

## Special Issue

# The Influence of Religion on the American Founding and Revolution: In Celebration of the Semiquincentennial of the Declaration of Independence

### Message from the Guest Editors

As the United States approaches the Semiquincentennial of the signing of its Declaration of Independence, this Special Issue aims to celebrate and advance the robust reason for which the religious, philosophical, and cultural zeitgeist of the founding of the United States took place.

Potential topics include the following:

- Primary sermons during the Founding Era and their influence on the development of the doctrine of inalienable rights.
- The role of religion in the development of the United States' form of federalism.
- Novel theories on the viability of the Judeo-Christian tradition as an enduring cultural influence across historical epochs (MacIntyre).
- The Imago Dei as unifying foundation for human equality in the Declaration of Independence.
- The political-theological debate in the context of the American Revolution.
- Novel discussions about observations by Marx and others on the lack of federal religion during the founding of the U.S.
- Novel discussions on the establishment of the 250th Anniversary of the establishment of the Army Chaplain Corps/Navy Chaplain Corps.

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