



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **Hillsdale College's Kirby Center Hosts Discussion With Author Matthew Mehan**

*Experts examine children's literature and merits of classical education*

On Wednesday, September 5, Hillsdale College's Allan P. Kirby, Jr. Center for Constitutional Studies and Citizenship will host a discussion between the Center's Worsham Teaching Fellow Matthew Mehan and Hillsdale's Dow Journalism Program director John J. Miller on "The Art of Words: An Evening Book Discussion On Classical Education and Children's Books." The talk will examine classical education through exploration of Mehan's children's book, *Mr. Mehan's Mildly Amusing Mythic Mammals*, which is an introduction to the liberal arts for readers ages 8 to 12.

The lecture is free and open to the media, but space is limited and attendees are encouraged to register by visiting the event's ticketing site [here](#).

**WHEN:** Wednesday, September 5, 2018  
6 p.m. EDT – Doors Open  
6:30 p.m. EDT – Lecture / Reception to follow

**WHERE:** **Allan P. Kirby, Jr. Center for Constitutional Studies and Citizenship**  
227 Massachusetts Avenue N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20002

**WHO:** **Matthew Mehan** is the Worsham Teaching Fellow at Hillsdale College's Allan P. Kirby, Jr. Center for Constitutional Studies and Citizenship. He is a teacher at The Heights School in Potomac, Maryland where he directs the Jackson Scholars senior thesis program. He earned his doctorate in literature from the University of Dallas.

**John J. Miller** is the director of Hillsdale College's Herbert H. Dow II Program in American Journalism. He is also a national correspondent for *National Review*, host of "The Bookmonger" podcast and author of many books, including *Reading Around: Journalism on Authors, Artists, and Ideas* and *The Big Scrum: How Teddy Roosevelt Saved Football*. He earned his degree in English from the University of Michigan.

### **About the Kirby Center**

The Allan P. Kirby, Jr. Center for Constitutional Studies and Citizenship is an extension of the teaching mission of Hillsdale College to Washington, D.C. Its purpose is to teach the Constitution and the principles that give it meaning. Through the study of original source documents from American history—and of older books that formed the education of America's founders—the Center seeks to inspire students, teachers, citizens and policymakers to return the Constitution to its central place in the political life of the nation.

**About Hillsdale College**

Hillsdale College is an independent liberal arts college located in southern Michigan. Founded in 1844, the College has built a national reputation through its classical liberal arts core curriculum and its principled refusal to accept federal or state taxpayer subsidies, even indirectly in the form of student grants or loans. It also conducts an outreach effort promoting civil and religious liberty, including a free monthly speech digest, *Imprimis*, with a circulation of more than 3.8 million. For more information visit [hillsdale.edu](http://hillsdale.edu).

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