

KINDER INSTITUTE EVENTS FALL 2016

NEH Lecture Series

9/15-16 Price Sloan Symposium for Media, Ethics, and Law

The MU Law and Journalism Schools' free speech on campus symposium kicks off at 3:00 on Thursday in Hulston Hall 7, with opening remarks by Kansas City Mayor **Sly James** and a lecture by University of Chicago Law Professor **Geoff Stone**. A keynote debate featuring Fox News' **Kirsten Powers** and CNN's **Sally Kohn** will take place later that evening at the Missouri Theatre, and a series of panels will be held on Friday.

Hulston Hall 7, 3:00 PM

9/23 The Demise of "Fact" in Political Discourse

Kathleen Hall Jamieson, Elizabeth Ware Packard Professor of Communication and Director of the Annenberg Public Policy Center at University of Pennsylvania, will give a talk on the implications of how "so-called reality creators" have been able to "highjack the issue agenda, foreclose desirable policy options, and thwart the public will" by manipulating the political communications environment. Co-sponsored with the MU Department of Communication.

Smith Forum (RJI 200), 3:00 PM

10/5 On the Free Exercise Clause and Religious Exemptions

University of Notre Dame Tocqueville Associate Professor of Political Science **Vincent Phillip Muñoz's** lecture will examine how, contrary to the popular belief among originalists that it was a "constitutional disaster," Justice Antonin Scalia's non-exemptionist reading of the Free Exercise Clause in *Employment Division of Oregon v. Smith* (1990) is consistent with the American founders' natural-rights philosophy and social compact constitutionalism.

Hulston Hall 7, 1:00 PM

10/7 JuntoCast LIVE!

An offshoot of The Junto Group Blog on Early American History, JuntoCast is a monthly podcast during which historical chat-masters **Ken Owen** (Univ. Illinois-Springfield), **Michael Hattem** (Yale), and **Roy Rogers** (CUNY) talk their way through major issues in the field. The Kinder Institute will host a live JuntoCast taping on October 7, with the hosts and featured guests discussing elections in early America.

Jesse Hall 410, 2:00 PM

10/14 "We Fight!" Red Tails, Black Soldiers, and the Civil Rights Movement

For the 2016 Black Studies Fall Conference's keynote lecture, Emory University Samuel Candler Dobbs Professor and Chair of African American Studies **Carol Anderson** will give a talk on African American WW II veterans' central importance to the Civil Rights Movement as grassroots community leaders, strategists, and tacticians. Co-sponsored with the MU Department of Black Studies.

Leadership Auditorium, 6:00 PM

10/27 The Triumph of Bernie Sanders and the Future of the US Left

University of Pennsylvania Political Science Professor **Adolph Reed** will give a talk on how Bernie Sanders's campaign for the Democratic nomination for the presidency was successful beyond the initial expectations of even its most diehard early supporters. It showed that many voters are open to a message advocating economic equality, workers' rights, and broad social justice. Both the campaign's success and debates around it, including complaints that the Sanders campaign was inadequately sensitive to racism or sexism, shed light on the character of the contemporary American left, its limits, and the possibilities for significant social transformation.

Jesse Hall 410, 5:30 PM

11/10 Why We Need the Humanities

Donald Drakeman, Distinguished Research Professor in University of Notre Dame's Program on Constitutional Studies, will give a talk on why the humanities are vital to our economic and political wellbeing, arguing that calls to de-emphasize the humanities in the expectation that science and technology will give us better lives may lead to the opposite result. Please email **Thomas Kane** (KaneTC@missouri.edu) to reserve a spot for the luncheon lecture.

T.O. Wright Room (Reynolds Alumni Center), 11:30 AM

Inaugural Kinder Institute Chair Lecture

11/1 U.S. Constitutional Democracy and the World

In his Inaugural Chair Lecture, Professor of History **Jay Sexton** will answer the question of how U.S. constitutional democracy has historically related to the wider world by examining the external forces that shaped U.S. politics in the period of national formation, as well as identifying the impact American political practices and ideas have had on foreign nations.

Great Room (Reynolds Alumni Center), 4:00 PM

NEH Film Series

Democracy at the Movies

Held on the first Tuesday of every month from September through November, this series will shed light on the 2016 presidential election by looking at some moments from the history of political cinema when economic distress and social change sparked media-driven emotions and images that seemed to challenge our democratic values. In the films, we see the possibilities, causes, and results of political distemper, spread out over the last 80 years. The series will conclude with a November 8 watch party at Ragtag with Kinder Institute faculty providing election analysis.

9/6 *Gabriel over the White House* (1933)

10/4 *Strange Victory* (1948)

11/1 *Primary Colors* (1998)

All screenings will be held at Ragtag Cinema (10 Hitt Street) at 5:30 PM.

Pulitzer & Constitution Day Lectures

9/7 The Country's Plight, and How We Escaped It

As part of the Pulitzer Prizes Centennial Campfires Initiative, University of California-Davis Prof. **Eric Rauchway** will give a public lecture on the historical context and contemporary relevance of Independence, MO native and former MU Journalism Professor Charles G. Ross' Pulitzer-winning *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* article, "The Country's Plight," an 11-part diagnosis of the causes of the Great Depression. MU Journalism Faculty Chair **Tim Vos** will provide opening remarks on Ross' life and work. Email **Thomas Kane** (KaneTC@missouri.edu) for a PDF copy of Ross' article.

Smith Forum (RJI 200), 5:00 PM

9/20 Our Global Constitution: U.S. Imperialism and the Separation of Powers

University of Michigan Associate Professor of Political Science **Mariah Zeisberg** will deliver the Kinder Institute's annual Constitution Day lecture, exploring the United States' place atop a global hegemony through a number of related inquiries, including: Does liberalism in international politics require domestic presidentialism? Are there links between authoritarianism at home and abroad? How should we approach the relationship between Congress and the president in light of US global leadership?

Jesse Hall 410, 3:30 PM

Missouri Regional Seminar on Early American History

A workshop that allows scholars of pre-1900 American history and politics to share work with colleagues from around the Midwest, the MRSEAH will convene on October 7 in Columbia and November 4 in St. Louis. In addition, the Kinder Institute-sponsored History Colloquium Series, a sister program of the MRSEAH, will be held semi-regularly on Fridays throughout the Fall 2016 semester in Jesse Hall 410.

Contact Kinder Institute Communications Associate **Thomas Kane**, KaneTC@missouri.edu, for details regarding attending Fall 2016 MRSEAH meetings, and please check the Kinder Institute website, democracy.missouri.edu, for information about upcoming colloquium events.

