

AMERICA'S TOWN HALL

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



Legal scholar **Oona Hathaway** on war powers, the Framers' vision of the presidency, and the Constitution
SEPTEMBER 13

Deputy Attorney General **Rod Rosenstein** on justice and the Constitution
SEPTEMBER 18



Gold Star father and author **Khizr Khan** on the Constitution and his family's pursuit of the American dream
OCTOBER 25



FALL 2017

NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER



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Dear Friends,

I'm thrilled to share the National Constitution Center's fall lineup for *America's Town Hall*! We begin with a blockbuster celebration of Constitution Day, on September 18, featuring a Student Town Hall with Ken Burns and Lynn Novick about their new documentary on the Vietnam War, a conversation with patriotic philanthropist David Rubenstein about America's founding documents, and an evening talk by Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein.

The Constitution Day celebration is part of a superb season filled with exciting speakers and spectacular constitutional conversations. It's a pleasure to welcome back our former Chair, Governor Jeb Bush, who will deliver the 14th Annual John M. Templeton, Jr. Lecture. We will also host book talks with America's leading scholars, thinkers, and commentators, including Bob Schieffer, Khizr Khan, Cass Sunstein, Hendrik Meijer, and Franklin Foer. And we will explore a range of historical topics, from the constitutional legacy of the Civil War and Reconstruction to Andrew Jackson and the rule of law, culminating with our annual Bill of Rights Day symposium on December 15.

Finally, we will tackle some of the most important constitutional issues facing the Supreme Court and American democracy, including the debate over religious liberty, the future of American conservatism, and the constitutionality of partisan gerrymandering. We will also continue to address issues and themes at the center of our new initiative, *A Madisonian Constitution for All*, with events exploring the relationship between populism and constitutionalism abroad, as well as the Framers' vision for Congress and the presidency on issues of war and peace. We are also partnering with the Federal Judicial Center for a conference that will bring together leading scholars and federal judges to discuss Alexander Hamilton's constitutional vision and what it means for us today. And on the road, we will host a debate in Washington, D.C., covering the Supreme Court's blockbuster case on digital privacy, as well as constitutional conversations in Chicago and Dallas addressing hate speech and the First Amendment.

The National Constitution Center is an independent, private nonprofit whose inspiring work is made possible by our Members and donors. That's why the greatest access to our Town Hall programming comes with membership. Thank you for supporting the Constitution Center's important and inspiring mission of constitutional education, and for educating yourself about the Constitution. And please join us for as many of these wonderful programs as possible, at the Center, a Traveling Town Hall, or online at constitutioncenter.org.



With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey Rosen". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light background.

Jeffrey Rosen
President & CEO
National Constitution Center

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FALL PROGRAMS

MONDAY
SEPT 11

12 P.M.



J.M. Opal

Andrew Jackson, the Rule of Law, and the American Nation

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

American historian **J.M. Opal** kicks off the fall season with a discussion on his new book, *Avenging the People* — a bold reinterpretation of the seventh president, whose populist vision continues to shape American democracy today.

WEDNESDAY
SEPT 13

6:30 P.M.



War Powers and the Constitution

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

Oona Hathaway, professor of international law at Yale Law School, **Ben Wittes**, senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, and **John Yoo**, professor of law at the University of California at Berkeley, discuss the Framers' original vision of war powers, how presidents have viewed war powers over time, and whether this change is consistent with the Constitution.

MONDAY
SEPT 18

12 P.M.

Constitution Day (Observed)

Free

Student Town Hall with Ken Burns and Lynn Novick

Filmmakers **Ken Burns** and **Lynn Novick** discuss their new documentary, *The Vietnam War*, in a conversation with David Rubenstein.

2:30 P.M.

The Constitutional Convention with David Rubenstein

Patriotic philanthropist **David Rubenstein** explores what every American should know about the history of the Constitutional Convention, the drafting and ratification of the U.S. Constitution, and how it affects Americans today.

6:30 P.M.

Constitution Day Address by Rod Rosenstein

U.S. Deputy Attorney General **Rod Rosenstein** discusses the Constitution and justice in America.



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THURSDAY
SEPT 28

6-7:30 P.M.

The Future of Religious Freedom

Free

Join **Kristina Arriaga** of the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, **Dan Barker** of the Freedom From Religion Foundation, **Khalid Latif** of the Islamic Center at New York University, and **David Saperstein**, former U.S. Ambassador for International Religious Freedom, for a discussion on the state of religious freedom in America.

*In partnership with the Penn Program on **Democracy, Citizenship, and Constitutionalism***

MONDAY
OCT 2

6:30-8 P.M.

Jeb Bush

14th Annual John M. Templeton, Jr. Lecture

Free with Membership ([See back page for ways to join!](#))

Governor **Jeb Bush**, former Chair of the National Constitution Center, discusses the state of education in America.

Exclusive
Members-only
Event

FRIDAY
OCT 6

12 P.M.



The Rise of Populism Abroad

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

Mark Gitenstein, former U.S. Ambassador to Romania, **Edward Luce**, author of *The Retreat of Western Liberalism*, and **Jan-Werner Müller**, author of *What Is Populism?*, explore the growing influence of populism around the world and what it means for constitutionalism and the rule of law.

TUESDAY
OCT 17

6:30 P.M.



Bob Schieffer

Finding Truth in Today's Deluge of News

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

Discussing his new book, *Overload*, legendary journalist **Bob Schieffer** provides an inside look at the changing role of media and asks whether today's citizens are more informed or just overwhelmed.

FALL PROGRAMS

WEDNESDAY
OCT 25

6:30 P.M.

Includes a
copy of NEW
book!



Khizr Khan *An American Family*

**Free for 1787 Society Members • \$20 Members, teachers & students
\$28 Non-Members**

Muslim-American Gold Star father and 2016 DNC speaker **Khizr Khan** unveils his new memoir, *An American Family*, and discusses his family's pursuit of the American dream and the importance of the Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution.

MONDAY
OCT 30

12 P.M.



Edward Ayers *The Civil War and Emancipation in the Heart of America*

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

Leading Civil War historian **Edward Ayers** provides a fresh history of two astounding events at the crux of America's history — the destruction of the most powerful system of slavery in the modern world, followed by a political reconstruction establishing the fundamental rights of citizens for formerly enslaved people.

MONDAY
NOV 6

6:30 P.M.



Cass Sunstein *A Citizen's Guide to Impeachment*

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

Despite intense interest in the subject, the constitutional process of impeachment is widely misunderstood. **Cass Sunstein**, former White House advisor and author of *Impeachment: A Citizen's Guide*, identifies the most common misconceptions and illuminates the constitutional design behind the process.

TUESDAY
NOV 7

12 P.M.



Hendrik Meijer *Arthur Vandenberg*

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

Hendrik Meijer discusses his biography, *Arthur Vandenberg*, on the mid-20th century Michigan senator who evolved from America's leading isolationist into its leading internationalist and spearheaded coalitions that continue to form the foundation of American foreign and domestic policy today.

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WEDNESDAY
NOV 15

6:30 P.M.



Franklin Foer

The Existential Threat of Big Tech

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

Franklin Foer, national correspondent for *The Atlantic*, explores how tech platforms like Facebook, Apple, Amazon, and Google have transformed the way we think and produced a new culture of misinformation that is trampling values such as privacy, autonomy, and individuality.

THURSDAY
NOV 16

9–11:45 A.M.

Hamilton's Vision

Federalism, National Authority, and Judicial Review

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

America's leading federal judges and scholars discuss the constitutional vision of the rap star of the moment, Hamilton, exploring his views on the scope of presidential, congressional, and judicial power in America.

*In partnership with the **Federal Judicial Center***

THURSDAY
NOV 30

6:30 P.M.

The Future of Conservatism

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

The election of President Donald Trump has scrambled political alliances and raised anew the question of what it means to be a conservative in America. Leading thinkers, including *National Interest* editor **Jacob Heilbrunn** and *New York Times* writer-at-large **Sam Tanenhaus**, discuss the future of American conservatism.

TUESDAY
DEC 5

12 P.M.



Emancipation

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

America's leading Civil War and Reconstruction historians **David Blight**, **Eric Foner**, and **Thavolia Glymph**, explore the meaning of freedom, equality, and emancipation as part of the Constitution Center's celebration of the 150th anniversary of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution.

FALL PROGRAMS

MONDAY
DEC 11

6:30 P.M.

Gerrymandering and the Future of American Democracy

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

In the *Gill* case this year, the Supreme Court will determine the constitutional future of partisan gerrymandering. Join the scholars and advocates whose arguments are at the heart of the case, including **Erin Murphy** and **Nicholas Stephanopoulos**, to explore whether and how the Constitution might be interpreted to limit partisan gerrymandering and why it matters for American democracy.

FRIDAY
DEC 15

10 A.M.–1 P.M.

Bill of Rights Day Symposium

\$5 (includes museum admission)

Don't miss this year's Bill of Rights Day symposium featuring three back-to-back constitutional conversations.

10 A.M.



Gerard Magliocca

How the Bill of Rights Became the Bill of Rights

11 A.M.



Noah Feldman

The Three Lives of James Madison

12 P.M.

Keynote Conversation

Join Newseum President **Jeffrey Herbst**, Knight First Amendment Institute Director **Jameel Jaffer**, and Constitution Center President **Jeffrey Rosen** for a special discussion on the state of the First Amendment today.



Includes book sale

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

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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Email us at programs@constitutioncenter.org.

MEMBER PROGRAMS & EVENTS

MEMBERS, enrich your visit and Town Hall experience with exclusive Member events, including guided tours of our newest exhibits, *American Treasures* and *John Marshall*, which feature rare artifacts and historic documents in two new intimate galleries. Tours are led by National Constitution Center museum educators.

FRIDAY
OCT 6

MONDAY
OCT 30

11 A.M.

Guided Tour

American Treasures: Documenting the Nation's Founding

See the rarest early drafts of the U.S. Constitution displayed together for the first time, including Pennsylvania delegate James Wilson's own handwritten drafts, and get an intimate look at the path the Framers took to create our founding document on a private tour of our new exhibit and gallery.

Timely Town Hall programs will follow both tours (see fall program listing for details).



American Treasures



John Marshall

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TUESDAY
NOV 7

11 A.M.

Guided Tour

John Marshall: Patriot, Statesman, Chief Justice

Get to know Chief Justice John Marshall — a hero of the U.S. Constitution — and explore Marshall's character, constitutional legacy, and the influential roles he played in the early Republic with a private tour of *John Marshall*, open now through December 31.

Learn about another influential American following the tour at a Town Hall program on the forgotten senator who helped launch the United Nations (see fall program listing for details).

FRIDAY
DEC 15

9 A.M.

Bill of Rights Day Breakfast

Complimentary for 1787 Society Members • \$20 Members

Celebrate Bill of Rights Day at the Center and enjoy breakfast and constitutional conversation with Center President and CEO Jeffrey Rosen and constitutional law expert Gerard Magliocca.

Advanced registration is required. Seating is limited.

Following the breakfast, attend the annual Bill of Rights Day Symposium featuring three back-to-back talks you won't want to miss (see fall program listing for details).

COMING
SOON!

Interactive Constitution Workshop

Join the Center for live talks and learning with an *Interactive Constitution* Workshop led by a Constitution Center constitutional scholar. Discover how to use and apply the *Interactive Constitution* to contemporary debates and explore the resource's newly added provisions.

COMING
SOON!

Get a behind-the-scenes look at the NEW display of 18th century archeological objects found while the Center was being built and then join us for coffee and conversation about our ongoing work with the National Park Service.

Advanced registration is strongly encouraged for all programs. **REGISTER** for these Member programs and **LEARN MORE** about events coming this fall. Visit constitutioncenter.org/memberscorner or call 215.409.6767.

JOIN US ON THE ROAD

The National Constitution Center, in partnership with The Federalist Society and the American Constitution Society, continues to host a series of timely national debates with top scholars.

THURSDAY
OCT 26

NATIONAL PRESS CLUB
WASHINGTON, DC

The Future of Digital Privacy: Does the Fourth Amendment Prohibit the Warrantless Search of Our Digital Footprints?

*Sponsored by the **Bernstein Family Foundation***

WEDNESDAY
NOV 8

CHICAGO CULTURAL CENTER
CHICAGO, IL

Does the First Amendment Protect Hate Speech?

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TUESDAY
NOV 28

THE DEBATE CHAMBER AT OLD PARKLAND
DALLAS, TX

Does the First Amendment Protect Hate Speech?

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