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The Newseum includes a 90- foot high atrium, seven levels of displays, 15 theaters, a dozen major galleries, many smaller exhibits, two broadcast studios, and an expanded interactive newsroom.

Located in the heart of Washington, DC, at the intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue and Sixth Street, N.W., the Newseum sits on America's Main Street between the White House and the U.S. Capitol, and adjacent to the Smithsonian museums on the National Mall.

Getting Here

NEWSEUM 555 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20001

For directions on how to get to the Newseum, please visit:

www.newseuminstitute.org/religion/campus/travel

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Conference Attendees as of April 14, 2015

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Member of Parliament, Canada

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MICHAEL DE DORA

Director of Public Policy, Center for Inquiry
President, United Nations NGO Committee
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PROFESSOR COLE DURHAM

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Brigham Young University

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Member of Parliament, Turkey

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Director of Government and Media
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President, Religious Freedom & Business
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Exec. Director, Religious Freedom Center

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Research Associate, Pew Research Center

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Policy Advisor, Commission on Security
& Cooperation in Europe (U.S. Helsinki
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DR. EMMANUEL KATTAN

Foundation Director of the New York
Office, British Council

DR. KATRINA LANTOS SWETT

Chair of the U.S. Commission on Int'l
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DR. DEBRA MASON

Director of University of Missouri's
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Executive Director of the Religion
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George Washington University

DR. JAY MICHAELSON, ESQ.

Contributor, Religion News Service and
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Author, *Redefining Religious Liberty*

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The Church of England

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Swedish Evangelical Alliance

LUTZ TÖPFER

Senior Advisor on Freedom of Religion or
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CDU/CSU-parliamentary group in the
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DR. TOBY VOLKMAN

Director of Policy Initiatives and Secretary,
Henry Luce Foundation

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Research Associate, Int'l Development
Law Organization

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University of Lancaster, United Kingdom

FRANK R. WOLF

Co-founder, 21st Century Wilberforce
Initiative; former member of the U.S. House
of Representatives (R-VA)

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Conference Agenda

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Hotel Information Hampton Inn Washington-Downtown-Convention Center (*Map 1*)
901 Sixth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001 1+ (202) 842-2500
Rates: \$369 per night plus taxes: Wed. 16th, Thur. 17th, Fri. 18th
Distance to Newseum: walk 7 blocks, 0.7 mile (14 min)

Please call the hotel directly to confirm your reservation.
Rooms not booked by Friday, April 3, 2015 will be released.

6:00 PM Organizers' dinner for Linda, Debra, Brian, Charles and Nate (*Map 2*)
Review agenda and discuss logistics. One block from hotel, 0.2 mile
401 Massachusetts Ave, NW, #812, Washington, DC 20001

Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom HaShoah) begins in the evening of
Wednesday, April 15 and ends in the evening of Thursday, April 16, 2015

Thursday, April 16, 2015

Church/State Tour 1 of 2 (optional)

8:45 AM Library of Congress, Thomas Jefferson Building (*Map 3*)
Enter at Carriage Entrance underneath the stairs on 1st Street SE,
between Independence Ave and East Capitol Street. Airport-like security.
GPS Address: 10 First Street SE, Washington, DC 20540
Discussion of the *Religion and the Founding of the American Republic*
collection with Reverend Nathan C. Walker, Associate Director, Religious
Freedom Center of the Newseum Institute

10:45 AM Conversation with Mr. Frank R. Wolf, co-founder, 21st Century
Wilberforce Initiative and former member of the U.S. House of
Representatives (R-VA) about the significance of int'l religious freedom.

Discussion of the origins and impacts of the Commission on Security and
Cooperation in Europe (U.S. Helsinki Commission)

11:15 AM Depart Library of Congress

11:30 AM Photo shoot outside of the Capitol Building and reflecting booth.
From Library of Congress: Ford Bldg walk five blocks, 0.7 mile (13 min)

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Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe U.S. Helsinki Commission

The Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, also known as the Helsinki Commission, is an independent U.S. Government agency created in 1976 to monitor and encourage compliance with the [Helsinki Final Act](#) and other OSCE commitments.

The Commission consists of nine members from the United States Senate, nine members from the U.S. House of Representatives, and one member each from the Departments of State, Defense, and Commerce. The positions of Chair and Co-Chair are shared by the House and Senate and rotate every two years, when a new Congress convenes. A professional staff assists the Commissioners in their work.

The Commission contributes to the formulation of U.S. policy on the OSCE and takes part in its execution, including through Member and staff participation on U.S. Delegations to OSCE meetings and in certain OSCE bodies. Members of the Commission have regular contact with parliamentarians, government officials, NGOs, and private individuals from other OSCE participating States.

The Commission convenes public hearings and briefings with expert witnesses on OSCE-related issues; issues public reports concerning implementation of OSCE commitments in participating States; and organizes official delegations to participating States and OSCE meetings to address and assess democratic, economic, security and human rights developments firsthand.

U.S. Senate

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[Benjamin L. Cardin, Maryland](#)
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[Alcee L. Hastings, Florida](#)
[Robert B. Aderholt, Alabama](#)
[Michael C. Burgess, Texas](#)
[Steve Cohen, Tennessee](#)
[Joseph R. Pitts, Pennsylvania](#)
[Louise McIntosh Slaughter, New York](#)

Video about the Helsinki Commission:
https://youtu.be/iUMSma_zDPY

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Thursday, April 16, 2015

Afternoon Dialogue Sessions (closed to the public)

- 12:00 PM Lunch at the Newseum, 2nd Floor Dining Room (Map 4.2)
Sign-in with security at the Freedom Forum entrance on Sixth Street
Newseum: 555 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20001
- 1:00 PM **Closed Dialogue Session #1:** Summary of London sessions with
highlights of the most important findings. Discussion of the ways the
United States is grappling with the same issues. Moderated by Professor
Linda Woodhead, Lancaster University, UK
- 2:30 PM Break
- 2:45 PM **Closed Dialogue Session #2:** Socratic Seminar moderated by Knox
Thames, Director of Policy and Research, United States Commission on
International Religious Freedom. Panelists: Baroness Elizabeth Berridge
of the Vale of Catmose, United Kingdom; David Anderson, member of the
Canadian Parliament for Cypress Hills; and Ed Brown, Head of the
Section for Human Rights and the Freedom of Religion or Belief at the
Norwegian NGO Stefanus Alliance International; and Dr. Aykan Erdemir,
member of the Turkish Parliament for Bursa.
- 4:15 PM Adjourn for afternoon. Free tickets to the Newseum, which closes at 5 pm.
- Dinner on your own (Map 5). Recommendations:
- The Source:** Fine dining, Asian/Pacific, Fusion. \$\$\$\$ At Newseum
At the Newseum: Sixth Street and C Street NW
- The Capital Grille:** American, Seafood. \$\$\$
Across from Newseum: Sixth Street and Pennsylvania Ave
- Cosi:** Flatbread sandwiches, salads, soups. \$
Across from Newseum: Sixth and C Street NW
- Rasika:** Fine dining, Indian. \$\$\$
Two blocks from Newseum: D Street between Sixth and Seventh Streets
- Oyamel Cocina Mexicana:** Spanish-influenced tapas restaurant. \$\$
Three blocks from Newseum: Seventh and D Streets
- Protein Bar:** fast health food. \$
Three blocks from Newseum: Seventh and D Streets

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Public Event

When: Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
Where: Newseum, Knight Conference Center, 8th Floor
555 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. 20001
Use Freedom Forum entrance on Sixth Street
Cost: Free and open to the public.

Freedom of religion or belief is a rapidly emerging foreign policy priority for many of the world's leading democracies. These initiatives are often easy political wins for many policymakers working on the issue. They often face little public opposition for their advocacy, and media outlets often follow suit, reporting political talking points on religious freedom as simple and obvious truths. But critical questions need to be addressed:

- Whose freedom of religion or belief are governments protecting?
- How are governments defining religion and religious freedom?
- How does religious freedom overlap and conflict with other rights and freedoms?
- How can religious freedom policies best respect different religion-state histories and constitutions, and balance national religious self-determination with that of the individual?
- How do critical and uncritical media portrayals of these foreign policy agendas influence their overall effectiveness?

Join a panel of experts for a lively dialogue about the role of religious freedom in foreign policy.

Panelists:

- Dr. Katrina Lantos Swett, Chair, U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom
- Michael De Dora, Director of Public Policy, Center for Inquiry; President, United Nations NGO Committee on Freedom of Religion or Belief
- Brian Pellot, Director of Global Strategy, Religion News Service
- Nina Shea, Esq, Director of the Center for Religious Freedom at the Hudson Institute

Moderator: Professor Linda Woodhead of Lancaster University, United Kingdom

8:30 PM Pubic reception with open bar and *hors d'oeuvres*. Wolfgang Puck caterer.

This event is made possible by grants from the British Council and the Religion Newswriters Foundation and is co-sponsored by the Center on Religion and the Professions at Missouri School of Journalism, Lancaster University (UK), and the Religious Freedom Center of the Newseum Institute.

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Friday, April 17, 2015

Morning Dialogue Sessions

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| 8:30 AM | Continental breakfast at the Newseum, 2nd Floor Dining Room
Sign-in with security at Freedom Forum entrance on Sixth Street
555 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20001 |
| 9:00 AM | Closed Dialogue Session #3.1: Information source: Dr. Peter Henne, Research Associate, Pew Research Center, Religion & Public Life Project facilitates discussion about the report, <i>Latest Trends in Religious Restrictions and Hostilities Overall Decline in Social Hostilities in 2013, Though Harassment of Jews Worldwide Reached a Seven-Year High</i> . Moderator Charles Haynes will invite group to reflect on the question: How should foreign policy initiatives address social hostilities involving religion or belief? |
| 9:45 AM | Closed Dialogue Session #3.2: Professor Debra Mason, Director of the Center on Religion & the Professions, Missouri School of Journalism and Executive Director of the Religion Newswriters Foundation with Brian Pellot, Director of Global Strategy for the Religion News Service – Religion Newswriters will facilitate a discussion about the intersection of foreign policy, the new media landscape, and social hostilities involving religion or belief. |
| 10:30 AM | Break |
| 10:45 AM | Closed Dialogue Session #4: Moderator Charles C. Haynes to facilitate group discussion to form policy recommendations based on lessons learned from the London and the Washington DC dialogue sessions.

Box lunches will be served at 11:15 AM. Please eat during session #4. |
| 11:45 AM | Closing remarks and farewell. We will not be returning to the Newseum. |
| 12:00 PM | Roadmaster VIP Car Service: Leave for White House (optional).

Pre-authorized security clearance required. Complete and send “WAVES_20_Excel_Template_V1.8.9.xls” to nwalker@newseum.org no later than Friday, April 3, 2015. |

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Church/State Tour 2 of 2 (optional)

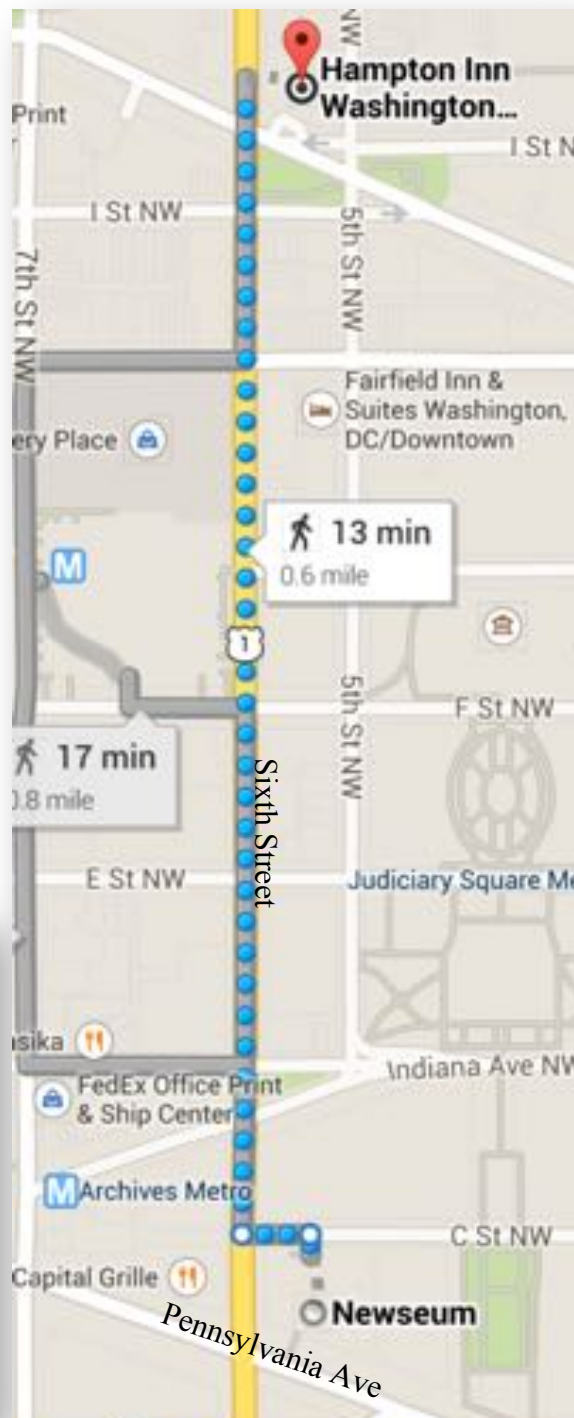
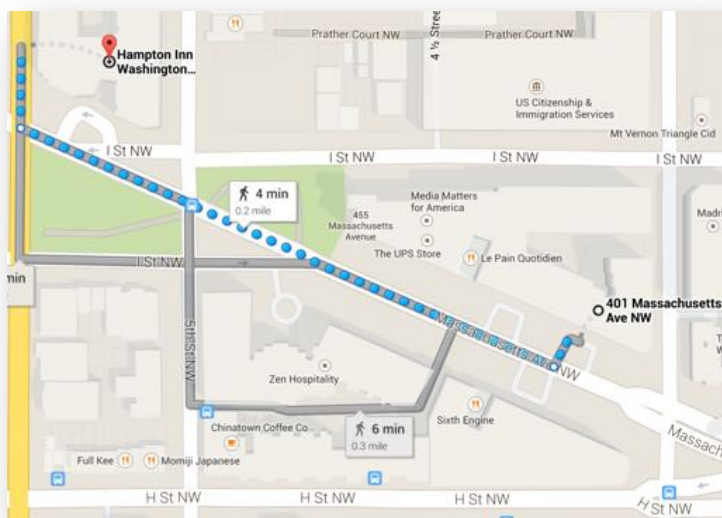
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| 12:00 PM | Car service pickup at the Newseum. One-way delivery of guests to the White House. The conference will end after the White House tour. Guests are welcome to leave their luggage in the Newseum coat check but note that there is no return car service and the Newseum closes at 5:00 pm. |
| 12:10 PM | <p>Security clearances. Only those participants who submitted the clearance form will gain access to the White House. All guests will be required to present a valid, government-issued photo identification (detailed below). All foreign nationals must present their passport. All other forms of foreign identification will not be accepted. All information submitted (e.g. name, date of birth, city, etc.) must exactly match the government-issued photo ID you will present when arriving at the White House. The following forms of photo ID are acceptable to gain access to the White House complex:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valid government-issued United States identification card (e.g. drivers license, military ID, etc.) • Valid United States or other official government-issued passports • <i>No other forms of identification will be accepted; photocopies, expired IDs, or other transmissions of these documents are NOT valid.</i> <p>Prohibited items include, but are not limited to, the following: cameras or video recorders; Handbags, book bags, backpacks or purses; food or beverages, tobacco products, personal grooming items (i.e. makeup, lotion, etc.); strollers; any pointed objects; aerosol containers; guns, ammunition, fireworks, electric stun guns, mace, martial arts weapons/devices, or knives of any size.</p> <p>The U.S. Secret Service reserves the right to prohibit any other personal items. Umbrellas, wallets, car keys, and cell phones (including those with cameras) are permitted. However, guests will not be allowed to use cell phones inside the White House. Phones used inside the White House may be confiscated by US Secret Service.</p> |
| 1:30 PM | Tour with Melissa Rogers, executive director of the White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships. |
| 3:00 PM | Conference ends. |

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Washington, DC 20001-2646
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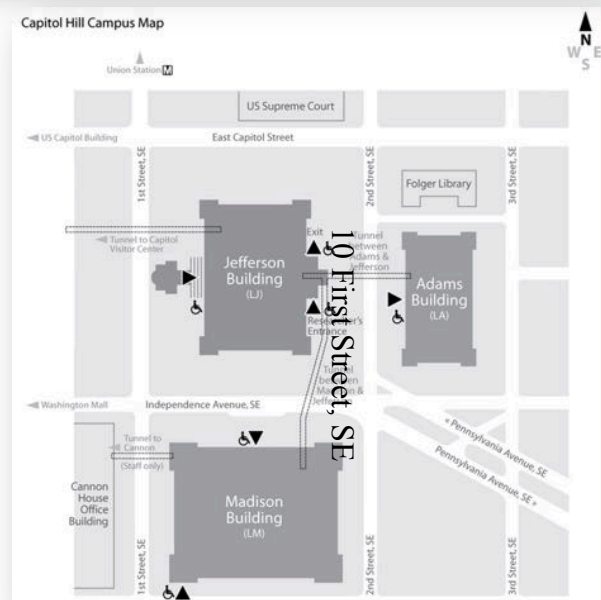
0.6 mile to Newseum on Sixth Street

Map 2. Organizers' Meeting
401 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Apt 812
Washington, DC 20001
+1 (202) 286-8991



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Map 3. Library of Congress, Thomas Jefferson Building (Map 3)
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Requested items for church/state tour at the Library of Congress

Collection: Religion and the Founding of the American Republic

Rare Book Collection

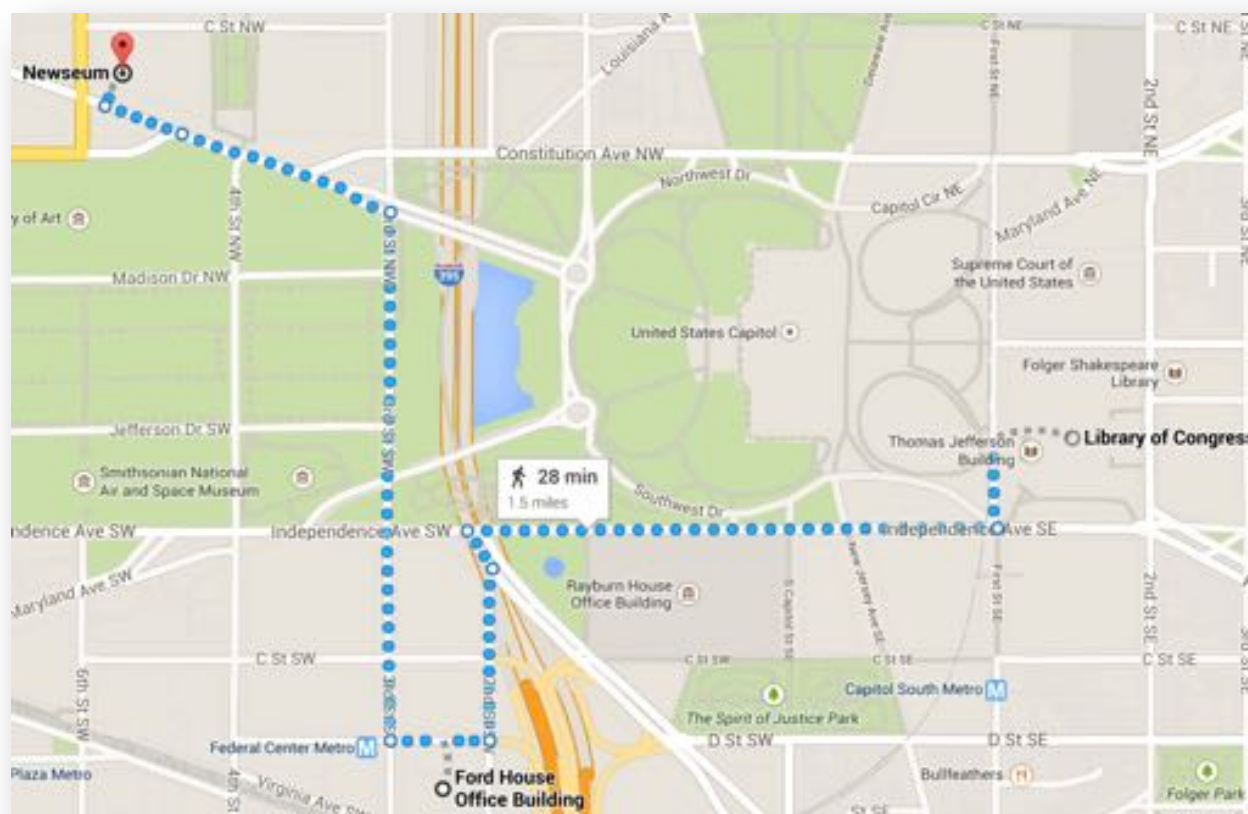
1. *The General Laws and Liberties of the Massachusetts Colony*, 1672
2. *The Bloudy Tenent of Persecution, for cause of Conscience, discussed in a Conference between Truth and Peace...* Roger Williams, 1644
3. *Notes on the State of Virginia*, Thomas Jefferson, 1801
4. *Frame of the Government of the Province of Pennsylvania in America*, William Penn, 1682
5. *Virginia Church Laws*, 1618
6. *Letter Concerning Toleration*, John Locke, 1765
7. *An Act for Establishing Religious Freedom*, Thomas Jefferson, January 1786.
8. *Proposed amendments to the U.S. Constitution*. VA Ratifying Convention, June 27, 1788
9. *The Farewell Address*, George Washington, 1796
10. *Fast Day Proclamation*, John Adams, March 23, 1798
11. *Democracy in America*. Alexis de Tocqueville, 1835

Manuscript Division

1. *Thomas Jefferson letter to the Danbury Baptist Association*, January 1, 1802
2. *George Washington to the Hebrew Congregation*. Letterbook 1790-1794
3. *Objections to the Federal Constitution*, John Leland, February 1788
4. *Notes for a speech introducing the Bill of Rights*, James Madison, June 8, 1789
5. *The Bill of Rights (the John Beckley copy)*, September 28, 1789
6. *Constitution of the United States*, William Jackson Copy, August 6, 1787.
7. *To the Honorable the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia: A Memorial and Remonstrance*. James Madison, June 1785
8. *George Washington to George Mason, October 3, 1785*. Letterbook 1785-1786.
9. *A Bill Establishing a Provision for Teachers of the Christian Religion*. Patrick Henry, Virginia House of Delegates, December 24, 1784

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Map 4.1. Commission on Security & Cooperation in Europe (U.S. Helsinki Commission)
234 Ford House Building, Third and D Streets, SW, Washington, DC 20515
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Map 4.2. Newseum: 555 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001
From Ford House Building: walk 8 blocks, 0.7 mile (15 min)

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Map 5. Restaurants close to the Newsuem

