

# SCHEDULE

All events take place in the Emerald Ballroom unless otherwise specified.  
All events are mandatory for travel reimbursement except where noted as optional.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 5

**6:00–8:00 PM** Event Registration, *Ballroom Foyer*  
Cocktails & Small Bites, *Diamonds I & II*  
Featuring Opening Remarks from Atlas Society CEO Jennifer Grossman

## FRIDAY, JUNE 6

**8:00–8:50 AM** Breakfast, *Diamonds I & II*

**8:50 AM** Welcome & Introduction to the Scholars  
Abbie Perry

**9:00–10:00 AM** Quickfire Counters: Smashing the Myths of the Collectivist  
Richard Salsman, Ph.D., Stephen Hicks, Ph.D., Rob Tracinski, & Antonella Marty, moderated by Jennifer Grossman  
*Atlas Society scholars take on the slogans and cultural myths that dominate today's political discourse. In this rapid-fire session, each scholar gets 60 to 90 seconds to counter the collectivist talking points that too often go unchallenged, such as "profit is exploitation," "healthcare is a human right," "capitalism is greedy," and beyond.*

**10:00–10:15 AM** Break

**10:15–11:00 AM** A Minority of One: The Cost and Reward of Thinking for Yourself  
Kaizen Asiedu  
*Every algorithm, every institution, every feed is engineered to influence you. Dissent no longer happens in a room—it happens in public, in real time, judged by millions of strangers. The cost of mental sovereignty has never been higher. Neither has the reward. Kaizen Asiedu explores what it takes to be a minority of one, and why it's the only position worth holding.*

**11:00 AM–11:15 AM** Break

**11:15 AM–12:00 PM** Capitalist at Large: A Lifetime of Entrepreneurship on a Global Stage  
Fireside Chat with James Jameson & Jennifer Grossman  
*Meeting with Mikhail Gorbachev in the dying days of the Soviet empire, dodging tear gas in the streets of Santiago, Chile, as Pinochet's reign ends, dining with Fidel Castro into the morning's wee hours—Jameson has witnessed and helped shape history. He'll discuss the art form of [his] life: "Going into politically risky countries without established credit markets and making new businesses work."*

**12:00–1:00 PM** Lunch by the Pool, featuring Mentorship Roundtables,  
*Pearl, Ivory & Pool Deck on Level 3*

**1:00–1:45 PM**

Speed Networking *Crystal Ballroom II (Optional)*

Donor Session *A Conversation with Stephen Hicks, Topaz VIP Lounge*



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**2:00 PM–2:45 PM** Breakout Sessions

**Breakout #1** Survival Through Thick and Thin  
Rob Tracinski  
*Ayn Rand's ethics are based on the needs of survival. But "mere" survival or bare subsistence may seem like too "thin" a basis for the full richness of human life. How do we arrive at a "thicker" idea of survival? How can the needs of survival give rise to spiritual and intellectual values?*

**Breakout #2** *Atlas Shrugged*—How Fiction Inspired Reality on Railways Worldwide,  
*Crystal Ballroom I*  
Henry Posner III  
*Henry Posner III finished Atlas Shrugged by lantern light during a coal train derailment—and spent the next four decades testing its ideas on railways worldwide. His lecture seeks to uncover how Rand's vision holds up against the reality of regulation, deregulation, and why your European train vacation doesn't translate to the USA.*

**Breakout #3** Las Ideas de Ayn Rand en Acción, *Opal*  
Antonella Marty  
*Un recorrido por las ideas centrales de Ayn Rand y su aplicación a las políticas públicas contemporáneas en América Latina—desde el individualismo y los límites de la intervención estatal hasta un análisis aplicado de casos actuales. Antonella Marty guía la discusión con ejemplos sobre regulación, educación y desarrollo económico.*

**2:45 PM–3:00 PM** Break

**3:00 PM–3:45 PM** Breakout Sessions

**Breakout #1** Navigating by Fixed Stars: The Moral Trajectory of Star Trek  
Timothy Sandefur  
*For 60 years, Star Trek has explored profound philosophical questions about humanity and nature. In his new book, You Don't Own Me, Timothy Sandefur discusses how the franchise's approach to these ideas has changed over the years, and in this book, he'll address the lessons the crew of the starship Enterprise has to teach us as we continue to explore.*

**Breakout #2** Will AI Revolutionize Art or Destroy It? *Crystal Ballroom I*  
Patrick Reasonover & Jennifer Grossman  
*Patrick Reasonover, producer of all Atlas Society video content discusses what AI means for art— will it hollow out authorship, displace working artists, and disrupt the originality—or will it unleash creativity? Plus: previews of our latest animated videos, and an update on the full-length feature film of Anthem.*

**3:45 PM** Break for the day, featuring book signing with Scholars, *Ballroom Foyer*



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4:30 PM

Shuttles pick up Attendees for Excursions (Optional)  
Meet in the Hotel Lobby

- Volleyball and water fun at Mission Beach (TAS provided shuttle departs at 4:30 PM)
- Sunset Cliffs Golden Hour Photo Opportunity (TAS-provided shuttle departs at 4:30 PM)

5:50 PM

Donor shuttles depart for VIP Dinner Cruise, Meet in the Hotel Lobby

6:00 PM–9:00 PM

VIP Dinner Cruise aboard the California Princess featuring Keynote speaker Heather Mac Donald  
Author of *When Race Trumps Merit: How the Pursuit of Equity Sacrifices Excellence, Destroys Beauty and Threatens Lives*

8:00 PM

Shuttles pick up Attendees from Excursions

9:00 PM

Shuttles pick up Attendees from Cruise

## SATURDAY, JUNE 6

8:30 AM–9:15 AM

Breakfast, *Diamonds I & II*

9:15 AM

Happy Birthday, Liberty: the Greatest Sentence Ever Written—  
An On-Ramp to Objectivism  
Jay Lapeyre

*On the eve of America's 250th birthday, Atlas Society board chairman Jay Lapeyre unpacks what he considers the greatest sentence ever written—tracing how a single declaration of individual rights laid the philosophical groundwork for Objectivism.*

9:45 AM–10:30 AM

The Validity and Morality of “America First”  
Richard Salsman, Ph.D.

*The ethics of egoism, applied to national affairs, justifies prioritizing one's nation—but what does that mean in practice? Salsman disentangles the legitimate case for national self-interest from the nationalism, protectionism, and populism often bundled with it, and examines why America's current policies reflect a troubling hybrid of both.*

10:30 AM–10:45 AM Break

10:45 AM–11:30 AM Breakout Sessions

Breakout #1

Good People Break Bad Laws: Civil Disobedience in The Modern Age

Topher Field

*Drawing from his own experience as a “wanted man” during Melbourne's Covid-19 lockdowns, Topher Field surveys the history of civil disobedience—from ancient Greece to the U.S. Civil Rights Movement—and makes the case that the willingness to say “enough” remains the only real check on government power.*

Breakout #2

Primitivism and Polarization—and the Power of Philosophy, *Crystal Ballroom I*

Stephen Hicks, Ph.D.

*Deeply divided groups seem to dominate public discussion and generate a rhetorical race to the bottom. What is the evidence for increased polarization? What are the competing explanations for it? And is polarization only a story of decline—or also a symptom of healthy progress?*



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11:30 AM–11:45 AM Break

11:45 AM- 12:30 PM Breakout Sessions

Breakout #1

Truth: What it is, How to Find it, Why it Still Matters

Michael Shermer

*In this talk, based on his latest book, Skeptic magazine publisher Dr. Michael Shermer will defend the philosophy of universal realism, moral realism, and the commitment to objective moral values as discovered by reason and science.*

Breakout #2

Debate Universal Basic Income, *Crystal Ballroom 1*

Richard Salsman, Ph.D. & Matthew Zwolinski, Ph.D.

*Integrating principles from philosophy, politics, and economics (PPE), philosophy professor Zwolinski defends a government guaranteed income for all adults (UBI) while professor of political economy Salsman rejects the idea. Both being pro-liberty, their differences should prove illuminating.*

Donor Session

A Conversation with Rob Tracinski, *Topaz VIP Lounge*

12:30 PM–1:30 PM

Lunch featuring Mentorship Roundtables, *Diamonds I & II*

1:30–2:15 PM

Suicidal Empathy and Parasitic Mind

Fireside Chat with Gad Saad & Jennifer Grossman

*Evolutionary behavioral scientist and bestselling author of The Parasitic Mind: How Infectious Ideas Are Killing Common Sense, Gad Saad draws from his latest book, Suicidal Empathy: Dying to Be Kind, to examine what happens when a culture elevates victimhood over truth and compassion over common sense—and why the West may be paying a civilizational price for it.*

2:15 PM–2:30 PM

Break

2:30 PM–3:15 PM

“Fascist!” and “Nazi!”—Hyperbole vs. History

Stephen Hicks, Ph.D.

*We use language to understand the world and communicate with others. Or do we? What of those who use it sloppily or merely expressively—or even as a weapon to undermine cognition and communication? In this session, Stephen Hicks will discuss competing rhetorical strategies at work in political labeling.*

3:15 PM–5:30 PM

Break before Dinner

5:30 PM–6:30 PM

Reception featuring a Beach Boys Cover Band, *Pool Deck, Level 3*

6:30 PM–8:30 PM

Closing Dinner

Featuring Keynote Speaker, Gregg Hurwitz

*New York Times #1 bestselling author of 27 thrillers, including the Orphan X series, Gregg Hurwitz turns his focus from fiction to reality in this fireside chat with Atlas Society CEO Jennifer Grossman—examining the rise of political violence, radicalization, and what he calls the “horseshoe of nihilism,” and why so many people have lost their grip on meaning in a culture engineered to pull them apart.*

8:30 PM–11:00 PM

Dessert Afterparty featuring Karaoke



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# MAP

## LEVEL 2

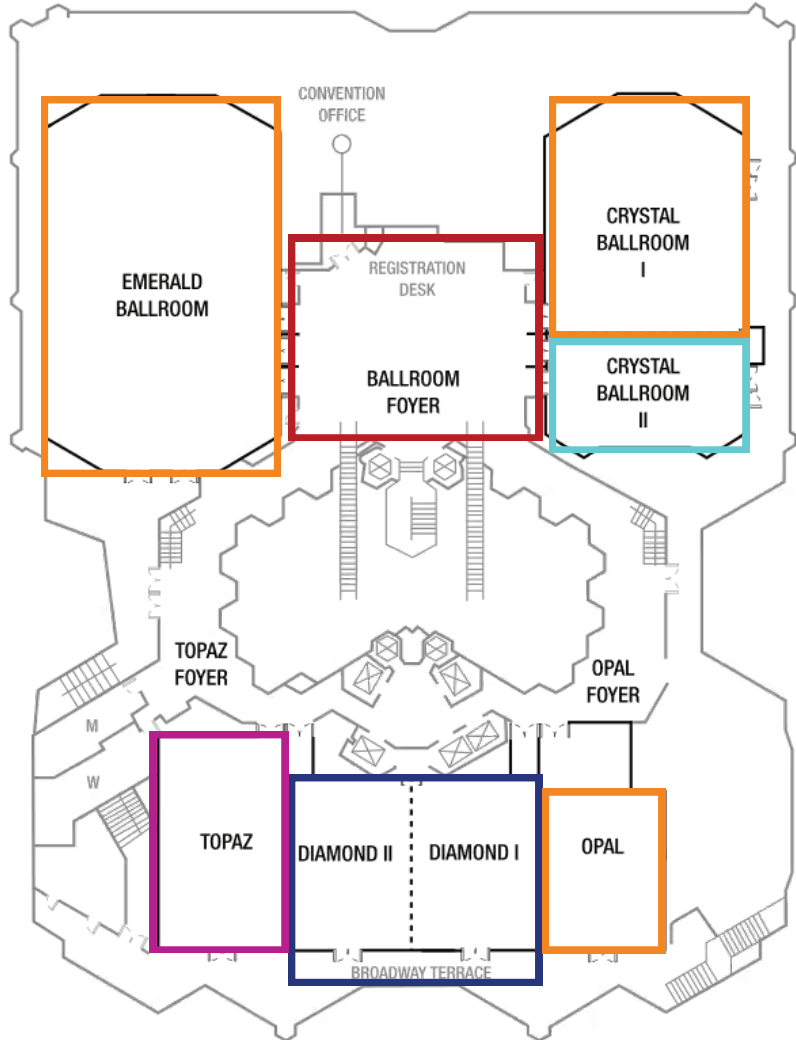
**Red:** Registration & Coffee Breaks

**Orange:** General Session & Breakouts

**Teal:** Speed Networking

**Purple:** VIP Lounge

**Blue:** Welcome Reception & Saturday Lunch



## LEVEL 3

**Green:** Friday Lunch & Closing Dinner Reception

