

AMERICAN ODYSSEY

What an Ancient Story Reveals about Our Divided Souls

LECTURE BY PATRICK DENEEN

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- Book sales & signing | 6:15 - 7:00 p.m. ET
- Public event | 7:00 - 8:15 p.m.
- Reception | 8:15 - 9:15 p.m.

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The ancient story of *The Odyssey* addresses fundamentally human questions of home, ambition, vengeance, and mercy. Yet as political philosopher Patrick Deneen reveals, it is also the most American of classical texts. Like Odysseus, the American identity is defined by a core tension: a simultaneous commitment to the comfort of home and the drive to leave it behind.

