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## NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER QUARTERLY EVENTS CALENDAR, JULY – SEPTEMBER 2017

Philadelphia, PA (June 27, 2017) – Upcoming highlights at the National Constitution Center include an All-American Celebration over Independence Week, the Center’s Annual Supreme Court Review, and an exciting Constitution Day celebration.

The National Constitution Center is located at 525 Arch Street on Philadelphia’s Independence Mall. The Center is open 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

## PLEASE NOTE:

- All-American Celebration, Thursday, June 29, through Saturday, July 1 – **Extended museum hours, 9:30 a.m. – 8 p.m.**
- All-American Celebration, Sunday, July 2 – **Extended museum hours, 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

General admission includes access to the National Constitution Center’s interactive main exhibit, the signature multimedia theatrical performance of *Freedom Rising* presented in the Sidney Kimmel Theater, the iconic Signers’ Hall, as well as the Center’s numerous exhibits, including *American Treasures: Documenting the Nation’s Founding*, an intimate look at the path the Framers took to create the U.S. Constitution and secure the Bill of Rights; *John Marshall: Patriot, Statesman, Chief Justice*, which explores Marshall’s character, constitutional legacy, and the influential roles he played in the early Republic; and *Constituting Liberty: From the Declaration to the Bill of Rights* showcasing one of 12 original, surviving copies of the Bill of Rights.

Visitors can add the feature exhibit *American Spirits: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition* to their visit for an additional \$3 until July 30, 2017. *American Spirits: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition* takes visitors back in time to the dawn of the temperance movement, through the Roaring ’20s, and to the unprecedented repeal of a constitutional amendment.

**July Events****All-American Celebration**

Extended museum hours, 9:30 a.m. – 8 p.m., Thursday, June 29, through Saturday, July 1

Extended museum hours, 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sunday, July 2

Regular museum hours, Monday, July 3, and Tuesday, July 4

The National Constitution Center will offer an array of patriotic festivities during Independence Week, Thursday, June 29, through Tuesday, July 4, in celebration of freedom and America’s independence. Visitors can participate in a variety of family-friendly programs and activities including flag etiquette and flag folding workshops, arts and craft activities, and interactive shows. Special programming includes Finding the Founders Scholarly Talks and Walking Tours, Philadelphia’s Historic Block Party, a recreation of a Revolutionary War encampment, and more. Admission will be free on Wawa Hoagie Day, Thursday, June 29, courtesy of Wawa, and free on Sunday, July 2, courtesy of the John Templeton Foundation. [Click here](#) for a detailed list of programming.

### [Voices of a Republic](#)

10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., June 29-July 29, Tuesdays through Saturdays

*Bank of America Theater*

*Voices of a Republic* is an original play inspired by the theatrical ideas of 12th grade student Orlando Hidalgo, winner of the 2017 Founding Freedoms playwriting competition. The production transports visitors to 1787 Philadelphia, where a town crier reads the newly minted Constitution of the United States to a group of people in the cobblestone streets of Philadelphia who become intrigued to hear more about their new nation. Elizabeth Powell, a Mayor's wife and the friend of George Washington, has always been at the center of the city's political conversations, but this feels different. Learn about the early voices of the republic in this production. ***Voices of a Republic* will premiere at 10:30 a.m. on June 29 and will run Tuesdays through Saturdays at the times listed above through July 29, 2017.**

*Sponsored by the John Templeton Foundation.*

### [2017 Annual Supreme Court Review](#)

12 – 1:30 p.m., Thursday, July 6

*Please note: Seating for the live program in Kirby Auditorium is at capacity. Simulcast tickets are available: \$5 Non-members, teachers & students • Free Members • \$35 w/ CLE Credit*

Distinguished legal experts **Erwin Chemerinsky**, **Frederick Lawrence**, and *Slate's* **Dahlia Lithwick**, examine the Supreme Court's 2016-17 session. **Lauren Jones**, assistant director of legal affairs at the Anti-Defamation League, moderates. *Presented in partnership with the Anti-Defamation League.*

### [Interactive Constitution Summer Teacher Institute](#)

July 9-14 and July 16-21

*For Registered Attendees Only*

Teachers from across the country and constitutional scholars from across the political spectrum convene for a weeklong teacher institute at the National Constitution Center in the heart of historic Philadelphia. Through lectures, demonstrations, and historic site visitation, educators will deepen their knowledge of the history and modern debates about interpretations of the U.S. Constitution and discover innovative, nonpartisan ways to make the content relevant to a wide range of learners. Click [here](#) for additional details.

### [Owen Fiss: Lawyers and the Liberal Tradition](#)

12:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 11

*Free for Members • \$5 Teachers & students • \$8 Non-Members*

**Owen Fiss**, leading constitutional theorist and Yale Law professor, explores the purpose and possibilities of life in the law through moving accounts of 13 lawyers who shaped the legal world during the past half century. **Jeffrey Rosen**, president and CEO of the National Constitution Center, moderates. Includes book sale.

### [The Constitutional Scholars Institute: The Supreme Court](#)

July 23-28

*For Registered Attendees Only*

Educational colleagues from across the United States and constitutional scholars explore the historical, legal, philosophical, and political evolution of the Supreme Court of the United States. The program consists of strong content sessions and activities as well as the skills and tools needed to apply the material in the classroom. Participants will receive a casebook on significant Supreme Court cases

discussed during the Institute. Click [here](#) for additional details.

### [Chautauqua Institution](#)

10:45 a.m., Wednesday, July 26

Jeffrey Rosen, president and CEO of the National Constitution Center, will speak at the Chautauqua Institution during a week devoted to the theme *The Supreme Court: At a Tipping Point?* The Center's education team will also offer an educator workshop about incorporating the [Interactive Constitution](#) into meaningful classroom instruction.

### [August Events](#)

#### [U.S. District Court, New Hampshire](#)

8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Friday, August 4

On August 4, the Center's education team visits Concord, New Hampshire for a one-day teacher workshop exploring the nation's second founding through examination of the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments.

### [Preparing for Back to School and Constitution Day](#)

In August, teachers can prepare for the 2017-18 school year with the National Constitution Center's back-to-school educational resources. Teachers can:

- Explore the best, nonpartisan, [Interactive Constitution](#) on the web, featuring explanatory materials for students in grades 8-12, written by the top constitutional scholars in the country from across the political spectrum.
- See how the National Constitution Center's Telly award-winning video series, [Constitution Hall Pass](#), can complement civic holiday and constitutional history lesson plans.
- Start planning engaging, civic education programs for students with the Center's [Traveling History and Civics Program](#).
- Visit [constitutioncenter.org/learn](http://constitutioncenter.org/learn) to look for innovative ways to enhance classroom instruction and seek a deeper understanding of American history and active citizenship.

The National Constitution Center's education staff also encourages teachers to prepare for **Constitution Day** by calling a Group Sales Representative to book a FREE trip on Monday, September 18, Constitution Day Observed, or by planning to celebrate in the classroom with the Center's Constitution Day resources and lesson plans.

Featured Constitution Day educational resources include:

- [Constitutional Hall Pass: Greatest Hits](#) – the Center's fifth anniversary edition, featuring clips from the most popular episodes of Constitution Hall Pass.
- [The Declaration, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights](#)
- [Which Founder Are You?](#) Quiz Activity

Teachers can visit [constitutioncenter.org/constitutionday](http://constitutioncenter.org/constitutionday) for more classroom resources.

### [September Events](#)

#### [Constitution Day Observance with FREE Admission](#)

9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday, September 18

*Free admission courtesy of the John Templeton Foundation*

The National Constitution Center will honor the 230th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution with a daylong celebration of the freedoms afforded to us by the Constitution—from fun, educational activities to timely constitutional conversations with federal judges, to an inspiring naturalization ceremony. Stay tuned: This summer, the National Constitution Center will announce an exciting lineup of Constitution Day speakers and panel topics.

### **America's Town Hall Fall Programs**

The National Constitution Center's *America's Town Hall* fall season will be announced in August 2017. Up-to-date program information can be found at [constitutioncenter.org/debate](http://constitutioncenter.org/debate) or by calling 215-409-6700.

*America's Town Hall* features distinguished leaders, scholars, authors, and journalists who speak on the most significant constitutional topics of our time. Many of the *America's Town Hall* programs are free for Center Members, but reservations are recommended as programs fill quickly.

#### **Please note:**

- All programs are subject to change. Call 215-409-6700 or visit [constitutioncenter.org](http://constitutioncenter.org) for the most up-to-date program information.

### **Feature Exhibits**

#### **American Spirits: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition**

**Through July 30, 2017**

Created by the National Constitution Center, *American Spirits: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition* uses a mix of artifacts and engaging visitor activities to take you back in time to the dawn of the temperance movement, through the Roaring '20s, and to the unprecedented repeal of a constitutional amendment.

#### **American Treasures: Documenting the Nation's Founding**

**Now open**

*American Treasures: Documenting the Nation's Founding* illuminates the founding era through priceless drafts of the U.S. Constitution, including Pennsylvania delegate James Wilson's own handwritten drafts. The exhibit provides an intimate look at the path the Framers took to create our founding document. Created by the National Constitution Center in partnership with the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, this exhibit explores the momentous constitutional events in this early period of American history. It also includes a display of rare newspaper printings of the text of the Bill of Rights as it made its way through Congress, showcasing how James Madison secured the Constitution's first 10 amendments in 1791.

#### **John Marshall: Patriot, Statesman, Chief Justice**

**Through December 31, 2017**

*John Marshall: Patriot, Statesman, Chief Justice* highlights the character and constitutional legacy of the nation's fourth chief justice by focusing on his roles within the early Republic. Created by the National Constitution Center in partnership with The John Marshall Foundation, this exhibit explores Marshall's influential roles as a soldier, lawyer, statesman, and ultimately leader of the nation's highest court through rare artifacts, personal items, and historic documents.

#### **Constituting Liberty: From the Declaration to the Bill of Rights**

**Through December 2017**

The National Constitution Center is proud to display one of the 12 surviving copies of the Bill of Rights. The Museum of We the People is the first institution in Pennsylvania to exhibit this historic document to the general public. It has been preserved as part of The New York Public Library's renowned research collection for over 100 years. The Bill of Rights is displayed alongside a first edition Stone Engraving of the Declaration of Independence and a rare copy of the first public printing of the U.S. Constitution in the George H.W. Bush Gallery.

#### **Ticket Information**

##### **General Admission:**

Adults \$14.50; Youth (6-18) \$11; Students w/ID and Seniors \$13. Active military personnel and children ages 5 and under are free.

##### **Feature Exhibit: *American Spirits: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition* March 3 – July 30, 2017**

Adults \$17.50; Youth (6-18) \$14; Students w/ID and Seniors \$16. Includes general admission to the National Constitution Center. Free for members. Active military personnel and children ages 5 and under are free.

#### **About the National Constitution Center**

The [National Constitution Center](http://www.constitutioncenter.org) in Philadelphia inspires citizenship as the only place where people across America and around the world can come together to learn about, debate, and celebrate the greatest vision of human freedom in history, the U.S. Constitution. A private, nonprofit organization, the Center serves as America's leading platform for constitutional education and debate, fulfilling its Congressional charter "to disseminate information about the U.S. Constitution on a nonpartisan basis." As the **Museum of We the People**, the Center brings the Constitution to life for visitors of all ages through interactive programs and exhibits. As **America's Town Hall**, the Center brings the leading conservative and liberal thought leaders together to debate the Constitution on all media platforms. As a center for **Civic Education**, the Center delivers the best educational programs and online resources that inspire, excite, and engage citizens about the U.S. Constitution. For more information, call 215-409-6700 or visit [constitutioncenter.org](http://constitutioncenter.org).

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