



A Democratic ribbon from the election of 1868, with Horatio Seymour and Francis P. Blair Jr., the party's candidates for president and vice president. The ribbon illustrates the explicit appeals to racism that marked the campaign.

"As democracy is perfected, the office of president represents, more and more closely, the inner soul of the people. On some great and glorious day, the plain folks of the land will reach their heart's desire at last, and the White House will be adorned by a downright moron."  
*H. L. Mencken, 1920*

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**Keynote:** Dr. John H. McClendon, III, Philosophy  
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**Keynote Address:** "The Capitalist State and the  
Political Economy of Democracy"

**Perspective:** Dr. Jeff Cummins, Professor, Political  
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**Perspective:** Dr. Lisa Bryant, Assistant  
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