



KINDER INSTITUTE

FALL 2019 EVENTS

Friday Colloquia

Free and open to the public, all Friday talks will take place at 3:30pm in Jesse Hall 410

- 8/23 Thomas Jefferson: A Life of Learning and a Life in the Law**
While the world may be singing along with Alexander Hamilton these days, Washington University Professor of Law and History **David Konig**, fresh off the publication of his long-awaited edition of Jefferson's legal writings, will be in Columbia to make the argument that it's still Jefferson who's the most interesting, illuminating, and multidimensional of all the Founders.
- 9/6 Americans and the German University System in the 19th Century**
In the second half of the nineteenth century, new American universities were created—and existing universities were reshaped—along German lines. As part of a daylong celebration of retiring MU Curators' Distinguished Professor of History **Jonathan Sperber**, Vanderbilt University Distinguished Chair and Professor of History **David Blackburn** will give a keynote lecture that examines why such shaping and reshaping took place and what the results of it were.
- 9/27 Poverty to Prison Pipeline**
Brandon R. Davis, Assistant Professor of Law and Society at University of Kansas' School of Public Affairs and Administration, will give a Friday afternoon talk on his current research into the relationship between school discipline and welfare policy, with specific focus on understanding the gendered pathways of institutional social control.
- 10/11 The Development of American Electoral Democracy, 1789-1824**
MU Professor of Political Science **Jay Dow**'s homecoming colloquium will explore elections to the U.S. House of Representatives in the nation's early years in order to trace the development of the nascent political parties of the middle Atlantic region.
- 10/18 Bad Bicentennial: Reflections on the Panic of 1819**
For the 200th anniversary of the United States' first major economic crisis, Providence College Professor of History **Sharon Ann Murphy**'s talk will show how the Panic of 1819 touched all aspects of the U.S. economy and affected almost the entire American population, revealing deep flaws in the nation's banking system and foreshadowing the depressions that would follow periods of rapid economic growth throughout the 19th century.
- 11/8 Disestablishment and Religious Dissent**
As part of their Midwestern book tour, University of Missouri Law School Professor Emeritus **Carl Esbeck** and Samford University Professor and Chair of History **Jonathan Den Hartog** will stop in Columbia to discuss their forthcoming co-edited volume of essays, *Disestablishment and Religious Dissent: Church-State Relations in the New American State*, which documents the remarkable stories of how the several states broke with 1500 years of Christendom and brought off the disestablishment of state religion in Revolutionary America and the Early Republic.
- 12/6 Poverty, Work, and Freedom: A Perspective from Early Modernity**
To wrap up the Fall 2019 colloquium series, University of Toronto Assistant Professor of Political Science **Emily Nacol** will draw on Locke's 1697 "Essay on the Poor Law" both to examine the significant role that labor plays in Locke's schema for aiding England's poor and to reflect on what it might teach us about contemporary links between welfare and work.

James E. Fleming & Linda C. McClain Constitution Day Lecture

- 9/20 The Lost Constitution**
Though they are largely forgotten today, no two delegates played a more significant role in shaping the U.S. Constitution than James Wilson and Gouverneur Morris. For his Constitution Day Lecture, Stanford University historian **Jonathan Gienapp** will excavate Morris' and Wilson's distinct brand of Founding-era constitutionalism, explore how they successfully incorporated much of it into the drafting of the Constitution in 1787, and examine how and why it disappeared within a mere decade.
Jesse Hall 410, 3:30pm

Public Talks

- 10/15 Is Capitalism Sustainable?**
Michael Munger, Professor of Economics at Duke University, will give a talk on his recent book, *Tomorrow 3.0*, which provides a fresh perspective on the relationship between surging interest in the sharing economy and the fundamental economic concept of transaction costs.
Jesse Hall 410, 5pm
- 10/15 Lakota America**
As part of our growing exchange program with University of Oxford, St. Catherine's College Rhodes Professor of American History **Pekka Hämmäläinen** will give a talk on his new Yale University Press book, the first comprehensive history of the Lakota people, which explores the Lakotas' roots to reveal how they architected an expansive, enduring Indigenous regime by twice reinventing themselves: first as a river people who dominated the Missouri Valley, and then as a horse people who ruled supreme on the high plains.
Smith Forum (RJI 200), 5:30pm
- 10/23 Rethinking the History of American Government: Institutions, Power, and People**
American University Associate Professor of History **Gautham Rao** will present on how commentators and leaders from Tocqueville to Hegel, and from John Adams to Woodrow Wilson, have puzzled over why a state that has done so much can so often appear distant and innocuous, with a particular emphasis on contemporary scholarly approaches to grappling with this paradox of American government.
Jesse Hall 410, 5pm
- 11/12 Missouri in the World and the World in Missouri**
In her November 12 public lecture, **Tamson Pietsch**, Director of the Australian Centre for Public History at University of Technology Sydney, will tell the story of the 1926 "Floating University," touching on Prof. James E. Lough's impetus for launching the first study-at-sea program, which Centralia's own Francis Chance was a part of, the backlash it faced back home in the States, and the lessons from this history that today's universities might do well to heed.
Center for Missouri Studies (Cook Hall), 3:30 pm
- 11/21 Civilians and the Laws of War: The Case of Civil War Missouri**
LSU Fred C. Frey Professor of Southern Studies and Chair of History **Aaron Sheehan-Dean**'s talk will examine guerrilla violence in Civil War-era Missouri and the Union Army's counter-insurgency campaign against it, focusing specifically on this campaign's impact on civilians vis à vis the Union's claim that its military policies, like General Order No. 11, were designed to protect non-combatants and thus followed the laws of war.
Center for Missouri Studies (Cook Hall), 5:30 pm

Panel Discussion

- 10/4 Constitutional Revision in Missouri**
Kinder Institute Director **Justin Dyer**, former Missouri Solicitor General **James R. Layton**, Saint Louis University Law School Emeritus Dean **Michael Wolff**, and Wake Forest Professor of Political Science **John Dinan** will hold a panel discussion on the complex history and process of constitutional revision in the state of Missouri.
Center for Missouri Studies (Cook Hall), 5:30 pm

Missouri Regional Seminar on Early American History

A roving, quarterly gathering of Midwestern scholars of pre-Civil War American political history, the MRSEAH provides participants with a rigorous, convivial venue for sharing and discussing current research. Fall 2019 MRSEAH meetings will take place on September 13 in Columbia and on November 15 in St. Louis. For more details on attending MRSEAH events, contact Kinder Institute Communications Associate **Thomas Kane**, KaneTC@missouri.edu.