

## **A Conversation with George Washington List of Portraits for 2024/2025**

### **Citizenship**

This second collection of portraits from the *Americans Who Tell the Truth* collection by Robert Shetterly are being displayed outside the Maxwell Auditorium to elicit a conversation over a central theme to the Maxwell community: citizenship. These portraits of Americans offer a conversation both with the statute of George Washington and with each other. The possible topics include the evolution of citizenship—and who is included or excluded—from the American Revolution to the present; the ongoing struggle for rights even after the passage of laws or amendments (for example voting rights); and the limits of a definition of citizenship based on national belonging and the need for a more expansive conception of human rights. The portraits feature activists who have challenged the government and each other to expand the rights of Americans and others.

Some of these historical figures will be more familiar than others. They represent social movements from the 19<sup>th</sup> century to the present. We have also tried to select a diverse range of figures connecting to our own community. We encourage faculty to feature these individuals in their courses and students to research their careers. We encourage you to refer to the master list of more than 260 portraits to explore the Shetterly collection. That list can be found at:

<https://americanswhotellthetruth.org/portrait-gallery/>

14/15 amendments

Elizabeth Cady Stanton <https://americanswhotellthetruth.org/portraits/elizabeth-cady-stanton/>

(Note local to Johnston NY, Seneca Falls)

Shirley Chisholm <https://americanswhotellthetruth.org/portraits/shirley-chisholm/>

19th amendment/Voting Rights Act

Alice Paul <https://www.americanswhotellthetruth.org/portraits/alice-paul>

Accountability/Protection

Ida Tarbell <https://americanswhotellthetruth.org/portraits/ida-tarbell/>

Civil Rights

Emma Tenayuca <https://americanswhotellthetruth.org/portraits/emma-tenayuca/>

Muhammed Ali <https://americanswhotellthetruth.org/portraits/muhammad-ali/>

American with Disabilities Act

Ady Barkan <https://www.americanswhotellthetruth.org/portraits/ady-barkan>

Environment/Climate Change

Robin Wall Kimmerer <https://americanswhotellthetruth.org/portraits/robin-wall-kimmerer/>

(Note she teaches at SUNY ESF)

Wendell Berry <https://americanswhotellthetruth.org/portraits/wendell-berry/>

Peace Activism

Paul Chappell <https://americanswhotellthetruth.org/portraits/paul-k-chappell/>