

KINDER INSTITUTE EVENTS FALL 2022

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

9/15 How the Constitution Worked for and against Dred Scott

For the Kinder Institute's annual James E. Fleming and Linda C. McClain Constitution Day Lecture, co-sponsored this year by the MU Department of Black Studies and Middleton Center, **Lynne M. Jackson**, President and Founder of the Dred Scott Heritage Foundation and the great-great granddaughter of Harriet and Dred Scott, will unpack the backstory of the landmark *Dred Scott* decision and how the Constitution was used and abused in rendering it.

5pm, State Historical Society of Missouri (Cook Hall), followed by reception.

Fall 2022 Keynote Evening Lecture

11/9 Peace and Friendship: Lessons from the Legacy of Broken Concord

In his Fall 2022 keynote lecture, Autry Museum of the American West President and UCLA Professor Emeritus **Stephen Aron** will provide a glimpse into his recent Oxford University Press monograph, touring American frontiers from the Revolution through the end of the 19th century, and from the Appalachians, to Missouri, to the Pacific, to explore times and places where relations between individuals and peoples ran, even if at times briefly, against the bloody currents that have long defined the history of the westward expansion of the United States.

7pm, Smith Forum (Reynolds Journalism Institute 200), followed by reception.



Friday Colloquium Series

Unless otherwise noted, all Friday colloquia will be held at 3:30pm in Jesse Hall 410

9/2 Birth Control Law and Reform in the Age before Roe

To kick off Fall 2022 Colloquium Series programming, Kennesaw State University historian **Lauren MacIvor Thompson** will give a talk on how the activism of early birth control movement reformers resulted in legal transformations that allowed physicians to prescribe contraception to patients and, in the process, also shaped the future of reproductive rights for women in uneven ways that still reverberate today.

9/9 The Historian's Case against the Independent State Legislature Theory

In its upcoming session, the Supreme Court will hear *Moore v. Harper*, a case that will test the validity of assigning the power to regulate federal elections to the legislatures of each state. While advocates of the Independent State Legislature Theory turn to the Constitution's elections clauses for support, George Mason University Professor **Rosemarie Zagarri** will bring us back to the time of the Constitutional Convention to show how the ISLT is, in fact, wholly inconsistent with the founding era rejection of legislative supremacy and the historical origins of the election clauses.

9/23 Crafting Narratives of Empire

From September 22-24, the Kinder Institute will join forces with Iona College's Institute for Thomas Paine Studies to host a conference on "Contested Roots of Revolution in the Long 18th Century." Join us on the 23rd in Jesse 410 for a live stream of University of Chicago Thomas E. Donnelly Professor of British History **Steven Pincus'** conference keynote.

The live stream will kick off at 4:30pm to accommodate in-person attendees on the East Coast

10/14 The Culture of National Security Secrets in Modern America

How did the United States, a nation that had long prided itself on openness, evolve into the largest organized secrecy regime in human history? University of East Anglia Professor **Kaeten Mistry** will explore critical 20th-century moments in the growth and rise of state secrets in America and draw our attention to the questions they raise about the balance of security and liberty in modern constitutional democracies.

10/21 The Politics of Slavery and Black Expatriation in 19th-Century America

Presenting some of the research that went into his first book project, *Freedom in Black and White*, incoming KICD Postdoc **Andy Hammann** will unpack the extensive, falsely premised, and largely untold history of how and why 19th-century statesmen from Henry Clay to Abraham Lincoln attempted to convince the federal government to make Black expatriation a national project.

10/28 Disease, Power, and Capitalism in the Cotton Kingdom

At the heart of America's slave and cotton kingdoms, antebellum New Orleans was also the nation's "necropolis," ground zero for the yellow fever epidemic. Drawing on research from her recent Harvard University Press monograph, Stanford University Assistant Professor of History **Kathryn Olivarius'** talk will operate at the intersection of immunity and inequality in showing how repeated outbreaks of yellow fever bolstered New Orleans' strict racial hierarchy.

12/2 Reflections on a Global History of the American Civil War

To close out the semester, Prof. **Jörg Nagler** will deliver our annual Distinguished Visiting Research Fellow Lecture, highlighting the recent turn toward transnational historical methodologies as he makes the case for how taking a meta-level, global long view of the Civil War might revise not only what we previously accepted about the scope and aftershocks of the conflict but also how historians write about it.

Kansas City Alumni Lecture

11/14 Europe's New Postwar Era

As Europe confronts its first postwar era of the 21st century, Oxford (Balliol College) Professor of Contemporary European History **Martin Conway** will look back to 1918, 1945, and 1989 to consider the ways in which past attempts to turn war into durable peace might inform how Europe's leaders and cooperative structures navigate the fall-out from the 2022 crisis in Ukraine.

5pm reception, 5:30pm Lecture, World War I Museum

Missouri Regional Seminar on Early American History

For the Columbia leg of the MRSEAH, participants will gather on September 30 to discuss American University School of International Service Professor **Sarah Snyder's** work on American missionaries' and academics' establishment of a scholarly presence abroad. To round out the semester, the MRSEAH will travel to St. Louis on November 22 to workshop "Reinventing the West: The State of Franklin, Secessionism, and the New Constitution," a chapter from seminar co-convenor, longtime friend of the Kinder Institute, and University of Illinois-Springfield Associate Professor **Ken Owen's** current book project on the long history of non-Confederate secession movements in the U.S.



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