

[Call for Applications NEH Summer Seminar "Invisible Hands: the Enlightenment Science of Society from Mandeville to Hegel." July 2018, University Of Chicago](#)

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March 1, 2018

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Illinois, United States

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Early Modern History and Period Studies, Intellectual History, Philosophy, Political Science, European History / Studies

Professor Paul Cheney, University of Chicago, and I are offering a three-week NEH Summer Seminar "Invisible Hands: the Enlightenment Science of Society from Mandeville to Hegel.", to be held at the University of Chicago, **9-27 July 2018**.

The aim of this three-week seminar for University and College professors is to recover the complexity of eighteenth-century attempts to theorize the relation between the imaginary, yet very real (moral) bonds that make up a stable society, and the autonomous individual self. We will accomplish this through a close reading of texts on moral theory, politics, economy, law, and aesthetics.

We welcome applications from historians, literary scholars, political theorists, and philosophers. **Application deadline is March 1, 2018.**

We have invited Silvia Sebastiani of the EHESS to deliver a plenary lecture toward the end of the seminar.

Each participant will receive a \$ 2,700 stipend.

The seminar is **open to college and university teachers** who fit the NEH eligibility criteria. There are no restrictions as to academic rank, but three of the sixteen summer scholars we choose will have non-tenure track or otherwise precarious academic positions; we may take up to two graduate students. Please visit the website for more information and how to apply.

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