2nd below)



Oct. 2nd AFM Event Planned at NYHS

New York, NY—Plans continue to develop for the year's premier **Americans for Madison** event that is scheduled for Thursday, October 2nd in the New York Historical Society's main auditorium. AFM Advisory Board members **Sean Wilentz** and **Joseph J. Ellis** will be featured speakers at the special evening beginning at 6:30 p.m. hosted by AFM Founder **Hadley Nagel** and NYHS President Louise Mirrer.

C-Span and Other Details

In addition to **Wilentz, Ellis, Nagel** and other AFM Advisory Board members, Madison enthusiasts from throughout the region will gather for an evening that is expected to be filmed for broadcast on C-Span. Located in NYC at West 77th Street and Central Park West, the NYHS in recent years has taken a leading role in providing a public forum for discussing history. Details of the October 2nd event continue to be planned and will be announced as they are formalized. For tickets and/or immediate updates, visit the websites of either the NYHS or AFM.

