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Timely constitutional conversations uniting thought leaders from all sides of the debate



Wall Street Journal White House correspondent

Carol Lee on President Donald Trump's first 100 days

JANUARY 17



Former U.S. Solicitor General **Donald Verrilli, Jr.**

on arguing before the Supreme Court

JANUARY 23



U.S. Senator **Ben Sasse** on a constitutional amendment

for congressional term limits

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Dear Friends,

I'm thrilled to announce our Winter 2017 lineup for America's Town Hall! As America prepares for a new president and a new Congress, the National Constitution Center's mission remains the same — to bring together the leading voices on all sides of the constitutional debates at the center of American life so that citizens can educate themselves and converge around the one document that unites us in these divided times: the U.S. Constitution.

This season, we will tackle some of the most pressing constitutional issues confronting the new president and Congress. Before Inauguration Day, we will host a preview of the first 100 days of the Trump Administration, placing the President's agenda in historical and constitutional context with leading journalists and commentators. Later in the season, we will convene leading experts from all sides to discuss the constitutional dimensions of other key issues, including the Affordable Care Act and policing. We also look forward to welcoming Governor Ed Rendell and Senator Ben Sasse to the Constitution Center for a multi-partisan program on whether we should amend the Constitution to impose congressional term limits. We will host former U.S. Solicitor General Donald Verrilli for a discussion of his time as the Obama Administration's top lawyer at the Supreme Court. And we will collaborate with the Federal Judicial Center to convene leading federal judges and scholars to discuss the Constitution and the future of the administrative state. These constitutional conversations will be an outstanding prelude to our third annual Freedom Day celebration on April 13th.

We also look forward to holding a series of conversations about constitutional history, including a panel on John Adams, a discussion of the constitutional legacy of the Civil War, and a commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Mexican Constitution. In March, we welcome back our award-winning exhibit on Prohibition—*American Spirits: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition*. As part of our Members' opening night party, we will host a conversation with leading historians, who will tell the constitutional story behind this failed but colorful experiment. Finally, we will hold the 14th annual John M. Templeton, Jr. Lecture.

The National Constitution Center is a private nonprofit whose inspiring work is made possible by our Members. That's why the greatest access to our Town Hall programming comes with membership. Please join us for as many of these wonderful programs as possible, at the Constitution Center or online at constitutioncenter.org.



With appreciation,

Jeffrey Rosen

President & CEO

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WINTER PROGRAMS

TUESDAY
JAN 10

9–11:45 A.M.

The Constitution and the Administrative State

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

Federal judges and scholars explore important historical and constitutional issues related to the administrative state, including the Founders' vision for the federal government, the legacy of the New Deal, the development of the administrative state, and current debates over its significance and constitutionality.

In partnership with the Federal Judicial Center

TUESDAY
JAN 17

6:30 P.M.

President Trump's First 100 Days

The Constitutional Stakes

Free for 1787 Society Members • \$10 Members, teachers & students
\$18 Non-Members

Upon taking the Oath of Office, President-elect Donald Trump will inherit a nation divided at home and threatened abroad. Join **Carol Lee** of *The Wall Street Journal*, **Ryan Lizza** of *The New Yorker*, **Benjamin Domenech** of *The Federalist*, and others as they discuss the agenda of the incoming administration and assess the prospects for constitutional cooperation with Congress.

MONDAY
JAN 23

6:30 P.M.

Donald Verrilli, Jr.

An Evening with the Former Solicitor General

Free for 1787 Society Members • \$10 Members, teachers & students
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Donald Verrilli, Jr., 46th Solicitor General of the United States, joins the Constitution Center for an intimate conversation about his time in office and his experiences arguing landmark cases before the Supreme Court on the Affordable Care Act, same-sex marriage, immigration, and more.

John Adams and the Fear of Aristocracy

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

Long before "the one percent" became a protest slogan, John Adams feared the power of a class he called simply "the few." Authors **Luke Mayville** and **Richard Alan Ryerson** discuss the second President's most intimate political thoughts.

WEDNESDAY
FEB 1

12 P.M.



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Call 215.409.6700 or visit constitutioncenter.org/debate.

WEDNESDAY

FEB 8

6:30 P.M.

Centennial Anniversary of the Mexican Constitution

Free

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Mexican Constitution, Mexican and U.S. constitutional experts, including National Constitution Center Senior Fellow for Constitutional Studies

Tom Donnelly, Universidad de las Américas Puebla Professor

Raúl Bringas-Nostti, and others explore the similarities and differences between the two documents.

In partnership with the Mexican Cultural Center and the Consulate of Mexico in Philadelphia

THURSDAY

FEB 9

5:30–8:30 P.M.

Should We Amend the Constitution to Impose Term Limits on Congress?

1787 Society Members & Invitation-Only

Philip Blumel, president of U.S. Term Limits, **Mark Meckler**, president of Citizens for Self-Governance, **Governor Ed Rendell** (D-PA),

Senator Ben Sasse (R-NE), **John Vile**, dean and professor of political science at Middle Tennessee State University, and others will discuss whether we should call a convention to amend the Constitution and the best arguments for and against term limits.

Sponsored by John Agliaroro and Howard Rich

MONDAY

FEB 13

12 P.M.



Timothy Huebner

The Civil War Era and American Constitutionalism

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

Timothy Huebner, author of *Liberty and Union*, provides a re-examination of the Civil War era, exploring how the African American understanding of constitutional equality helped transform a war for the Union into a war for emancipation and equal rights.

TUESDAY

FEB 21

6:30 P.M.



Reshaping Policing for the 21st Century

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Barry Friedman, director of the Policing Project at NYU School of Law and author of the new book *Unwarranted*, explores with other experts the national conversation around the changing role of police — from neighborhood beat cops to NSA analysts.

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MAR 2

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SAVE THE DATE!

American Spirits: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition

Opening Party

Members & Invitation-Only

Join us for an exclusive preview of our back-by-popular demand exhibit, light fare, a Town Hall program on the constitutional history of Prohibition, and more.

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MONDAY
MAR 6

6:30 P.M.



The Future of the Affordable Care Act

Free for 1787 Society Members • \$10 Members, teachers & students
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After the 2016 election, President Obama's signature domestic achievement may be in jeopardy. Law professors **Josh Blackman** and **Abbe Gluck** join healthcare reporter **Julie Rovner** to explore the ability of the new president and Congress to change the Act, the constitutional stakes, and the next steps for health care reform.

FRIDAY
MAR 31

12 P.M.



Geoffrey Stone

Sex, Religion, and the Constitution

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Geoffrey Stone, leading constitutional scholar and author of *Sex and the Constitution*, traces the evolution of legal and moral codes that have attempted to legislate issues as explosive and divisive as abortion, same-sex marriage, pornography, and contraception, from the ancient world to today.



Includes a book sale

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COMING THIS
MARCH

14th Annual John M. Templeton, Jr. Lecture

Members-Only

The annual John M. Templeton, Jr. Lecture on Economic Liberties and the Constitution, featuring some of America's most important thinkers and policy-makers, returns this March.

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GENERAL INFO

- ★ Registration is recommended for all programs.
- ★ For faster check-in, present your eTicket at registration.
- ★ Seating begins one hour prior to program start time, and programs last approximately one hour unless otherwise noted.
- ★ Discounted parking is available for most programs in our parking garage on a first-come, first-served basis. Availability will be posted on our website two weeks prior to each event.
- ★ Topics and speakers are subject to change.



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FREEDOM THURSDAY, APRIL 13 DAY

SAVE THE DATE for the **National Constitution Center's** third annual Freedom Day encouraging people of all ages to explore the future of freedom.

AT THE MUSEUM

Visit the National Constitution Center on Freedom Day to participate in activities for visitors of all ages throughout the day. An invitation-only, evening symposium featuring America's thought leaders from the left and the right will converge in Philadelphia. Speakers will explore areas where both sides agree and disagree on whether enforcing the Constitution is crucial to the future of freedom.

PARTICIPATE IN THE CLASSROOM

Engage your students with our curated selection of lesson plans and activities for celebrating our unique American freedoms.

PARTICIPATE ON CAMPUS

Host a debate, watch party, or civic chat on your college or university campus using our discussion and debate guides.



TO FIND OUT MORE about how you can participate, visit constitutioncenter.org/freedom-day.



INSPIRE CITIZENSHIP

DID YOU KNOW? The National Constitution Center is a private nonprofit and relies on the generous support of our Members.

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