



# Rewriting the Constitution

Fall 2021 Honors Lecture Series • Mondays • 3:00-3:55 p.m. • UH 3000

**August 23**

## Welcome and Introduction

Philip E. Phillips (Honors) and  
Mary A. Evins (History)

**August 30**

## Youth Voting: Commemorating 50 Years

Amy Sayward (History)

**September 13**

## State Legislatures Shaping the Nation: Tennessee Law and National Civic Culture

Hedy Weinberg (Executive Director, American Civil Liberties Union of Tennessee), Shanna Hughey (President, Think Tennessee), and Justin Owen (President, Beacon Center of Tennessee)

*\*Location: Tucker Theatre. Constitution Week event.*

**September 20**

## Immigration, Law, and Local Consequences

Abdou Kattih (Refugee Assistance, Murfreesboro Muslim Youth), Kellye Branson (Refugee-Immigrant Services, Catholic Charities), and Barbara Ibarra (League of Women Voters, Murfreesboro-Rutherford County)

*\*Location STU 201. MT Engage event.*

**September 27**

## The U.S. Constitutional Amending Process

John R. Vile (Honors)

**October 4**

## Eliminating the Electoral College

Michael Federici (Political Science and International Relations)

**October 18**

## The ERA and the Politics of Constitutional Amendments

Steve Cohen (U.S. House of Representatives, Tennessee 9th District, U.S. House Judiciary Committee, Chair, The Constitution Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Subcommittee)

**October 25**

## Required National Public Service

Keith Huber (Lt. General U.S. Army, Ret., Senior Advisor for Veterans and Leadership Initiatives)

**November 1**

## D.C. Statehood, Very Soon

Yilin Zhang (League of Women Voters, Washington, D.C.)

**November 8**

## Self-Determination for Puerto Rico: Statehood or Nationhood?

George Laws Garcia (Executive Director, Puerto Rico Statehood Council), Javier A. Hernández (Author, *PREXIT: Forging Puerto Rico's Path to Sovereignty*), and Barbara Ibarra (National Conference of Puerto Rican Women, Ret.)

**November 15**

## The Constitutional Right to Vote

Aaron Treadwell (History)

**November 22**

## MT Engage Presentation

Percy Verret (MT Engage)

**November 29**

## Student Thesis Presentations

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