

KINDER INSTITUTE EVENTS FALL 2017

Constitution Week Lecture Series

9/21 Constitution Week, Part 1: Fulfilling Thomas Jefferson's Empire of Liberty?

To kick off our Constitution Week festivities, Texas Christian University Professor of History **Gene Smith** will examine the tumultuous incorporation of Louisiana and Missouri into the Union, ultimately showing how the two post-Louisiana Purchase additions did not fulfill Jefferson's territorial dreams for an Empire of Liberty but rather exposed some of the questions and problems that the nation would face as it continued to push its borders westward.

Mumford Hall 133, 5:30 PM

9/22 Constitution Week, Part 2: Madison's Hand

For the second installment in our Constitution Week Lecture Series, Boston College Founders Professor of Law **Mary Sarah Bilder** will give a talk on her recent research into Madison's *Notes on the 1787 Constitutional Convention*, which uses digital technologies and rigorous textual analysis to reveal invisible, and previously unsuspected, layers of revision in Madison's account of the Convention's charismatic figures, crushing disappointments, and miraculous triumphs. A brief reception will follow Prof. Bilder's lecture.

Jesse Hall 410, 3:30PM

Public Lecture Series

10/4 The Continental Revolution

Working against the narrative of the American Revolution as a high-minded, orderly event, Pulitzer Prize-winning historian and University of Virginia Jefferson Foundation Chair in History **Alan Taylor** will weave a new national creation story, tracing the history of the conflict with Great Britain from the turbulent conditions that boiled over into war through the political divisions that shaped the course of ratification and westward expansion in the Revolution's aftermath.

Neff Hall 204, 5:30 PM

10/19 The Specter of *Lochner v. New York*

Making the annual trip back to his alma mater, Boston University Honorable Paul J. Liacos Professor of Law **James E. Fleming** will examine the implications of constitutional scholars and judges invoking the U.S. Supreme Court's "grave errors" in *Lochner v. New York* (1905) when criticizing their opponents, with particular emphasis on assessing prominent theories and views concerning the relation between *Lochner* and *Roe v. Wade* (1973) and *Obergefell v. Hodges* (2015).

Hulston Hall 7, 1:00 PM

Kinder Institute Distinguished Lecture

11/6 Where Do We Go from Here: Leadership in Turbulent Times

World-renowned presidential historian **Doris Kearns Goodwin** will reflect on more than 150 years of U.S. history to put into context our most recent unprecedented presidency – a fast-paced and unpredictable Administration. By sharing her deep understanding of the ambition, resolution, and resilience of some of our nation's most revered presidents, Goodwin will explain how past setbacks and triumphs shed light on the cultural, economic, and political transformations that define today's turbulent times. With a goal of educating and entertaining the audience, Goodwin will also bring to life some of our most successful presidents to provide insight for today's leaders, and to demonstrate that however fractured our modern political culture has become, our democracy is also resilient and has survived—even thrived—through more troubling times in the past.

Jesse Auditorium, 7:00 PM

Missouri Regional Seminar on Early American History

Bringing together professors and graduate students of pre-Civil War history from across the Midwest, the MRSEAH presents scholars with a rare chance to share current research with colleagues in a serious but convivial setting. For the two Fall 2017 meetings, participants will discuss UVa Thomas Jefferson Foundation Chair in History **Alan Taylor's** paper "Premature Independence: Student Defiance and Republican Citizenship" (10/5 in Columbia) and a chapter from Kinder Institute Chair **Jay Sexton's** forthcoming *America's Horizons: A New History of the United States* (11/17 in St. Louis.)

Please contact **Thomas Kane** (KaneTC@missouri.edu) for details about attending Fall 2017 MRSEAH events.

Community Seminar

In Kinder Institute Director **Justin Dyer's** 2017-18 breakfast seminar, participants will use Michael Sandel's bestselling book, *Justice*, to reckon with a question that, for centuries, political philosophers, presidents, and activists have admirably, if unsuccessfully, struggled to find a consensus answer for: what, exactly, *is* justice?

The seminar will meet during the Fall 2017 semester from 7:00 - 8:30 A M on Oct. 12, Nov. 9, and Dec. 14, in the Kinder Institute offices in Jesse Hall 410. Contact Prof. Dyer (DyerJB@missouri.edu) for more information.

Fall Colloquium Series

9/15 "Early to Rise": Benjamin Franklin and the Creation of Ascending Honor

For the first Colloquium Series event of the Fall 2017 semester, William Woods University Assistant Professor of History **Craig Bruce Smith** will explore Benjamin Franklin's idea of "ascending honor," a concept that repudiated the European tradition of rewarding lineage and replaced it with a democratized notion of honor as something earned through action, merit, and a fulfillment of republican duty.

Jesse Hall 410, 3:30 PM

10/9 Berlin Calling: Subculture and the Fall of the Berlin Wall

Assembling a cast of characters ranging from Iggy Pop to German anarchist Silvio Meier, frequent *New York Times* and *Chronicle of Higher Education* contributor **Paul Hockenos** will chart the development of Berlin's vibrant underground from the Cold War-era rise of counterculture networks in the divided East and West through the 1989 collapse of the Wall as a way to raise questions about the effects of political transformation on subculture.

Jesse Hall 410, 3:30 PM

10/20 Raising Government Children

Half-launch party, half-colloquium, MU Associate Professor of History **Catherine Rymph** will give a talk on her newest book, *Raising Government Children: A History of Foster Care and the American Welfare State* (UNC Press, October 2017), which works to un-do the negative stereotypes society harbors about foster care by unpacking the system's evolution from its New Deal-era origins through the 1970s.

Jesse Hall 410, 3:30 PM

11/7 Gold Rush: A Global History

The traveling "Gold Rush Trio" of Professors **David Goodman** (University of Melbourne), **Benjamin Mountford** (La Trobe University), and **Stephen Tuffnel** (Oxford) will make a stop at the Kinder Institute to present their recent work on the global development and circulation of ideas initiated by the nineteenth and early-twentieth century gold rushes, approaching the intellectual history of gold from three distinct vantage points: democratic politics, the struggle for order, and engineering expertise.

Jesse Hall 410, 5:00 PM

12/1 The Civil War as a Conservative Revolution

In shedding new light on the political ideology and language that characterized the majority of Civil War-era Northern voters, University College London Professor of History **Adam I.P. Smith** will argue that the Northern path to war and emancipation was paved by conservative intent, even if—in the end—carried out by radical means.

Jesse Hall 410, 3:30 PM

Academic Workshop

10/19 Prejudice, Moral Progress, and not Being "On the Wrong Side of History"

Scholars from across campus are invited to a workshop discussion of a chapter draft on the legacy of *Loving v. Virginia* (1967) from Boston University Professor of Law and Paul M. Siskind Research Scholar **Linda C. McClain's** book-in-progress, *Bigotry, Conscience, and Marriage: Past and Present Controversies*, which argues that the controversy over civil marriage equality for same-sex couples and the proliferating conflicts between religious liberty and LGBT rights make it imperative to examine the concept of bigotry and its relationship to conscience. Space in Prof. McClain's workshop is limited, so please email **Thomas Kane** (KaneTC@missouri.edu) if you are interested in attending.

Jesse Hall 410, 3:30 PM

Book Conference

11/2-3 Conservatives and the Constitution

The Kinder Institute will host leading scholars of American constitutionalism and constitutional law for a two-day conference to highlight Spring 2018 Kinder Institute Distinguished Research Fellow **Ken I. Kersch's** forthcoming book, *Conservatives and the Constitution: The Troubled Odyssey of the Modern American Right*, which examines the constitutive stories that shaped the evolution of contemporary conservative ideology in the United States during its ascendant phase, from *Brown v. Board* through the Reagan presidency. The conference itself will consist of three panel discussions, each of which is organized around a chapter from Prof. Kersch's book:

"Theories of Constitutional Interpretation and Stories about Constitutional Development," (11/2, 3:30-5:00 PM)

"Constitutional Design and Structures," (11/2, 5:15-6:30 PM)

"Civil Liberties and Civil Rights," (11/3, 8:00-9:15 AM)

All panels are open to the public and will be held in Jesse Hall 410



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