



Constitution Day 2021 at ADP Campuses

By mandate, all institutions receiving federal funding must hold an educational program pertaining to the U.S. Constitution on September 17. Below are examples from ADP campuses for how they are integrating this requirement into their campuses.

ADP is hosting a virtual [National Constitution Day Conversation](#) on September 17 from 1-2 p.m. ET and several campuses noted that they are promoting this activity as part of their Constitution Day plans.

Fort Hayes State University (Kan.)

- **Friday, Sept. 17, 12:00 p.m. CT**
Partnering with the Department of Political Science at Fort Hays State University, the American Democracy Project at FHSU will be holding a Times Talk in the South Study Space at the Forsyth Library at the FHSU campus in Hays, Kansas. Dr. Christopher Olds, a professor in the Department of Political Science will present "The Second Time is the Charm: Relating the U.S. Constitution to the Articles of Confederation as Documents of Democracy," a juxtaposition of the Articles of Confederation and the Constitution in regard to democratic representation and logistics. The event is free and open to all.
- Pocket constitutions and t-shirts will also be handed out to commemorate the day itself.

Illinois State University

With a special focus on the 26th Amendment, here is what they have planned:

- The [Constitution Day events website](#) has been updated.
- Materials available for RA's to make bulletin boards (if they want to) about the constitution, 26th amendment, and voting in general in the month of September
- #26For26 Instagram Stories – we go this idea from one of the national voter engagement groups. From about 8/23 – 9/18 we will have a daily Instagram story featuring one person at ISU faculty, staff, student, or recent alum that participates in student voter engagement efforts.
- Library display – We have some preexisting panels that have the amendments. Those will be displayed in the library along with a few photos of students voting on campus and old articles about elections from the student newspaper. The library is also going to display some books/materials. Really excited about the photos from 1972 election that university archives found for us. This will be up 9/12 – 9/18.
- We will have pocket constitutions available at some concierge desks and will pass those out around campus on 9/17.
- Dr. Meghan Leonard, a politics and government professor, will give a talk entitled "The 26th Amendment at 50: The Expansion (and Restriction) of Voting Rights for Young Americans."

Georgia College & State University

Below is the full schedule of events:

- **Friday, September 17: Constitution Day**
 - Noon – 1 pm (Governor’s Mansion Education Room): Constitution Week Official Welcome & Lunch
Discussion: *Debating Current Constitutional Law Issues*
- **Monday, September 20**
 - Noon – 1 pm (Terrell Hall 301 - News Room): Constitution Week Lunch Discussion: *Free Speech & Social Media Censorship*
Mikkel Christensen, GC Assistant Professor of Communications
Nicholas Creel, GC Assistant Professor of Business Law & Ethics
 - 6 pm (Magnolia Ballroom): *Trax on the Trail Concert*
- **Tuesday, September 21**
 - Noon – 1 pm (The HUB of the Cultural Center): Constitution Week Lunch Discussion: *The Reality of Immigration & the Constitution*
 - 5– 6:30 pm (Peabody Auditorium): Usery Forum on *Media Literacy and the Future of Democracy*
- **Wednesday, September 22**
 - Noon – 1 pm (Ina Dillard Russell Library): Times Talk: *McGirt v. Oklahoma: Upholding US-Native American Treaties*
Facilitated by Hank Edmondson
 - 6 – 7:15 pm (A&S Auditorium): *Constitutional Issues and COVID: the Health of Democracy*
Gene Straughan, Lewis-Clark State College, Director of Justice Studies
Nicholas B. Creel, GC Assistant Professor of Business Law & Ethics
Angie Childre, Director, GC Student Health Services
- **Thursday, September 23**
 - Noon – 1 pm (Online): Constitution Week Lunch Discussion: *The Future of Roe v. Wade: An Analysis of Abortion Rights, the Fourteenth Amendment, and Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization, et al*
Jeff Teichert, Assistant Attorney General, Utah
Steven Nudelman, Partner, Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis, LLP (New Jersey)
Fernando Leal, Attorney (New York) Facilitated by Hank Edmondson
 - 6 – 8 pm (A&S Auditorium): *Supreme Court Review Panel*
Matt Roessing, UGA Lecturer of Legal Studies (cheerleader/free speech case)
Jeffrey Kessler, Partner, Winston & Strawn (student athlete payment case)
Superior Court Judge Stephen Bradley, Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit (life sentences for juveniles case)
Rahul Garabadu, American Civil Liberties Union of Georgia (voting rights case)

Indiana University, Kokomo

- **Benjamin Franklin: A Force for the Constitution (and More):** Celebrate Constitution Day this week with this [free Zoom presentation](#) by Indiana University Kokomo Professor Mark Canada, author of the new Audible Original [Ben Franklin’s Lessons in Life](#) and the recent article [“Talking Politics in 2021: Lessons on Humility and Truth-Seeking from Benjamin Franklin.”](#) You will learn how Benjamin Franklin, one of America’s greatest thinkers and communicators, worked to move fellow leaders toward approval of the U.S. Constitution (and used his strategic approach to persuasion to achieve a few other triumphs). [Registration is required.](#)
- The IU Kokomo Library along with Table Talk will be hosting a Constitution Day event on Wednesday, September 15th. This event is going to be a discussion forum between faculty, staff and students, but the main points that will be covered are:
 1. What is the constitution?
 2. What are your rights according to the Constitution?
 3. How does the Constitution impact or affect your career?
 4. How to determine what is a Constitutional right and what is not a Constitutional right.
- The library is also hosting an information table, where I will be showing students how to navigate and find government information on govinfo.gov, which will be held on September 16th.

James Madison University (Va.)

For [Constitution Day](#), we are launching a 26th Amendment timeline and will have one of the original Black Women activists around the 26th Amendment give a video message that can be shared to campuses.

Keene State College (N.H.)

Tuesday, September 21, 6:30 p.m. ET

Dr. Leah A. Murray, Brady Presidential Distinguished Professor and Academic Director at Weber State University (Utah), will present "[Got Rights?](#)", a discussion of the Bill of Rights, including James Madison's journey to propose amendments and how the language evolved over the first summer in Congressional history. The details of and controversies with the 2nd and 10th amendments will be highlighted during this free and publicly accessible event. [More information included here.](#)

Middle Tennessee State University

Please visit [their website](#) for a full list of their Constitution Week activities, including a panel discussion, readings of the Constitution, and an exhibition of constitution-related rare texts and documents.

Missouri State University

For Constitution Day week our campus is doing a 3-day voter registration drive, promoting the National Constitution Day Conversation, and we are hosting a United States Naturalization Ceremony!

Salisbury University (Md.)

- **Friday, September 17th, 11:30am-1:30pm** (at Red Square): Join PACE this Constitution Day to learn more about the Constitution and other U.S. documents, participate in an engaging activity, and cast your vote on whether you would ratify the Constitution and provide feedback on which way you voted.
- **Monday, September 20th, 7:00pm-8:30pm** (at Fulton Hall 111 and Online via Zoom): Coinciding with Salisbury University's Constitution Day programming on September 17, the Institute for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement (PACE) and Department of Communication will host a panel discussion spotlighting the affordances of the First Amendment in the realm of public higher education. In collaboration with a section of COMM 100: Fundamentals of Communication, this student-facilitated Zoom event will provide a platform for leading First-Amendment experts in the region, including journalists, political scientists, and attorneys, to showcase to students how First Amendment principles enrich twenty-first century learning environments in indispensable ways. **Open to all:** <https://bit.ly/firstamendmentsu>

SUNY Brockport

At two outdoor locations of the main campus - one outside the library - one outside the student union, a speaker's corner will be established. There, with an image of the US Constitution on a popup poster behind them, individuals will be invited to film themselves for submission on Tik-Tok a response to the prompt "What the Constitution Means to Me."

SUNY Fredonia

SUNY Fredonia has invited Jennifer Wilson to deliver the keynote lecture. Jennifer Wilson is the Deputy Director for the League of Women Voters of New York State. She serves as their in-house lobbyist, policy advisor, and communications representative. Jennifer's lecture will focus on redistricting – Sept 17 will be just a few days after the Commission has to release their draft maps so it will be extremely timely. Her lecture is titled: "Your Map Matters: How Redistricting Impacts Everything in Your Life and How to Use Your Voice to Change It"

University of Maryland, Baltimore County

UMBC's Center for Social Science Scholarship (CS3) is hosting a Constitution Day Lecture titled *Hands Up, Don't Shoot: Why the Protests in Ferguson and Baltimore Matter, and How They Changed America*. [Dr. Jennifer Cobbina is the speaker](#). The event can be accessed [here](#) using the password FL21SSF. It is free and open to the public, and will be recorded. Following the event, the recording will be available on CS3's [YouTube channel](#).

Weber State University (Utah)

We are hosting a trivia event, having a political science professor dressed as a founding father reading the Preamble, and handing out slices of cake. This will all be in the student union building. Leah Murray, Brady Presidential Distinguished Professor, will also be conducting a Constitution Bee (a kind of academic decathlon) with student volunteers at a local elementary school.

Western Carolina University (N.C.)

The Student Democracy Coalition (SDC) at Western Carolina University are hosting an event on 9/17 in honor of Constitution Day from 11 – 1 on the UC Lawn called "Constitution Day: Whee the People." The SDC will have pocket constitutions, small snacks/candies, Constitutional Quiz questions, and 50+ white screen printed t-shirts that say, "Whee the people" and then students will be able to add a brief statement/note/tweet/whatever to the t-shirt after they participate in the Constitutional Quiz. This program is framed as "*if you could make a simple edit to the constitution what would it be?*" They can/will then mark this on their t-shirt as a point of pride.

University of Nebraska-Omaha

The University of Nebraska-Omaha's Brett Kyle will offer a [Constitution Day lecture](#) on Thursday, September 16 at 1 PM: "Military Courts, Civil-Military Relations, and the Legal Battle for Democracy: The Politics of Military Justice." Brett will present on themes in his recently published book on military justice. We will be doing the event as a webinar. Online participation welcomed; please [pre-register](#).

Northern Kentucky University

Northern Kentucky University is hosting the [Kentucky Secretary of State Michael Adams](#) at 10 a.m. EDT, to 11:15 a.m., on Sept. 17 to talk about how Kentucky expanded voting access in the COVID 19 election year and which of those expansions will carry forward to future elections. Sec. Adams also will talk about voting access for college students. We'll have an in-person audience but online attendance is welcomed. Pre-register at <https://nku.eventsair.com/shcce/events>.