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**NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER ANNOUNCES SPEAKERS AND TOPICS  
FOR FALL 2019 *AMERICA'S TOWN HALL***

**Guests include New York University School of Law professor Melissa Murray, Catherine Glenn Foster of Americans United for Life, and Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Eric Foner**

**Topics include a debate on whether *Roe* should be overturned, a conversation in conjunction with our new *Civil War and Reconstruction* exhibit, and a preview of the 2019-20 Supreme Court term**

Philadelphia, PA (August 23, 2019) – The National Constitution Center today released the fall 2019 lineup for its popular *America's Town Hall* series of constitutional conversations and debates bringing together the best thinkers on the left, right, and center to explore the most important constitutional issues facing our country.

On November 6, National Constitution Center President and CEO Jeffrey Rosen will unveil his newest book, *Conversations with RBG: Ruth Bader Ginsburg on Life, Love, Liberty, and Law*—an informal portrait of the justice through an extraordinary series of conversations, starting in the 1990s and continuing through today.

Additional programs for the fall season will be announced. Up-to-date information is available on [constitutioncenter.org/debate/](http://constitutioncenter.org/debate/)

**Fall 2019 *America's Town Hall* Programming:**

**Should Roe Be Overturned?**

Tuesday, September 24, 6:30 p.m.

*Free for 1787 Society Members, \$10 Members, teachers, and students, \$18 Non-Members*

Should *Roe v. Wade* be overturned? Join legal scholars and reproductive rights experts **Catherine Glenn Foster** of Americans United for Life, **Melissa Murray** of New York University School of Law, and **Mary Ziegler** of Florida State University College of Law for a timely discussion exploring the question: What does the Constitution say about reproductive rights? **Lana Ulrich**, senior director of content at the National Constitution Center, moderates. CLE credit available.

***We the People* Live featuring *SCOTUStalk*: A Supreme Court Preview**

Tuesday, October 1, 6:30 p.m.

*Free for 1787 Society Members, \$10 Members, teachers, and students, \$18 Non-Members*

Don't miss a special live podcast recording of *We the People* with Jeffrey Rosen, the National Constitution Center's weekly show of constitutional debate, featuring hosts from *SCOTUStalk*, the podcast from SCOTUSblog, that takes a "plain English" look at events and topics relating to the Supreme Court. **Jeffrey Rosen**, host of *We the People*, will join **John Elwood** and **Amy Howe** of *SCOTUStalk* for an in-depth discussion about the upcoming Supreme Court term. CLE credit available. *In partnership with SCOTUStalk.*

### **Disinformation and What We Can Do About It**

Thursday, October 17, 12 p.m.

*Free for Members, \$5 Teachers and students, \$8 Non-Members*

**Richard Stengel**, journalist, former Under Secretary of State, and former head of the National Constitution Center, provides an insider account of his time at the highest levels of government in the fight against the global rise of disinformation as described in his book, *Information Wars: How We Lost the Global Battle Against Disinformation and What We Can Do About It*. A book sale and signing will follow the program.

### **The Second Founding: How the Civil War and Reconstruction Remade the Constitution**

Tuesday, October 29, 6:30 p.m.

*Free for 1787 Society Members, \$10 Members, teachers, and students, \$18 Non-Members*

Join Pulitzer Prize-winning historian **Eric Foner** for a timely discussion about the history of the battle to inscribe equality into the Constitution. The Declaration of Independence declared the truth of equality to be self-evident, but it took the Civil War and the adoption of three constitutional amendments to establish that ideal as part of our fundamental law. Foner will trace the arc of the Reconstruction amendments from their dramatic pre-Civil War origins to today. **Jeffrey Rosen**, president and CEO of the National Constitution Center, moderates. A book sale and signing will follow the program. CLE credit available. *In conjunction with the Center's exhibit Civil War and Reconstruction: The Battle for Freedom and Equality.*

### **Conversations with RBG**

Wednesday, November 6, 6:30 p.m.

*Free for 1787 Society Members, \$10 Members, teachers, and students, \$18 Non-Members*

National Constitution Center President and CEO **Jeffrey Rosen** unveils his newest book, *Conversations with RBG: Ruth Bader Ginsburg on Life, Love, Liberty, and Law*—an informal portrait of the justice through an extraordinary series of conversations, starting in the 1990s and continuing to today. With Justice Ginsburg's approval, Rosen has collected her wisdom from their many conversations in which she discusses the future of the Supreme Court and *Roe v. Wade*, her favorite dissents, the cases she would most like to see overruled, the #MeToo movement, how to be a good listener, and how to lead a productive, compassionate life. These frank exchanges illuminate the determination, self-mastery, and wit that have inspired women and men of all ages to embrace the "Notorious RBG." **Dahlia Lithwick**, veteran Supreme Court reporter, moderates. A book sale and signing will follow the program. A private reception with Jeffrey Rosen for 1787 Society Members will precede the program from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

### **Beyond Partisan Gerrymandering and Term Limits: What's Next for American Democracy?**

Wednesday, November 20, 6:30 p.m.

*Free for 1787 Society Members, \$10 Members, teachers, and students, \$18 Non-Members*

Join leading thought leaders and constitutional scholars—including **Larry Lessig**, author of the new book *They Don't Represent Us: Reclaiming Our Democracy*—for a panel discussion of the future of elections, terms limits, and other reforms after the Supreme Court's decision in *Rucho v. Common Cause* last term, and what American democracy might look like in 2020 and beyond. *Sponsored by John Agliano.*

### **The Fourth Amendment and Privacy: Historical Perspectives**

Thursday, December 5, 9 – 11:45 a.m.

*Free for Members, \$5 Teachers and students, \$8 Non-Members*

Join three back-to-back discussions featuring leading federal judges and legal scholars for an exploration of the Fourth Amendment’s guarantees against unreasonable searches and seizures—from its origins at America’s founding to its interpretation today in light of rapidly changing technologies. *This program is presented in partnership with the Federal Judicial Center.*

The National Constitution Center’s *America’s Town Hall* series features distinguished leaders, scholars, authors, and journalists who speak on the most significant constitutional topics of our time. Tickets for the National Constitution Center’s *America’s Town Hall* programs are free or discounted for Members and advance registration is recommended as programs fill quickly. Tickets can be purchased by phone at 215-409-6700 or online at [constitutioncenter.org/debate](https://constitutioncenter.org/debate). *America’s Town Hall* programs are also streamed live at [constitutioncenter.org/live](https://constitutioncenter.org/live).

The National Constitution Center offers Continuing Legal Education credit in-person at *America’s Town Hall* programs and on-demand online. Programs are available for CLE credit in various states. Visit [constitutioncenter.org/CLE](https://constitutioncenter.org/CLE) for additional information.

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

The [National Constitution Center](https://constitutioncenter.org) in Philadelphia brings together people of all ages and perspectives, across America and around the world, 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 **Headquarters for Civic Education**, the Center delivers the best educational programs and online resources that inspire citizens and engage all Americans in learning about the U.S. Constitution. For more information, call 215-409-6700 or visit [constitutioncenter.org](https://constitutioncenter.org).