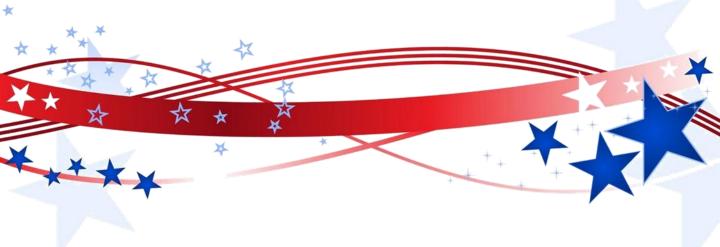


Constitution Day is the annual celebration of the day that representatives to the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia completed and signed the U.S. Constitution in 1787. The observance of this day began as *"I am an American Day"* in 1940 and later as *Citizenship Day* in 1952 when the celebration was moved to September 17 to commemorate the signing of the original document.

Constitution Day as we observe it today was recognized as a federal holiday in 2004, when Senator Robert Byrd passed a bill designating September 17 as the day for citizens to commemorate the signing of the U.S. Constitution and to thoughtfully engage with the nation's founding document.

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Note: Public Law 108-477 contained in the recent <u>Consolidated</u> <u>Appropriations Act of 2005</u> states that *"each educational institution that receives Federal funds for a fiscal year shall hold an educational program on the United States Constitution on September 17 of such year for the students served by the educational institution".* 



## <u>Virtual Pennsylvania Student</u> <u>Voting Summit</u>

#### September 16, 2020 I:00 PM in Eastern Time (US and Canada)

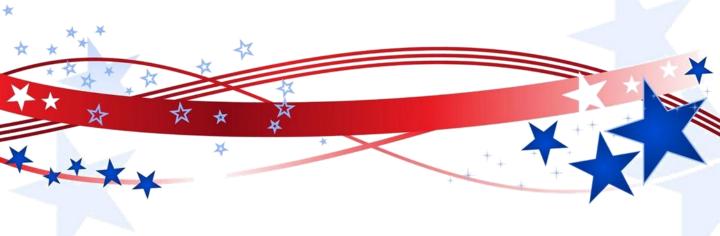
The Virtual Pennsylvania Student Voting Summit is organized by the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge and Campus Vote Project.

The summit will provide an opportunity for students, faculty, staff, and administrators to learn about important election updates from the Pennsylvania Department of State, hear about in-person and virtual voter engagement strategies from nonpartisan partners, and connect and discuss with fellow attendees during roundtable breakout sessions.

The summit will be recorded.

#### **REGISTER HERE!**





Hollander Lecture in Women's Leadership: *Women and the Right to Vote: A History Unfinished...* 

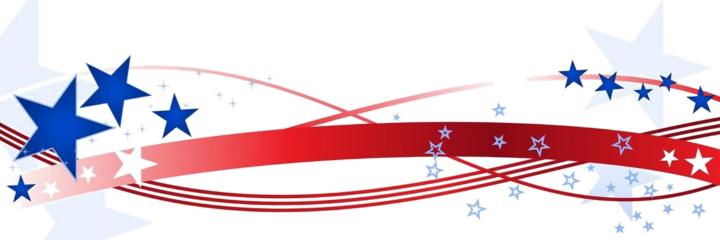
Historian Dr. Lisa Tetrault, author of "<u>The Myth of Seneca Falls</u>", will speak about the suffrage movement and it's leaders. Join us on Zoom to watch the live presentation and submit your questions to Dr. Tetrault.

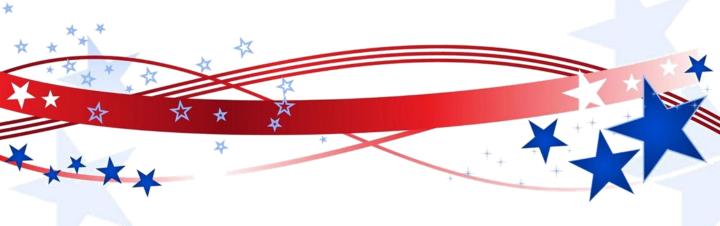
## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

VIRTUAL EVENT - ZOOM LINK PROVIDED TO REGISTRANTS

## Cost: Free and open to the public

### **REGISTER**





## America's Amoral Constitution

Thursday, September 17, 2020 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Join Online Event

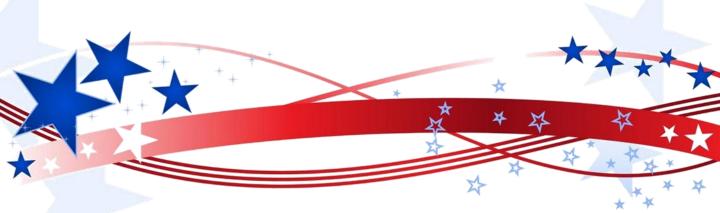
Richard Albert, William Stamps Farish Professor in Law and Professor of Government at the University of Texas at Austin.

By design, the U.S. Constitution does not evaluate whether a lawful choice is morally right or wrong; it evaluates only whether the choice satisfies the procedures the Constitution requires for it to have been made. These fiercely democratic foundations serve as both the font of the Constitution's popular legitimacy and more ominously also the greatest threat to the liberal democratic principles that today define the Constitution in its common perception at home and abroad.

*This event is free and open to the public, and will be closed captioned and recorded. Following the event, the recording will be available on CS3's <u>YouTube channel.</u>* 

Password is UMBCSSF.

https://umbc.webex.com/umbc/onstage/g.php?MTID=edd8174187abc5 23e663702c0a172c57f





irtual Resources

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<u>The Constitution</u>
<u>The Bill of Rights</u>
Constitutional Amendments

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https://www.annenbergclassroom.org/

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<u>National Archives</u> <u>https://www.archives.gov/education/lessons/constitution-day</u>

Library of Congress: https://www.loc.gov/teachers/constitutionday.html

<u>National Constitution Center</u> https://constitutioncenter.org/learn/educational-resources/

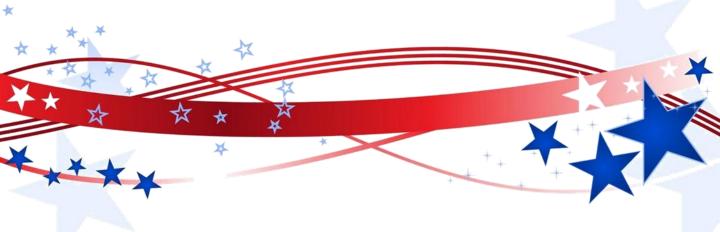


The United States Constitution is written in a cursive script style called *Copperplate*. The person who wrote out the famed copy of the constitution was **Jacob Shallus** (1750 – 1796). He was an experienced scribe or calligrapher, although he is often referred to as the *Engrosser of the Constitution of the United States*. The first words of the Constitution, *"We the People"* are engrossed—that is, written in large attractive letters—in order to make them stand out. These three words are written in a variant of medieval blackletter or *Batarde*, which is a broad nib style. The diagonal slash marks, often incorrectly referred to as serifs, are meant to accentuate the letters as yet another way to emphasize the beginning words of the document. While the first words and the headers, such as "Article I" are written with a flat-edged nib, the majority of the document is written in a pointed-pen style, namely a version of Copperplate. Shallus would have used pens cut from the quill of a goose or other large bird.

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# PEARN MORE!

- <u>Handwriting the Constitution Social Art Project</u>
- <u>History of Penmanship</u>
- The Constitution was written on parchment, not hemp paper. Parchment is treated animal skin, typically sheepskin. A hoax or urban legend states that the <u>United States Constitution</u> was originally written on <u>hemp paper</u>. According to <u>National Constitution Center</u>, this is not true, as the document was written on parchment.
- Info about different types of paper, parchment and vellum
- Handwritten copy of the constitution
- How to write in Copperplate font: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2l2zq5Dn-wk</u>



### **QUIZZES AND GAMES**

That's Your Right www.annenbergclassroom.org/page/thats-your-right

*I-Civics has 18 different games* <u>https://www.icivics.org/games/</u>

Seize the Vote: <u>https://constitutioncenter.org/sieze-</u> <u>the-vote/</u>

Which Founder Are You? https://constitutioncenter.org/foundersquiz/

Citizenship Quiz https://my.uscis.gov/prep/test/civics

*Knowledge* https://www.constitutionfacts.com/usconstitutionkids/us-history-quiz/

### **VIDEO**

*Historical* <u>https://constitutioncenter.org/learn/hall-pass</u>

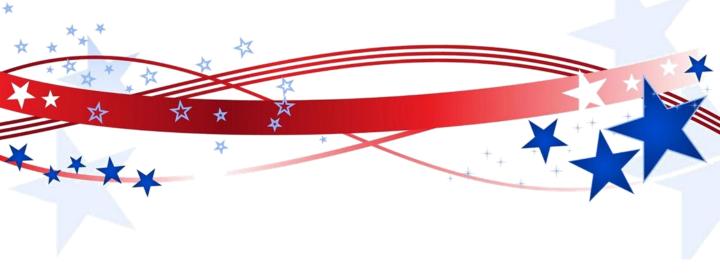
<u>Schoolhouse Rocks the Preamble</u> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Aq1mBS5RPa8



## Voting at Pitt

In this presidential election season, eligible student voters and those educating themselves about the election process are encouraged to consult the nonpartisan website <u>Pittvotes.turbovote.org</u>. This site ensures Pitt students and other members of the community always know when elections are happening and have the information they need to vote with confidence. The site also provides election reminders, voter registration, applications for absentee ballots, and more.

Please consult <u>Pittvotes.turbovote.org</u> and seek out assistance from your instructors and peers as you work to learn about and exercise your critically important right to vote.



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