



Center for the
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DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

**Civic Literacy and Citizenship:
A Symposium for High School Teachers**

October 13-15, 2022
Great Wolf Lodge, Wisconsin Dells, WI

Thursday, October 13, 2022

Reception 6:30 – 7:00 pm
Welcome Remarks & Dinner 7:00 pm
Speaker: Dr. Ryan Owens (UW-Madison)

Friday, October 14, 2022

Breakfast 7:30 – 8:30 am
Session 1 8:30 – 10:00 am
Topic: American Constitutional Federalism
Session Leader: Dr. Sean Beienburg (Arizona State University)
Break 10:00 – 10:30 am
Session 2 10:30 – 12:00 pm
Topic: Judicial Review—Origins and Critics
Session Leader: Dr. Sean Beienburg (Arizona State University)
Lunch 12:00 – 1:30pm
Session 3 1:30 – 3:00 pm
Topic: Abolition and the Constitution
Session Leader: Dr. Peter Myers (UW–Eau Claire)
Break 3:00 – 7:00 pm
Dinner 7:00 – 8:30 pm
Keynote Address: Dr. Lee Trepanier (Samford University)

Saturday, October 15, 2022

Breakfast

7:30 – 8:30 am

Session 4

8:30 – 10:00 am

Topic: The Evolution of the First Amendment: What Happened and Why It Matters

Session Leader: Dr. Tim Shiell (UW-Stout)

Break

10:00—10:30 am

Session 5

10:30 – 12:00 pm

Topic: Thy Liberty in Law: Civic Virtue and Why It Matters for Teachers

Session Leader: Dr. Robert Burton (Utah Valley University)

Closing Remarks

11:55 pm

Ryan Owens

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Lee Trepanier

Professor, Department of Political Science, Samford University

Lee Trepanier is Professor and Chair of Political Science at Samford University. He is editor of the Lexington Books series *Politics, Literature, and Film* and the academic website *VoegelinView*, and author and editor of more than 20 books, including *The College Lecture Today: An Interdisciplinary Defense for the Contemporary University* and *Eric Voegelin's Asian Political Thought*. His scholarly interests include political philosopher Eric Voegelin, Politics and Literature, Religion and Politics, Democracy and Education, and Teaching and Learning in Higher Education.

Session Leaders

Dr. Sean Beienburg

Assistant Professor, School for Civic and Economic Thought and Leadership, Arizona State University

Sean Beienburg is Assistant Professor in the SCETL at Arizona State University, where his teaching and research interests include the U.S. Constitution and constitutional law, Arizona constitutionalism, federalism and state constitutionalism/politics, American political thought and development, executive power (both presidential and gubernatorial), parties and interest groups, 19th and early 20th century political and constitutional history, and Prohibition. He is the author of *Prohibition, the Constitution, and States' Rights* (Chicago, 2019) and is finishing another book on states as constitutional interpreters and progressive federalists in the progressive and New Deal eras. He is also the project director of the Arizona Constitution Project initiative. In addition to his scholarly work, he also written about the political themes of Christopher Nolan's Dark Knight trilogy.

Dr. Robert Burton

Director, Center for Constitutional Studies, Utah Valley University

Robert Burton is a Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of History and Political Science and a Civic Education Fellow with the Center for Constitutional Studies, where he works on the Center's Civic Education Initiative. His research and teaching occurs in the fields of constitutional law, American political thought, and political theory, focusing on the First Amendment and the relationship between conscience and politics. His current book project is titled, *A Conscience Safe for Politics: Politics and the Formation of the Modern Conscience*. His coauthored article, "Constitutional Humility: the Contested Meaning of a Judicial Virtue" was recently published in the journal *American Political Thought*. He has taught courses in constitutional law and political thought at the University of Wisconsin—Madison and the University of Notre Dame. Dr. Burton received his PhD and MA in constitutional studies and political theory from the University of Notre Dame and his BA, *summa cum laude*, in English and politics from Southern Virginia University. When not reading, teaching, and writing, he loves to trail run and adventure with his wife and kids.

Dr. Peter Myers

Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire

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Peter C. Myers is Professor of Political Science at the University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire, specializing in the fields of political philosophy, American political thought, and U.S. constitutional law. His research interests concentrate in the areas of classical liberal political philosophy and the political

thought of the American Founding, the Civil War era, and the Civil Rights Era. He has been awarded fellowships by the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Earhart Foundation, and the Heritage Foundation. His doctoral dissertation received the American Political Science Association Leo Strauss Award in 1991-92 for the best dissertation in the field of political philosophy. He is the author of two books: *Our Only Star and Compass: Locke and the Struggle for Political Rationality* (1998), and *Frederick Douglass: Race and the Rebirth of American Liberalism* (2008). He is currently researching a book on the idea of color-blindness in American political thought.

Dr. Timothy Shiell

Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin–Stout
Center for the Study of Institutions and Innovations

<https://www.uwstout.edu/csi>

Tim Shiell is a free speech scholar at the University of Wisconsin–Stout. He is a Professor of Philosophy, founder and director of the civil liberty-focused Center for the Study of Institutions and Innovation (CSII), and founder and former director of the Center for Applied Ethics. Shiell authored *Legal Philosophy* (1993), *Campus Hate Speech on Trial* (1998, 2nd ed. rev. 2009), and *African Americans and the First Amendment* (2019) as well as numerous articles and book reviews, and more than a hundred scholarly and public presentations, workshops and panels. At CSII, he oversees a civil liberty-focused network of more than twenty Wisconsin universities and colleges funding faculty and student research; speakers, panels, and debates; conferences, symposia, and workshops, and more.

Guest in Attendance Representing the Jack Miller Center

Tom Kelly

Director of Civic Education Outreach, Jack Miller Center

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Tom Kelly oversees K-12 programming for the Jack Miller Center (JMC). JMC seeks to reinvigorate education in America's founding principles and history, an education vital to thoughtful and engaged citizenship. JMC works to advance the teaching and study of American history, its political and economic institutions, and the central principles, ideas, and issues arising from the American and Western traditions—all of which continue to animate our national life. JMC supports professors and educators through programs, resources, fellowships and more to help them teach our nation's students.

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