

JOIN *the* CONVERSATION

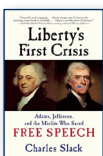
SPRING 2015
GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

Reservations recommended for all programs. Call **215.409.6700** or visit **constitutioncenter.org/debate** to reserve your seats.

Groups of 15 or more will receive discounted admission. Contact Group Sales at **215.409.6800** or **groupsales@constitutioncenter.org** to book your group!

TUESDAY
MAR 24

12 p.m.



Adams, Jefferson, and the Misfits Who Saved Free Speech

Free

Author **Charles Slack** vividly unfolds the pivotal events around the 1798 Sedition Act, as the Founding Fathers struggled to define America and preserve the freedoms they had fought to create.

WEDNESDAY
MAY 13

6:30 p.m.



Joseph Ellis: Orchestrating the Second American Revolution

\$7 members, teachers, & students

\$10 public • Free for 1787 Society members

Pulitzer Prize-winning historian **Joseph Ellis** returns to the National Constitution Center to give the unexpected story of why the 13 colonies, having just fought off the imposition of a distant centralized governing power, would decide to subordinate themselves anew.

THURSDAY
MAR 26

6 p.m.



Freedom Riders: Roadblocks and Redemption on “Freedom’s Main Line”

Free (includes access to Creating Camelot)

Join Freedom Rider **Rev. Reginald Green** and scholars **Wayne Glasker** and **Charlene Mires** for a lively program featuring video from the National Endowment for the Humanities’ powerful film *Freedom Riders*, which explores the heroic acts of the Freedom Riders, the civil rights movement, and the Kennedy administration.

In partnership with 

WEDNESDAY
APR 1

6:30 p.m.

Renewing the American “We”: What We Owe James Wilson

Invitation only

Drexel Visiting Fellow **Joseph Torsella** delivers the first of two “University Lectures.” He shares his thoughts on the “forgotten founder” James Wilson and how we can — and why we must — renew our sense of American community in polarized times.

In partnership with 

THURSDAY
APR 9

6:30 p.m.



Senator Mike Lee: Our Lost Constitution

\$7 members, teachers, & students

\$10 public • Free for 1787 Society members

Most politicians are self-proclaimed defenders of the Constitution, but do they understand the document they swore to defend? Senator **Mike Lee** tells the dramatic, little-known stories behind key provisions and makes the case for restoring our lost Constitution.

WEDNESDAY
MAY 27

6:30 p.m.



The Beginning of the Bill Of Rights

\$7 members, teachers, & students

\$10 public • Free for 1787 Society members

Don't miss award-winning historian **Carol Berkin** as she unveils her newly released book, *The Bill of Rights* — her take on the *real* story of how the Bill of Rights came to be and the original intent of the Founders.


TUESDAY
APR 14

10:30 a.m. –
5 p.m.

The Declaration of Independence and the Nation that Followed

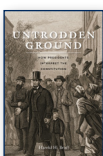
Free

Enjoy four fascinating discussions around one of the most important documents in American history. Acclaimed historians and legal experts, including leading constitutional scholar **Frank Michelman** and Pulitzer Prize-winning historian **Jack Rakove**, will participate.

In partnership with 

MONDAY
APR 27

12 p.m.



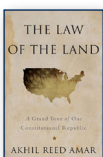
How Presidents Interpret the Constitution

Free

University of Colorado Law School professor **Harold H. Bruff** traces the evolution of the president's formal power and examines how our commanders-in-chief have shaped the law through their responses to important issues of their time.

MONDAY
MAY 4

7 p.m.



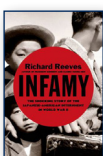
An Expert Guide to America’s Constitutional Landscape

Members only

Does America's Constitution look slightly different in California than it does in Kansas? Hear from one of America's most renowned constitutional law scholars, **Akhil Reed Amar**, as he describes how geography has influenced some of the biggest questions in American constitutional law.

WEDNESDAY
MAY 6

12 p.m.



Richard Reeves: The Shocking Story of the Japanese-American Internment

Free

Former *Frontline* journalist and acclaimed historian **Richard Reeves** tells the story of America's less-publicized response to the Pearl Harbor bombings and the many Americans who took great risks to defend the rights of the 120,000 Japanese and Japanese-American internees.

TUESDAY
MAY 12

5:30 p.m.



Film Screening and Philadelphia Premiere of 14

\$7 members, teachers, & students

\$10 public • Free for 1787 Society members (Concessions and light fare included)

See the Philadelphia premiere of *14: Dred Scott, Wong Kim Ark & Vanessa Lopez* — a documentary exploring the recurring question: Who has the right to be an American citizen? A discussion with Supreme Court litigator **Elizabeth Wydra** and the extraordinary families featured in the film, including a descendant of Dred Scott, will follow.

Programs are subject to change. Please visit our website for the most up-to-date program information.

TUESDAY
JUN 2

6:30 p.m.

IQ2US Debate

\$15 members • \$20 public

Resolved: The Equal Protection Clause does not require States to license same-sex marriages. **John Donovan** of ABC News moderates. Debaters to be announced.

In partnership with 

Sponsored by the John Templeton Foundation

TUESDAY
JUN 9

6:30 p.m.



Hollingsworth v. Perry: A Revolutionary Decision

\$7 members, teachers, & students

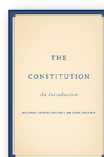
\$10 public • Free for 1787 Society members

Renowned legal scholar **Kenji Yoshino** tells the definitive story of *Hollingsworth v. Perry* — the landmark trial he says will stand as the most potent argument for marriage equality.

This program is presented in conjunction with the National Constitution Center's feature exhibition Speaking Out for Equality: the Constitution, Gay Rights, and the Supreme Court, opening June 5th.

THURSDAY
JUN 11

12 p.m.



The Constitution 101: Everything You Need to Know in 2015

Free

Two of the nation's most accomplished constitutional scholars, **Michael Stokes Paulsen** and his son **Luke Paulsen** give a definitive modern primer on the U.S. Constitution and address the myths and partial truths that exist today.

THURSDAY
JUN 18

12 p.m.



Do the Founding Fathers Have All the Answers?

Free

Beginning with the legendary rivalry between Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton, and continuing through Barack Obama's struggle with the Tea Party, historian **David Sehat** describes how Americans have repeatedly sought out the Founding Fathers to defend their policies.



A sale and book signing will follow the program.



This program is part of the National Constitution Center's commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the 13th Amendment.

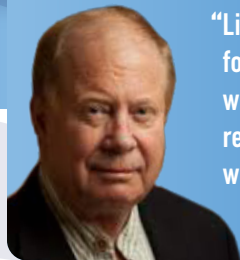


This program is presented in conjunction with the National Constitution Center's exhibition, Constituting Liberty: From the Declaration to the Bill of Rights, displaying one of the 12 surviving copies of the Bill of Rights.

The National Constitution Center's Town Hall programs are generously supported by the **Paul S. Levy Programming Fund**.

AMERICA'S TOWN HALL

JOIN *the* CONVERSATION



"Lincoln once said that America was founded on a proposition that was written by Jefferson in 1776. We are really founded on an argument about what that proposition means."

— Joseph Ellis

"'We the People' have taken a great but deeply flawed original national charter and made it even greater — creating an even 'more perfect union.'"

— Elizabeth Wydra



"The American people are the guardians of the Constitution and anyone who cares about the rule of law — those are the people who will be the salvation of the Constitution."

— Senator Mike Lee



SPRING 2015

RESERVE YOUR SEATS TODAY FOR THESE
MUST-SEE TOWN HALL PROGRAMS.

Visit constitutioncenter.org/debate.

NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER



Independence Mall | 525 Arch Street | Philadelphia, PA 19106



JOIN US ON THE ROAD

The National Constitution Center is taking its Town Hall programs on the road! These cutting-edge debates — co-hosted by Intelligence Squared and by the Federalist Society and American Constitution Society — will bring the top thinkers from around the country and across the political spectrum to explore the timeliest constitutional topics at the center of American life.

Visit constitutioncenter.org/debate for details.

TUESDAY
MAR 31

IQ2US Debate

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK

6:45 p.m.

Admission: \$25

Has the president exceeded his constitutional authority by waging war without congressional authorization? Join us for our next Intelligence Squared U.S. Debate featuring Cato Institute's **Gene Healy**, Cardozo law professor **Deborah Pearlstein**, Columbia law professor **Philip Bobbitt**, and Yale Law School's **Jake Sullivan**.

In partnership with *intelligence*²
DEBATES

WEDNESDAY
MAR 25

Resolved: *Hobby Lobby* Was Wrongly Decided

12 p.m.

NATIONAL PRESS CLUB,
WASHINGTON D.C.

Admission: Free

Do corporations have the same religious freedoms as natural persons under the First Amendment or federal law? Launching an historic partnership, the National Constitution Center, the Federalist Society, and the American Constitution Society launch a series of constitutional debates to be held across America.

In partnership with  



FOLLOW. TAG. SHARE.

@constitutionctr #NCCTownHall

The National Constitution Center's traveling Town Hall programs are made possible through the support of a generous grant from the John Templeton Foundation. The opinions expressed during these programs are those of the program participants and do not necessarily reflect the views of the John Templeton Foundation.

OPEN
NOW!

NEW FEATURE EXHIBITIONS



CREATING CAMELOT

The Kennedy Photography of Jacques Lowe **NEWSEUM**

SEE THE IMAGES THAT INSPIRED
AMERICA'S FASCINATION WITH
THE KENNEDYS.

SEE AN ORIGINAL BILL OF RIGHTS

CONSTITUTING

Liberty

FROM THE

DECLARATION TO THE BILL OF RIGHTS

OPEN
NOW!



SPEAKING **OUT** FOR EQUALITY

THE CONSTITUTION, GAY RIGHTS & THE SUPREME COURT

OPENING JUNE 5TH!

VISIT ★ LEARN ★ DEBATE

NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER



Independence Mall | 525 Arch Street | Philadelphia, PA 19106 | 215.409.6700

Join our community.

BECOME A MEMBER!

constitutioncenter.org/support-join

NON-PROFIT
ORGANIZATION
U.S. POSTAGE

PAID

PERMIT NO. 6072
PHILADELPHIA, PA