



SPRING 2025 EVENTS



JANUARY 31

Democracy in Darkness: The Politics of Secrecy in the Age of Revolutions

Notre Dame Assistant Professor of History **Katlyn Carter** will open the Kinder Institute's Spring 2025 Friday Colloquium Series by tracing the line between eradicating secrecy and limiting transparency that was toed as the world's first representative democracies took shape in the wake of the American and French Revolutions.



APRIL 04

Preserving the American Economic Century in an Era of Anxious Capitalism

Daniel Rowe, Director of Academic Programs at Oxford's Rothermere American Institute, will lay out the myriad factors—from domestic policymaking to the collapse of the Soviet Union—that brought the US to the brink of economic crisis in the 1970s and 80s only to walk the nation back from cliff's edge and restore faith in American capitalism.



FEBRUARY 21

The Evolution of Public School Finance in the Antebellum Era

Exploring the institutional change he refers to by the shorthand, the "Second Great Devolution," Caltech Professor of Political Science **Rod Kiewiet** will chart the ripple effects of states' shifting the funding burden for constructing and operating public schools to local governments and the concomitant extension of taxing authority to school districts.



APRIL 11

Rethinking *Batson* and Credibility in the Courtroom

In her April 11 talk, fully titled, "Whose Commitment to Impartiality Can Be Believed? Rethinking *Batson* and Credibility in the Courtroom," Wesleyan University Professor of Government **Sonali Chakravarti** will present recent state-level jury selection reform efforts as necessary to the larger project of changing the epistemic landscape of the courtroom in ways that better treat the knowledge of Black jurors as essential to the work of justice.



MARCH 07

Taiwan: Invisible Nation

In partnership with MU's Department of History and International Studies Program, the Kinder Institute will host a screening of the documentary film, *Invisible Nation*, in which award-winning filmmaker Vanessa Hope shines an urgent spotlight on Taiwan as it fights for autonomy and freedom from fear.



APRIL 25

Legislation, Regulation, and Administration in the American Founding

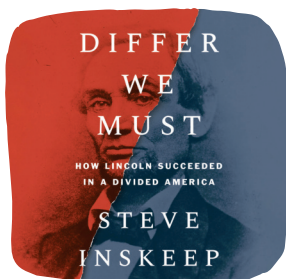
University of Michigan Charles F. and Edith J. Clyne Professor of Law **Bill Novak** will deliver the final Colloquium Series presentation of the spring semester, pushing back against conventional understandings of the early American state to reveal robust regulatory practices that began with the dawn of the Revolution.



MARCH 14

Reclaiming Women's Power in the American Revolution

For the fourth annual Kinder Institute Democracy Lab invited talk, our undergraduate lecture committee will bring York College of Pennsylvania Associate Professor of History **Jacqueline Beatty** to campus to present her research on the ways in which, and the success with which, Revolutionary-era women advocated for themselves by strategically utilizing a rhetoric of dependence and subordination.



MAY 13

Kinder Institute Distinguished Lecture featuring Steve Inskeep

Missouri Theatre, 6:00 p.m.

Visit democracy.missouri.edu for ticket information.

Steve Inskeep is a host of NPR's *Morning Edition* as well as its morning news podcast *Up First*. In his newest book, *Differ We Must: How Lincoln Succeeded in a Divided America*, Inskeep illuminates Lincoln's life through 16 encounters, some well known, some obscure, but all imbued with new significance. A compelling and nuanced exploration of Lincoln's political acumen, *Differ We Must* illuminates a great politician's strategy in a country divided — and lessons for our own disorderly present.



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