

AMERICA'S TOWN HALL

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



Legal and cultural historian **Martha Jones**
on the story of the 14th Amendment



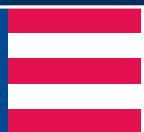
National Review Online editor **Charles C.W. Cooke**
on whether the 17th Amendment should be repealed



Leading constitutional scholar **Laurence Tribe**
on the history and future of impeachment

SPRING/SUMMER 2018

NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER



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Dear Friends,

I'm thrilled to share our spring/summer season of *America's Town Hall*! This summer marks the 150th anniversary of the 14th Amendment. This transformative amendment — ratified after the Civil War — fulfilled Abraham Lincoln's promise at Gettysburg of "a new birth of freedom," making everyone born on American soil a U.S. citizen and promising equality for all. To honor this constitutional milestone, we're partnering with the Thurgood Marshall Institute at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund on a blockbuster anniversary celebration on April 23, bringing together leading historians and legal scholars from across the ideological spectrum to explore the 14th Amendment's text, history, and enduring importance. Don't miss it!

Our 14th Amendment celebration is a highlight of what should be a spectacular Town Hall season — one that will include everything from events about the constitutional legacies of Presidents Obama and Trump to an event here in Philadelphia exploring the constitutional legacy of Alexander Hamilton to launch our superb new exhibit, *Hamilton: The Constitutional Clashes That Shaped a Nation*. Our new season will offer inspiring constitutional conversations about the past, present, and future of American democracy, drawing on some of our nation's leading thinkers, including UVA Law Dean Risa Goluboff, *Slate*'s Dahlia Lithwick, Harvard's Laurence Tribe, and Princeton's Julian Zelizer. These events will address some of the most important constitutional issues at the Supreme Court and in the news, with programs on the constitutional legacies of Presidents Barack Obama and Donald Trump, book talks covering everything from *Citizens United* and the history of corporations in America to Thomas Jefferson and the importance of education to the Constitution during wartime, and panels exploring a range of timely topics, including the future of democracy, the debate over race in America, and whether to repeal the 17th Amendment.

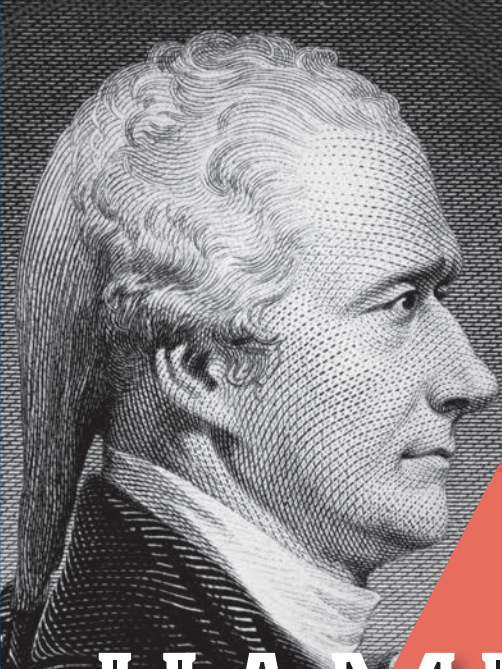
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With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey Rosen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the last name being more prominent.

Jeffrey Rosen
President and CEO



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THROUGH
DECEMBER 31, 2018**

Included with museum admission

HAMILTON

THE CONSTITUTIONAL CLASHES THAT SHAPED A NATION

Members
See It
FREE!

The National Constitution Center's compelling new exhibit highlights the competing ideas of Alexander Hamilton and his legendary rivals. Created by the National Constitution Center, ***Hamilton: The Constitutional Clashes That Shaped a Nation*** explores Hamilton's fraught relationships with James Madison, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and Aaron Burr. Examining the personalities and constitutional debates that shaped America — including the scope of the national government, the establishment of a standing army, the creation of a federal banking system, and more — the exhibit provides an intimate look into Alexander Hamilton's enduring role in the constitutional and political arguments that continue to create sparks to this day.

SPRING/SUMMER PROGRAMS

MONDAY
APR 16

6:30 P.M.

Hamilton

The Constitutional Clashes That Shaped a Nation

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

Join us for a discussion with historians, including **Jay Cost**, as we unveil our new Hamilton exhibit, exploring Hamilton's constitutional clashes with Madison, Jefferson, Adams, and Burr. Guests will have access to *Hamilton: The Constitutional Clashes That Shaped a Nation* before the program from 5:30–6:30 p.m.

MONDAY
APR 23

Equal Protection for All

The 14th Amendment at 150

Celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the 14th Amendment's ratification with three daytime panels featuring noted scholars ranging from **Eric Foner** and **Thavolia Glymph** to **Randy Barnett** and **Martha Jones**, as well as an evening keynote.

1–4:15 P.M.

Public Panels

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5–6 P.M.

Keynote Conversation

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MONDAY
APR 30

12 P.M.

We the Corporations

The Constitutional Rights of Businesses

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Adam Winkler, author of *We the Corporations: How American Businesses Won Their Civil Rights*, and **Kent Greenfield**, author of *Corporations Are People Too*, discuss the *Citizens United* ruling, corporate rights, and the history of corporations in America.



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MONDAY
MAY 7

6:30 P.M.

A Survey of Constitutional Debates in the Trump Era

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\$18 Non-Members

The Trump Presidency has spurred a range of constitutional debates, from the limits of presidential pardon powers to presidential discretion on immigration and trade policy. Join **Keith Whittington** of Princeton University and leading scholars from across the ideological spectrum in a discussion of the Trump presidency and the Constitution.

FRIDAY
MAY 11

12 P.M.



Is Democracy in Crisis?

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

Dambisa Mayo, economist and author of *Edge of Chaos: Why Democracy Is Failing to Deliver Economic Growth—and How to Fix It*, is joined by experts from the left and right to debate the future of democracy in the U.S. and abroad.

TUESDAY
MAY 22

12 P.M.



A Look Back At the Obama Years

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

Julian Zelizer and other leading political historians join reporter **Jonathan Alter** to explore the constitutional issues that shaped the Obama presidency as described in their new book, *The Presidency of Barack Obama: A First Historical Assessment*.

WEDNESDAY
MAY 23

6–7:30 P.M.

Admission
includes a
reception

Divided Power

The Re-Emergence of Federalism and the 17th Amendment

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\$30 Non-Members

The 17th Amendment required the direct election of Senators. Join us for a blockbuster evening exploring the Founders' vision for the Senate, the story of the 17th Amendment, the debate over whether the Amendment represents the death of federalism, and the debate over whether we should repeal the 17th Amendment today. A reception will follow the program.

Generously sponsored by **John Aglialoro**

SPRING/SUMMER PROGRAMS

MONDAY
JUN 4

12 P.M.



Habeas Corpus

From 17th Century England to Today

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

Amanda Tyler of Berkley Law unveils her latest book, *Habeas Corpus in Wartime: From the Tower of London to Guantanamo Bay*, the definitive history of the role habeas corpus has played during war, from its English origins to America's Founding period to today.

THURSDAY
JUN 7

6:30 P.M.

A Spirit of Inquiry in the Age of Jefferson

Free

Andrew O'Shaughnessy, historian and vice president of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation at Monticello, explores Thomas Jefferson and education in a wide-ranging discussion.

*In partnership with the **American Philosophical Society Library**
and the **Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies at Monticello***

MONDAY
JUN 11

6 P.M.

Civil Rights Across the Centuries

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

To celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Guggenheim Fellowship in Constitutional Studies, the Guggenheim Foundation and the National Constitution Center will bring together former fellows—**Holly Brewer**, **Risa Goluboff**, and **Lea VanderVelde**—to discuss the battle over race and equality across American history, from the Founding to Reconstruction to the Civil Rights Revolution.

*In partnership with the **Guggenheim Foundation***

TUESDAY
JUN 19

12 P.M.



The Power of Impeachment

Its History and Future

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Laurence Tribe, leading constitutional scholar and author of *To End a Presidency: The Power of Impeachment*, joins co-author **Joshua Matz** for a deep dive into the history and future of presidential impeachment.

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**TUESDAY
JUL 10**

12-1:30 P.M.

2018 Annual Supreme Court Review

**Free for Members • \$5 Teachers & students • \$8 Non-Members
\$35 Members w/ CLE • \$40 Non-Members w/ CLE**

Erwin Chemerinsky, Frederick Lawrence, and *Slate's* Dahlia Lithwick
examine the Supreme Court's 2017-18 term.

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GENERAL INFO



REGISTRATION

- ★ Registration is recommended for all programs. For tickets, visit constitutioncenter.org/debate, call **215.409.6700** during museum hours, or visit our **Box Office**.
- ★ 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.
- ★ Programs begin promptly and latecomers will be seated at the discretion of event staff.

PARKING

- ★ Discounted parking is available for most programs in the Center's parking garage on a first-come, first-served basis. The entrance to our garage is located at the rear of the museum on Race Street, between 5th and 6th Streets.

ACCESSIBILITY

- ★ Assistive listening systems are available for programs located in the F.M. Kirby Auditorium and the Sidney Kimmel Theater free of charge. Advance notice is not required; supplies are limited.

TICKETING POLICY

- ★ All sales are final. There are no refunds or exchanges. Inclement weather is not a cause for refund unless a program is canceled.
- ★ Program topics and speakers are subject to change. Visit constitutioncenter.org/debate for the most up-to-date schedule of events.



MEMBER PROGRAMS & EVENTS

MAY 6

12 P.M.

MAY 22

2 P.M.

Hamilton Experience Guided Tour and Trivia

Free for Members

The ultimate Hamilton museum experience! Begin your journey in the new feature exhibit *Hamilton: The Constitutional Clashes That Shaped a Nation*. Next, meet Hamilton in *Signers' Hall* to learn about his role in the Constitutional Convention. Finally, explore *The Story of We the People* to learn about Hamilton's influence on our early party system and the separation of powers.

MAY 7

5:30 P.M.

After Hours Guided Tour

The Story of We the People and Signers' Hall

Free for Members

Take a guided tour through our *The Story of We the People* exhibit. Explore interactive displays and a rotating collection of rare artifacts that bring America's constitutional history to life. Next, tour one of our most popular and iconic attractions—*Signers' Hall* invites you to walk among the Founding Fathers.

*Immediately following this tour, join us for the America's Town Hall program, **A Survey of Constitutional Debates in the Trump Era**, at 6:30pm. Register separately for the Town Hall.*

MAY 12

10 A.M.–4 P.M.

Members Open House

Free for Members and their guests*

Bring family and friends to the Center's fun-for-all-ages Members Open House. Enjoy guided exhibit tours, a behind-the-scenes artifacts discussion with the Independence National Park Archaeologist, exclusive *Living News* performances, our new Hamilton Trivia Game, and more! Receive discounts on new memberships and membership upgrades. You'll also enjoy additional savings in the Museum Store and Delegates' Cafe.

* Individual Patriot Members: Admission is free for Member and 1 guest

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**MAY IS
MEMBERS
MONTH!**

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