

Community Seminars

1/18 Hamilton vs Jefferson in the Washington Administration

University of Nebraska-Omaha Professor **Carson Holloway** will give the concluding lecture for Professor **Justin Dyer's** community seminar, examining the conflicts of constitutional vision that arose between Jefferson and Hamilton when they both served under Washington, with particular focus on their clashes over methods of constitutional interpretation, the role of government in the economy, and the power of the president in foreign affairs.

Jesse Hall 410, 6:30 PM

3/16 Playing the Past

Kinder Postdoctoral Fellow **Billy Coleman's** community seminar, *Playing the Past*, takes a musician or group currently working with historically informed music, places them in conversation with an MU academic and members of the community, and explores how music helps transmit stories, identities, and experiences from the past into the present. The seminar kicks off with a conversation about and performance of "Songs of Lincoln" with Illinois singer/songwriter **Chris Vallillo**.

Contact Kinder Institute Communications Associate **Thomas Kane**, KaneTC@missouri.edu, for more information about Spring 2017 *Playing the Past* events.

Spring Colloquium Series

1/20 Jefferson and His Legacies: Opium and Empire, 1776-1844

To kick off the Spring 2017 Colloquium Series, Robert H. Smith Center for Jefferson Studies Historian **Christa Dierksheide** will give a preview of her current book project, using the experience of Joseph and Ellen Wayles Coolidge during the First Opium War to introduce her larger examination of Jefferson's legacies through the eyes of his grandchildren.

Jesse Hall 410, 3:30 PM

1/27 Missouri, the French Atlantic, and the Early Republic

Université de La Rochelle Professor **Tangi Villerbu** will tell the story of Ferdinand Rozier, a young Frenchman and travel companion of John James Audubon, who was sent to the United States by his father in 1806 in search of new economic opportunities and whose meteoric rise to the status of antebellum Potosi, MO, elite can be used to better understand Missouri and the United States' place in a changing nineteenth-century Atlantic world.

Jesse Hall 410, 3:00 PM

2/1 Free Spirits or Free-Riders? Safeguarding the Soul while Benefitting Society

Working from Nietzsche and Robert Galbreath's writings on individual freedom and the public good, University of Colorado-Colorado Springs Professor **Steven Pittz** will resolve the paradox of "political detachment" by showing how solitary individuals can play a vital role in the improvement of democratic society by balancing out certain negative forces.

Jesse Hall 410, 12:00 PM

2/24 The Politics of Remembering: A Russian Poet on Facebook

MU Professor of Russian & German Studies **Martha Kelly** will present her research on Olga Sedakova, a Russian poet who exemplifies how a public intellectual can use Facebook to oppose mainstream political culture. Her posts, as Prof. Kelly will show, range from the banal to the solemn, but acts of remembrance most characterize her own version of "civic networking."

Jesse Hall 410, 3:30 PM

2/28 Does the Constitution Enact John Stuart Mill's *On Liberty*?

In his dissenting opinion in *Obergefell v. Hodges* (2015), Chief Justice John Roberts alleged that the majority of the Supreme Court had misguidedly read Mill's "harm principle" into the U.S. Constitution. In response to Roberts's dissenting opinion, Boston University Law Professor **James Fleming** will present an essay-in-progress which argues that the Constitution embodies a morality of its own and that explicating and applying that morality is the function of constitutional interpretation.

Jesse Hall 410, 4:00 PM

3/10 Countryside Capitalism

Challenging popular misconceptions about the "guns and bible" cultural politics of small-town America, MU Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow **Keith Orejel's** talk will instead propose that rural and small-town politics in the U.S. since World War II have largely been defined by economic interests, with communities across the heartland focusing on creating new job opportunities to replace disappearing agricultural employment.

Jesse Hall 410, 3:30 PM

3/17 Rethinking the "Rage Militaire"

Westminster College Fulbright-Robertson Visiting Professor **Jon Chandler** will give a talk re-contextualizing revolutionary enthusiasm in the thirteen colonies by positioning popular support for the war in North America as a sharp contrast to the melancholy that prevailed in the British Isles as a result of the visceral repudiation of empire on the other side of the Atlantic.

Jesse Hall 410, 3:30 PM

Out of Town Lectures

The Kinder Institute will sponsor the following two lectures for MU alumni and other interested parties in St. Louis during the Spring 2017 semester. For more information about attending, please contact Kinder Institute Communications Associate **Thomas Kane** at KaneTC@missouri.edu.

3/21 The Property-Centered Constitutionalism of the Founding Generation

Vanderbilt University Law Professor **James Ely** will give a talk that explores the pivotal role of property rights in the constitution-making process and nineteenth-century constitutional law in order to raise questions about the continued vitality of property-conscious constitutionalism in post-New Deal America.

Luncheon at the St. Louis Club

4/28 U.S. Constitutional Democracy and the World

Kinder Institute Chair in Constitutional Democracy **Jay Sexton** will explore 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 during the period of national formation as well as identifying the impact American political practices and ideas have had on foreign nations.

Luncheon at the Bellerive Country Club (St. Louis)

Shawnee Trail Regional Conference

The 3rd annual Shawnee Trail Regional Conference on American Politics and Constitutionalism will be held on Thursday, April 13, 2017, in Austin, TX, as a mini-conference within the annual meeting of the Southwest Social Science Association.

Missouri Regional Seminar on Early American History

2/17 Rogue-State Making: Settler Sovereignty, Union, and Disunion, 1784-1796

Participants will discuss Temple University Professor **Jessica Roney's** recent research, which uses residents of the eastern Tennessee Valley's late-eighteenth century efforts to assert territorial claims to consider the importance of bottom-up, settler-driven political self-determination in the wake of the American Revolution.

Café Napoli (St. Louis), 5:00 PM

4/21 Thomas Jefferson: How a Real Estate Lawyer Became Philosopher of the American Revolution

For the final 2016-2017 meeting of the MRSEAH, our annual double-header, participants will discuss Washington University Professor **David Konig's** recent work on Jefferson's transformation from conservative protector of the status quo to radical reformer, after which Oklahoma University Professor **Andrew Porwancher** will give a dinner talk drawing on research for his current book project, *The Jewish Founding Father: Alexander Hamilton's Secret Life*.

Jesse Hall 410, 5:00 PM

Public Lectures

3/13 Studies in Comparative Constitutionalism

Cornell Law Professor and Director of the Institute for African Development **Muna Ndulo** will be on campus for a number of events, including a talk at the Kinder Institute and a panel discussion on international constitutionalism at the Law School with **John L. Murray**, former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Ireland.

See democracy.missouri.edu for details

4/5 The Second Amendment and Slavery: Gun Rights, Gun Control, and the Search for a Usable Constitutional Past

Saul Cornell, Paul and Diane Guenther Chair in American History at Fordham University, will explore the complex connections between race and the Second Amendment by examining gun control proponents' and gun rights advocates' competing arguments about the constitutional right to bear arms in relation to slavery, the Fourteenth Amendment, and the Reconstruction Era.

Mumford Hall 133, 5:30 PM

