

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Contact:

Philip Bigler  
MSC 7402, 222 Johnston Hall  
Harrisonburg, VA 22807  
540-568-2549  
[biglerpb@jmu.edu](mailto:biglerpb@jmu.edu)  
[www.vandamere.com](http://www.vandamere.com)

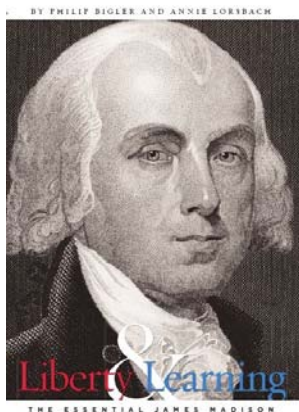
### Often Mistakenly Seen As the “Forgotten Founder,” Book Celebrates 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of James Madison’s Presidency and Argues That He Is the Most Advanced Political Theorist in American History

#### Madison’s relevance to contemporary society emphasized

Although he was intimately involved in the writing of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights and served as secretary of state as well as president of the United States, few contemporary Americans know much about James Madison.

*Liberty and Learning: the Essential James Madison* sets the record straight. In this highly readable account of James Madison’s life and times, author Philip Bigler, director of the James Madison Center in Harrisonburg, Virginia, explores specific themes such as Madison’s belief in public education, his advocacy of religious freedom, his Constitutional philosophy, and his essential belief in republicanism.

Bigler also deals directly with Madison’s failure in regards to slavery. In addition, several appendices highlight interesting facts about James and Dolley Madison and provide relevant information about Madison’s life and contributions to the American republic.



All told, *Liberty and Learning: the Essential James Madison* makes Madison’s relevance to contemporary society clear. With the Constitution remaining the essential foundation of our republican form of government, the principles that guided Madison – responsible government, the rule of law, the right to free and open debate, the separation of power, and the nobility of public service – are as significant today as ever.

*Liberty & Learning: The Essential James Madison* is available at [www.vandamere.com](http://www.vandamere.com), James Madison University Bookstore at [JMU Bookstore](http://JMU Bookstore), and at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

To contact the author, please send an email to [biglerpb@jmu.edu](mailto:biglerpb@jmu.edu).

# # #

*Liberty & Learning: The Essential James Madison* by Philip Bigler; Nonfiction; Hard cover; \$10.95; ISBN: 978-0-615-23071-9