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THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER PRESENTS NATIONAL TEACHER INSTITUTES WITH TWO PERSPECTIVES ON TEACHING THE CONSTITUTION

Philadelphia, PA (November 29, 2006) – The National Constitution Center will host two National Teacher Institutes this summer, each focusing on a different method of teaching the Constitution in classrooms, along with the civic values that the Constitution itself promotes. Available to K-12 teachers from around the country, these free, week-long workshops will feature lectures by leading historians, scholars, public figures, open discussions with fellow participants, and field trips and walking tours to some of Philadelphia's most important historical sites.

The first Institute, which has an historical focus, is part of a *Landmarks of American History and Culture Workshops for Teachers* grant awarded to the National Constitution Center by the National Endowment for the Humanities. "A Revolution in Government: Philadelphia, American Independence and the Constitution, 1765-1791" will be offered from July 9 through July 13, 2007 and July 23 through July 27, 2007. The participating faculty will include John Murrin of Princeton University, Michael Zuckerman and Dr. Richard Beeman from the University of Pennsylvania, and Dan Richter from the McNeil Center for Early American History.

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The second Institute, which has a political science and legal focus, is part of the *Annenberg Summer Teacher Institutes at the National Constitution Center*, funded by a generous grant from the Annenberg Foundation. “Changing the Constitution: Politics and Law in American Constitutional Development” will be offered from July 16 through July 20, 2007 and July 30 through August 3, 2007. The Academic Directors of the Institute are Rogers M. Smith, the Christopher H. Browne Distinguished Professor and Chair of Political Science at the University of Pennsylvania, and Keith E. Whittington, the William Nelson Cromwell Professor of Politics at Princeton University.

These workshops are open to public, private, and home-school teachers. Teachers and administrators from all levels and disciplines may apply, but preference will be given to teachers who incorporate American history themes and civics in their classrooms. Registration is free, but an application is required. Both workshops provide stipends to help participants defray travel and living expenses. For more information and to apply, visit www.constitutioncenter.org/summer. **All applications must be submitted by March 15, 2007.**

The National Constitution Center, located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia’s Independence Mall, is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and the ideas and values it represents. Opened on July 4, 2003, the Constitution Center is a museum, an education center, and a forum for debate on constitutional issues. The museum dramatically tells the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibits, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts, and features a powerful, award-winning theatrical performance, “Freedom Rising”. The Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education. Also, serving as a nonpartisan forum for constitutional discourse, the Center presents – without endorsement – programs that contain diverse viewpoints on a broad range of issues. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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