

## Constitution Week

- 9/17 Constitutional Principles and America's Original Sin**  
While the U.S. is often seen as a nation constituted by its constitutional principles, the importance of these principles to Supreme Court jurisprudence has been vastly overstated. For the **inaugural James E. Fleming & Linda C. McClain Constitution Day Lecture**, University of Texas Professor of Government **Gary Jacobsohn** will explore this tension, tracing the Court's equivocal reliance on constitutional principles back to the compromised circumstances of the American founding with respect to the nation's original sin of slavery.  
**Jesse Hall 410, 5:30pm**
- 9/21 The Unexpected Contributions of John Dickinson: Human Rights at the American Founding**  
Move over *Hamilton*; meet John Dickinson. To bookend Constitution Week programming, University of Kentucky historian **Jane Calvert** will examine the various and conflicting notions of human rights at the time of the nation's birth, focusing on the thought and actions of the now lesser-known founder, Dickinson, "The Farmer in Pennsylvania" who promoted radical, forward-looking ideas about rights for subordinated peoples.  
**Jesse Hall 410, 3:30pm**

## Public Lecture Series

- 10/25 Conversation: The Promise and Perils of Populism**  
In partnership with the American Enterprise Institute, the Kinder Institute will bring Ethics and Public Policy Center analyst **Henry Olsen** and Georgetown University historian and *Dissent* editor **Michael Kazin** to campus for an inter-ideological public conversation about the shortcomings, successes, and changing ambitions of populist politics and politicians in American history, from William Jennings Bryan and Ronald Reagan to the present day. MU History Department Chair **Catherine Rymph** will moderate.  
**Palmer Room (RJI 100), 5:30pm**
- 11/13 The Politics of Abstraction vs. A New Localism**  
Responding to a growing inability in Washington to design policy with localities in mind, American Enterprise Institute Director of Domestic Policy Studies **Ryan Streeter** will give a talk that examines how incorporating recent findings in economics and social science might reinvigorate a localist approach to policymaking that seeks to solve big, national issues at the regional and city level.  
**Jesse Hall 410, 5:30pm**

## Colloquium Series

- 8/24 Antimonopoly as Countersubversion: Andrew Jackson's Bank Veto in Transatlantic Perspective**  
To kick off the Fall 2018 Colloquium Series, Columbia University Professor of History and Communications **Richard R. John** will use a recently transcribed first draft of Jackson's bank veto address to explore how the veto was originally intended not only as an assault on big business but also as a political critique of overseas interference in U.S. elections.  
**Jesse Hall 410, 3:30pm**
- 9/13 Chance, Control, and Self-Possession in Anti-Slavery Literature**  
Fall 2018 Distinguished Research Fellow and University of London Professor **Lawrence Goldman** will spotlight his current research, tracing the emergence of the American anti-slavery movement back to an underlying theme in its literature: the contradiction between the ever-greater stability of middle-class life in the free North and the arbitrary, unpredictable, and erratic lives of slaves.  
**Jesse Hall 410, 5:30pm**
- 10/5 Republicanism, Slavery, and the Constitution**  
University of Alaska-Anchorage political scientist **Forrest Nabors** will make the long trek to Columbia to preview the follow-up to his first book, *From Oligarchy to Republicanism: The Great Task of Reconstruction*, which was recently published in our *Studies in Constitutional Democracy* series from University of Missouri Press. Nabors' talk will unpack the oligarchic consequences of proslavery Southern statesmen's reinterpretation of the Constitution in the wake of the Missouri Crisis.  
**Jesse Hall 410, 3:30pm**
- 10/12 The Polarizers: Postwar Architects of Our Partisan Era**  
Pulling back the curtain on the current dysfunction in D.C. and introducing his new book, Colgate University Assistant Professor of Political Science **Sam Rosenfeld** will expose the origins of the toxic polarization that plagues contemporary politics, arguing that it was not a product of gradual structural shifts but rather of deliberate efforts by postwar activists to follow the recommendations of political science for a strong party system and to match ideology with party label.  
**Jesse Hall 410, 3:30pm**

- 10/19 History Homecoming Double-Header: The Mormons and Rhode Island**  
Two successful young alumni return to share their latest work in a special twin-bill. Prof. **Ben Park** of Sam Houston State University, the Kinder Institute's first postdoctoral fellow in history, will tell the riveting story of Nauvoo in "The Mormons vs. Democracy on the Banks of the Mississippi." Then, Prof. **Steven Carl Smith** of Providence College, a 2013 Mizzou Ph.D., will apply his expert knowledge of early American print culture to elections in "'To Preserve the Interest of Those Who Bled in Freedom's Cause': The Materiality of Politics in Early Republic Rhode Island."  
**Jesse Hall 410, 3:30pm**
- 10/26 Squatters, Statesmen, and the Rupture of American Democracy, 1830-1860**  
Providing the Kinder Institute community with a first glimpse into his research, 2018-20 Postdoctoral Fellow in Political History **John Suval** will examine how white squatters on western lands came to occupy a central and destabilizing position in U.S. political culture in the decades leading up to the Civil War.  
**Jesse Hall 410, 3:30pm**
- 11/30 Enlightened Absolutism and the Origins of the American Revolution**  
MU History Department Postdoctoral Fellow and recent Notre Dame Ph.D. **Rachel Banke** will discuss how, under George III, the British administration's enlightened policies came to be seen by American colonists as absolutist impositions, a disconnect that would soon lead to Revolutionary conflict.  
**Jesse Hall 410, 3:30pm**
- 12/7 The Persistent Radicalism of 1776**  
Challenging revolutionary histories that place undue focus on elite political thought and class-based analysis, University of Illinois-Springfield historian and MRSEAH co-convenor **Ken Owen** will present the findings of his new book, *Political Community in Revolutionary Pennsylvania*. Analyzing the 1776 Pennsylvania state constitution as a "radical manifesto," Owen will reveal that it was ordinary citizens who cared most about establishing a proper, representative, publicly legitimate political process.  
**Jesse Hall 410, 3:30pm**

## Out of Town Events

- 9/17 Brexit: A Conversation**  
Roughly two years after the vote heard round the world, Kinder Institute Endowed Chair **Jay Sexton** and Fall 2018 Visiting Scholar **Lawrence Goldman** will reconnect with their mutual Oxford roots in a lively conversation about the causes and consequences, both in the U.K. and globally, of the August 2016 Brexit referendum.  
**Contact Kinder Institute Communications Associate Thomas Kane, KaneTC@missouri.edu, for more details about attending the event, which will be held in Kansas City.**
- 11/8 Book Launch: A Nation Forged by Crisis**  
Kinder Institute Chair in Constitutional Democracy **Jay Sexton** will travel back to his long-ago internship site, giving a public talk at the Truman Library on his most recent book, *A Nation Forged by Crisis: A New American History*, which takes a structural, non-partisan look at how America has been shaped by shifts in the international system.  
**Harry S. Truman Presidential Library Auditorium, Independence, MO, 6pm**

## Missouri Regional Seminar on Early American History

A twice-per-semester meeting of scholars of American political history, the MRSEAH will convene in Columbia on September 28 to discuss Princeton University Assistant Professor of History **Michael Blaakman's** "The Marketplace of American Federalism" and then in St. Louis on November 2 to consider a chapter from new Kinder Institute faculty member **Alyssa Zuercher Reichardt's** book manuscript on communications infrastructure and the battle for North America during the Seven Years' War. For more information about attending Fall 2018 MRSEAH meetings, contact Thomas Kane, KaneTC@missouri.edu.

## Democracy & the Informed Citizen

Check the Kinder Institute website, [democracy.missouri.edu](http://democracy.missouri.edu), for more information about programming associated with the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation's nationwide *Democracy & the Informed Citizen* grant initiative, which seeks to deepen the public's knowledge about and appreciation for the vital connections between democracy, the humanities, and journalism. All grant-related events are administered through the Federation of State Humanities Councils, and the Kinder Institute's contributions will be conducted in partnership with our longtime collaborators at the Missouri Humanities Council.

