Dear Faculty, Staff, and Students:

Please attend a conference focusing on the legacy of Alexis de Tocqueville, Friday, March 5, in the IMU Walnut Room.

This event, hosted by the new Tocqueville program (http://www.indiana.edu/~tcqville/) and co-sponsored by four other units (Political Science, Workshop in Political Theory, Office of VP for Int'l Affairs, and Liberty Fund) will be devoted mainly to the launch of the bilingual critical edition of Democracy in America, edited by Eduardo Nolla and translated by James T. Schleifer. The book was published by Liberty Fund, in four volumes (at a very affordable price). It contains all the preparatory notes for Democracy in America, preserved at Yale's Beinecke Library, in whose archives Professor Nolla worked for almost a decade in the 1980s. This bilingual edition supersedes and updates the previous critical French edition published by Vrin in 1990 (long sold out).

In addition to this major new publication, we will have two other panels devoted to two other books on and by Tocqueville published by IU-related faculty: Tocqueville on America after 1840 (Cambridge UP, 2009) and Conversations with Tocqueville (Rowman & Littlefield, 2009).

Here are the links to all these books:

Democracy in America De la Démocratie en Amérique; In Four Volumes
By Alexis de Tocqueville
Edited by Eduardo Nolla
Translated by James T. Schleifer

Tocqueville on America after 1840: Letters and Other Writings, edited and translated with an interpretive study and notes by Aurelian Craiutu and Jeremy Jennings (Cambridge University Press, 2009), 578 pp.

http://www.rowmanlittlefield.com/Catalog/Flyer2.shtml?SKU=0739123017

The final panel will be devoted to reassessing the role played by Tocqueville in social sciences and humanities today. This should be of interest to a wide audience, given the prominent status that Tocqueville's works enjoys among political theorists, historians, sociologists, and most recently, philosophers. The event should be of particular interest to faculty and students associate with
the 19th century group and I hope that you might be able to attend some of the sessions. I would very much appreciate if you could bring the event to the attention of your interested students and colleagues.

Thank you for your consideration.

With all best wishes,

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A ONE-DAY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE  
ORGANIZED BY  
THE TOCQUEVILLE PROGRAM AT INDIANA UNIVERSITY,  
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ALEXIS DE TOCQUEVILLE: NEW PERSPECTIVES ON HIS WORKS  
March 5, 2010  
IU Memorial Union  
Indiana University, Bloomington  

All meetings are scheduled to take place in the IU Memorial Union, Walnut Room.

THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2010:  
Afternoon: Arrival of participants at the Indiana University Memorial Union Hotel  
6:30 Dinner (Finch’s Brasserie)

FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2010:  
9:00-9:15: Mike McGinnis (IUB): Welcoming remarks: Tocqueville and the Workshop in Political Theory  
Aurelian Craiutu (IUB): Opening remarks: The Tocqueville Program at Indiana University  
MODERATOR: Christine D. Henderson (Liberty Fund, Inc)
PANELISTS: Eduardo Nolla (Universidad San Pablo-CEU, Madrid), James T. Schleifer (College of New Rochelle), Christine D. Henderson: Editing, translating, and publishing Democracy in America

10:45-11 Break

11-12:30 Roundtable Discussion on Conversations with Tocqueville (Lexington Books, 2009)
MODERATOR: Filippo Sabetti (McGill University)

PANELISTS: Barbara Allen (Carleton College), Reiji Matsumoto (Waseda University, Tokyo), Filippo Sabetti (McGill University), Frederic Fransen (Founder, Donor Advising, Research, and Educational Services, LLC)

12:30-1:45 Lunch (for panelists): Tudor Room, IU Memorial Union

1:45-3:15 Roundtable Discussion on Tocqueville on America after 1840: Letters and Other Writings (Cambridge University Press, 2009)
MODERATOR: Russell Hanson (IUB)

PANELISTS: Aurelian Craiutu (IUB) and Jeremy Jennings (Queen Mary, University of London), Matthew Holbreich (University of Notre Dame)

3:15-3:30 Break

3:30-5:00 Open discussion: Tocqueville studies today and the relevance of these three new books to future research on Tocqueville.
MODERATOR: Barbara Allen (Carleton College)

6:30 Dinner (Samira Restaurant)

Saturday, March 6, 2010:
Breakfast and departure at the participants’ convenience.

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About the Tocqueville Program: The Tocqueville Program created in 2009 with the generous support of the Jack Miller Center, is part of a developing network of
newly founded centers and programs meant to promote critical reflection on the principles of American democracy. It seeks to engage historians, political scientists, sociologists, and anthropologists in order to reflect critically on Tocquevillian themes and tropes that deal with important issues such as freedom, equality, civil society, religion, citizenship, mores, individualism, democracy, centralization, self-government, despotism, and civil associations.
For more information, please visit: http://www.indiana.edu/~tcqville/

A New Book: The Liberty Fund bilingual Democracy in America is the fullest historical-critical edition of the Democracy. It includes Eduardo Nolla’s historical-critical edition of the French text and notes on the left-hand pages and James Schleifer’s new English translation on the right. The notes offer an extensive selection of early outlines, drafts, manuscript variants, marginalia, unpublished fragments, and other materials.