**Public Talks**

- **1/25** The Genesis of American Indian Constitutionalism  
For our annual Distinguished Visiting Research Fellow Lecture, Truman State Professor Daniel Mandell will discuss how the 1621 Plymouth-Massachusetts agreement reflected early modern European and English paradigms of relations with indigenous peoples, as Plymouth respected Wampanoag sovereignty even as it claimed the right to judge potential conflicts between individuals from the two communities. In addition, the talk will reflect on how this agreement preaged American policies regarding Native sovereignty and human rights, the subject of the larger project that Professor Mandell has been at work on while in residence as a 2018-19 Research Fellow at the Kinder Institute.

- **2/8** John Marshall, Marbury v. Madison, and the Construction of Constitutional Legitimacy  
Villanova University Visiting Professor Clyde Ray will present Chief Justice John Marshall's famous opinion in 1803's *Marbury v. Madison* as a vehicle for considering contemporary interpretations of Marshall himself and the very concept of constitutional legitimacy, which Marshall located in several aspects of the Constitution, including its protection of rights, its embodiment of the consent of the governed, and its ability to organize and direct national politics.

- **2/14** How the Founders Made the Constitution Their Valentine  
In 1787, many questions surrounding the Constitution hung in the balance. Was it a written text? Was it a legal text? Was it finished or unfinished, and who would adjudicate competing readings of it? As Stanford historian Jonathan Gienapp will show in his Valentine's Day talk, in fighting over how to interpret the Constitution, American political leaders ultimately gave it the shape and definition it had previously lacked.

- **2/22** The Constitutional Roots of American Global Leadership on Religious Freedom  
Allies Herrke, David Rosi Boyd Professor of Political Science at University of Oklahoma, will trace the constitutional heritage of the United States’ status as a global leader in upholding religious freedom as a way both to explore how this heritage is fraying today and to ask whether the current international epidemic of religious persecution and terrorism might help inspire its revival.

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Northwestern University Associate Professor of History Daniel Immerwahr will address the question of what happens to the narrative of U.S. history when we expand the lens beyond the contiguous United States and consider how, for most of its existence, the nation has been an overseas empire, with holdings from the Caribbean to the Arctic Sea to the Pacific containing millions of subjects.

- **5/3** The Time the Devil Beat Daniel Webster  
Kinder Institute Postdoctoral Fellow in Political Thought & Constitutionalism Rodolfo Hernandez will examine the Supreme Court Case of *Vidal v. Girard’s Executor* (1844), where Daniel Webster challenged a large bequest to the City of Boston. In the end, the Court largely upheld the bequest, and it claimed the right to judge potential conflicts between individuals from the two communities. The Supreme Court’s decision reflected early modern European and English paradigms of relations with indigenous peoples, as Plymouth respected Wampanoag sovereignty even as it claimed the right to judge potential conflicts between individuals from the two communities. In addition, the talk will reflect on how this agreement preaged American policies regarding Native sovereignty and human rights, the subject of the larger project that Professor Mandell has been at work on while in residence as a 2018-19 Research Fellow at the Kinder Institute.

- **5/9** Exploring the Pursuit of Happiness  
For our final event of the 2018-19 academic year, Kinder Institute and MU Law Associate Professor Carli Conklin will give a talk on her hot-off-the-press book, *The Pursuit of Happiness in the Founding Era: An Intellectual History*, to be published in May as part of the Kinder Institute’s Series on Constitutional Democracy monograph series with University of Missouri Press.

**Missouri Regional Seminar on Early American History**

A regular gathering of Midwestern scholars of early American history, the MRSEAH will convene twice during the Spring 2019 semester, on February 1 in St. Louis for a discussion of University of Delaware Assistant Professor of History Dael Norwood’s book chapter-in-progress on “Destabilizing Entanglements,” and on April 12 in Columbia for our annual double-header, which will feature Duke University Associate Professor of History Vivek Linklater and a dinner speaker-to-be-named-later.

**Community Seminars**

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  - The Kinder Institute will host a pair of Spring 2019 community seminars: “Religious Liberty in America,” which will meet on the second Wednesday of every month beginning on January 9; and “The Judicial Process,” which will meet on the third Friday of every month, beginning on January 18. Register at democracy.missouri.edu.

**Scholarly Conferences and Workshops**

- **2/5** The Curious History of U.S. National Security Whistleblowing  
University of East Anglia Senior Lecturer in American Studies Ryan Streeter in mind, American Enterprise Institute Director of Domestic Policy Studies Rodolfo Hernandez in from USC’s Sol Price School of Public Policy for a noon workshop of their co-authored paper on the factors that inspire civic responsibility, civic engagement, and the health of communities.

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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 dinner lecture 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. Contact Thomas Kane, KaneTC@missouri.edu, for details about attending.

**Town and Gown**

- **2/15-16 A Fire Bell in the Past: The Missouri Crisis at 200**  
On February 15-16, as near as possible to the 200th anniversary of the Tallmadge Amendment that tried to ban slavery in Missouri, the Kinder Institute will convene the first ever international scholarly conference devoted to reassessing the crisis sparked by the question of Missouri statehood. Panels for the conference, which is part of ongoing bicentennial programming at the Institute, will be held all day on the 15th and 16th in the Palmer Room at Reynolds Journalism Institute (RJI 100). In addition, UCLA Professor of History Stephen Aron will give a Friday evening keynote dinner lecture on “Putting the Crisis over Missouri Statehood in Its Historical Place.”

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- **3/22-23 Humanities & Democracy**  
In conjunction with the Missouri Humanities Council’s second annual “Humanities & the Future: The Next 20 Years,” the Kinder Institute will co-host an evening keynote dinner lecture and a book signing with *We Are Not Devoid of Power & Purpose: The Men Who Stood Against the Ford Administration’s WAR ON POVERTY*. The symposium will be held on the Drury University campus in Springfield and will feature a series of interdisciplinary panels on the themes: Rights, Conflict, and Negotiation.

- **4/12** Felon Disenfranchisement Symposium  
The Kinder Institute will partner with the School of Law, the Truman School, the Departments of Political Science, History, and Human and Environmental Science, and the Office for Civil Rights and Title IX to host a daylong symposium examining the pernicious effects felon disenfranchisement has for civic responsibility, civic engagement, and the health of communities. The symposium dovetails with the Law School’s one read, Michelle Alexander’s *The New Jim Crow*, and will feature a keynote lecture delivered by Stanford Professor of Law Pamela Schlag.

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