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**NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER  
 QUARTERLY EVENTS CALENDAR  
 JANUARY – MARCH 2017**

Philadelphia, PA (January 5, 2017) – Upcoming highlights at the National Constitution Center include the Center’s Winter Warm Up sale, a full day of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service activities, the return of the critically acclaimed exhibit *American Spirits: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition*, and *America’s Town Hall* programs featuring the timely constitutional conversations uniting thought leaders from all sides of the debate.

The National Constitution Center also announced its new pricing structure which began January 2, 2017. Youth tickets (ages 6-18) are \$11 and child tickets (age 5 & under) are free. Additional prices remain as follows: Adults \$14.50, Students w/ID and Seniors \$13, Active military personnel are free.

The National Constitution Center is located at 525 Arch Street on Philadelphia’s Independence Mall. The Center is open 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- **Presidents Day Weekend, Sunday, February 19 – Extended museum hours, 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.**
- **Monday, January 2 through Saturday, January 7 – Signers’ Hall & George H.W. Bush Gallery closed for renovations**

The National Constitution Center’s [Winter Warm Up sale](#) will run now through March 31, 2017. For just \$10 for adults (usually \$14.50) and \$7.50 for youth ages 6-18 (usually \$11), visitors can experience the Center’s main exhibit, take in the live production of *Freedom Rising* in the all-new Sidney Kimmel Theater, view a rare copy of the Bill of Rights and until January 20, explore the nature of executive power under the Constitution and how various presidents have exercised it over time in the *Powers of the President* exhibit. *This promotion is valid online only; tickets must be purchased in advance.*

Starting March 3, Winter Warm Up visitors will also be able add the feature exhibit *American Spirits: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition* to their visit for an additional \$3. *American Spirits: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition* take visitors back in time to the dawn of the temperance movement, through the Roaring ’20s, and to the unprecedented repeal of a constitutional amendment.

**January Events**

**[The Constitution and the Administrative State](#)**

9 – 11:45 a.m., Tuesday, January 10

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

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Federal judges and scholars explore important historical and constitutional issues related to the administrative state, including the Founders' vision for the federal government, the legacy of the New Deal, the development of the administrative state, and current debates over its significance and constitutionality. *Presented in partnership with the Federal Judicial Center.*

### [Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service](#)

Monday, January 16

*\$5 courtesy of Macy's*

The National Constitution Center will honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s lifelong dedication to justice, equality, and service for the greater good on January 16 with community service projects, special performances and fun for the whole family. In addition, the Center is serving as a drop-off location for donations of school supplies for Philadelphia school students. Items can be dropped off at the Center's box office through January 16.

### [President Trump's First 100 Days: The Constitutional Stakes](#)

6:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 17

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

President-elect Donald Trump will inherit a nation divided at home and threatened abroad. **Carol Lee** of *The Wall Street Journal*, **Ryan Lizza** of *The New Yorker*, **Benjamin Domenech** of *The Federalist*, and **Paul Gottfried** of Elizabethtown College discuss the plans of the incoming administration and assess the prospects for constitutional cooperation with Congress.

### [Inauguration Day](#)

Friday, January 20

The National Constitution Center will host educational programs highlighting momentous presidential inaugurations throughout American history. Visitors can take the oath of office in the Constitution Center's main exhibit, *The Story of We the People*, and participate in interactive activities and shows.

### [Donald Verrilli, Jr.: An Evening with the Former Solicitor General](#)

6:30 p.m., Monday, January 23

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

**Donald Verrilli, Jr.**, 46th Solicitor General of the United States, discusses his time in office and his experiences arguing landmark cases before the Supreme Court on the Affordable Care Act, same-sex marriage, immigration, and more.

### [February Events](#)

#### [African American History Month](#)

Throughout February, the Constitution Center will host a variety of programs in honor of African American History Month. Visitors can explore the museum's *The Story of We the People* exhibit to discover key milestones in African-American history and test their knowledge of African-American history at the Constitution Center's giant game board activity. Visitors will learn about the history of the Emancipation Proclamation, the Civil War, and the background of the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments. *African American History Month at the National Constitution Center is generously sponsored by TD Bank, through the TD Charitable Foundation.*

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### [John Adams and the Fear of Aristocracy](#)

12 p.m., Wednesday, February 1

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

Long before “the one percent” became a protest slogan, John Adams feared the power of a class he called simply “the few.” Authors **Luke Mayville** and **Richard Alan Ryerson** discuss the second president’s most intimate political thoughts. Includes book sale.

### [Centennial Anniversary of the Mexican Constitution](#)

6:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 8

*Free*

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Mexican Constitution, Mexican and U.S. constitutional experts, including **Tom Donnelly**, the Constitution Center’s senior fellow for constitutional studies, and **Raúl Bringas-Nostti**, Universidad de las Américas Puebla professor, explore the similarities and differences between the two documents. *Presented in partnership with the Mexican Cultural Center and the Consulate of Mexico in Philadelphia.*

### [Should We Amend the Constitution to Impose Term Limits on Congress?](#)

5:30 – 8:30 p.m., Thursday, February 9

*1787 Society Members & Invitation-only*

**Philip Blumel**, president of U.S. Term Limits, **Mark Meckler**, president of Citizens for Self-Governance, **Governor Ed Rendell** (D-PA), **Senator Ben Sasse** (R-NE), **David Strauss**, professor of law at the University of Chicago, **John Vile**, dean and professor of political science at Middle Tennessee State University, and others discuss whether we should call a convention to amend the Constitution and the best arguments for and against term limits. *Sponsored by John Agliatoro and Howard Rich.*

### [Timothy Huebner: The Civil War Era and American Constitutionalism](#)

12 p.m., Monday, February 13

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

**Timothy Huebner**, author of *Liberty and Union*, provides a re-examination of the Civil War era, exploring how the African American understanding of constitutional equality helped transform a war for the Union into a war for emancipation and equal rights. Includes book sale.

### [Presidents Day Weekend](#)

Regular museum hours, Saturday, February 18 and Monday, February 20

Extended museum hours, 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sunday, February 19

*Free Admission on Presidents Day, Monday, February 20, 2017 courtesy of TD Bank, through the TD Charitable Foundation.*

Visitors can celebrate Presidents Day Weekend, February 18 – February 20, at the National Constitution Center with a variety of special family-friendly programs and activities including arts and crafts, games, and interactive shows. Visitors will learn about the role of the president and what it takes to be commander-in-chief.

### [Reshaping Policing for the 21st Century](#)

6:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 21

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

**Barry Friedman**, director of the Policing Project at NYU School of Law and author of the new book *Unwarranted*, explores with other experts the national conversation around the changing role of police — from neighborhood beat cops to NSA analysts. Includes book sale.

## **March Events**

### **Women’s History Month**

Throughout March, the Constitution Center will host a variety of special programs in honor of Women’s History Month. Visitors can explore the museum’s [\*The Story of We the People\*](#) exhibit to discover defining moments in women’s history, test their knowledge of women’s history at the Constitution Center’s giant game board activity, and participate in a music video workshop that looks at the Women’s Suffrage Movement, inspired by Lady Gaga. Artifact highlights include a collection of artifacts from Susan B. Anthony and the movement for women’s suffrage.

### ***Press Preview for American Spirits: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition***

12 noon, Thursday, March 2 – Bogle Chairman’s Room

The National Constitution Center is bringing back *American Spirits: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition*, its critically acclaimed exhibit that brings the story of Prohibition vividly to life. Press are invited to a luncheon and sneak preview.

### **American Spirits: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition: Opening Party**

5:30 – 8:30 p.m., Thursday, March 2

*Members & Invitation-only*

The Constitution Center hosts an exclusive preview of *American Spirits: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition* including light fare, a Town Hall program on the constitutional history of Prohibition, and more.

Visit [constitutioncenter.org/debate](http://constitutioncenter.org/debate) for ticket information.

### **The Future of the Affordable Care Act**

6:30 p.m., Monday, March 6

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

After the 2016 election, President Obama’s signature domestic achievement may be in jeopardy. Law professors **Josh Blackman** and **Abbe Gluck** join healthcare reporter **Julie Rovner** to explore the ability of the new president and Congress to change the Act, the constitutional stakes, and the next steps for health care reform. Includes book sale.

### ***Traveling America’s Town Hall Program –***

#### **Resolved: U.S. Supreme Court Justices Should Be Subject To Term Limits**

5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 7 – The Debate Chamber at Old Parkland, Dallas, TX

*Sponsored by the John Templeton Foundation. Presented in partnership with The Federalist Society and the American Constitution Society.*

### **Girl Scout Day**

8 a.m. – 3 p.m., Saturday, March 11

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*Scouts \$14, Adults \$12, one free chaperon for every 10 scouts*

The museum's education staff takes girl scouts on a journey back in time to learn about our nation's greatest women heroes, from suffragists to Supreme Court Justices. Girl Scouts of all ages can participate in women's history programs, including interactive trivia games, exclusive exhibit, and a one-of-a-kind music video workshop. Plus, Girl Scouts can work towards their Citizen Legacy Badges, and all scouts will receive a special National Constitution Center fun patch.

### **Boy Scout and Cub Scout Day**

8 a.m. – 3 p.m., Merit Badge Counseling: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, March 25

*Scouts \$14, Adults \$12, one free chaperon for every 10 scouts*

At the National Constitution Center, scouts can enjoy an action-packed day learning about American history and the importance of good citizenship—all while meeting merit badge or adventure requirements.

### **Living News Spring 2017**

Available between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. daily, Monday, March 27– Friday, June 2

*Free with general admission, group reservations recommended*

Featuring three engaging actors who play multiple roles, Living News introduces controversial constitutional issues and encourages the students to explore their own points of view. Following the performance, students engage in dialogue about these timely issues along with the museum's education staff. Admission also includes special educator resources.

### **Geoffrey Stone: Sex, Religion, and the Constitution**

12 p.m., Friday, March 31

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

**Geoffrey Stone**, leading constitutional scholar and author of *Sex and the Constitution*, traces the evolution of legal and moral codes that have attempted to legislate issues as explosive and divisive as abortion, same-sex marriage, pornography, and contraception, from the ancient world to today. Includes book sale.

### **14th Annual John M. Templeton, Jr. Lecture**

Coming March 2017

*Members-only*

The annual John M. Templeton, Jr. Lecture on Economic Liberties and the Constitution, featuring some of America's most important thinkers and policymakers, returns this March.

Visit [constitutioncenter.org/debate](http://constitutioncenter.org/debate) for updates.

### **April – Save the Date**

#### **Freedom Day**

All day, Thursday, April 13

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The **National Constitution Center’s** third annual Freedom Day encourages people of all ages to explore the future of freedom. An invitation-only symposium featuring America’s thought leaders from the left and the right who will converge in Philadelphia to explore areas where both sides agree and disagree about the future of freedom. Visit [constitutioncenter.org/freedom-day](http://constitutioncenter.org/freedom-day) for more information and to learn how to participate in the classroom or on campus.

***Please note: All programs are subject to change. Please call 215-409-6700 or visit [constitutioncenter.org](http://constitutioncenter.org) for the most up-to-date program information.***

### **Feature Exhibits**

#### ***Powers of the President***

##### **Through Inauguration Day, January 20, 2017**

This exhibit explores the nature of executive power under the Constitution, and how various presidents have exercised it over time. Discover both key actions by well-known presidents as well as the constitutional legacies of lesser known “forgotten presidents,” and the impact that they all have had while holding our nation’s highest office.

#### ***American Spirits: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition***

##### **March 3 through July 16, 2017**

The National Constitution Center is bringing back *American Spirits: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition*, its critically acclaimed exhibit that brings the story of Prohibition vividly to life. The exhibit, created by the National Constitution Center, uses a mix of artifacts and engaging visitor activities to take visitors back in time to the dawn of the temperance movement, through the Roaring ’20s, and to the unprecedented repeal of a constitutional amendment.

#### ***Constituting Liberty: From the Declaration to the Bill of Rights***

##### **Through December 2017**

The National Constitution Center is proud to display one of the 12 surviving copies of the Bill of Rights. The Museum of We the People is the first institution in Pennsylvania to exhibit this historic document to the general public. It has been preserved as part of The New York Public Library’s renowned research collection for over 100 years. The Bill of Rights is displayed alongside a first edition Stone Engraving of the Declaration of Independence and a rare copy of the first public printing of the U.S. Constitution in the brand new George H.W. Bush Gallery.

### **Ticket Information – NEW as of January 2, 2017**

#### **General Admission:**

Adults \$14.50; Youth (6-18) \$11; Students w/ID and Seniors \$13. Active military personnel and children ages 5 and under are free.

#### **Feature Exhibit: *American Spirits: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition* March 3 – July 16, 2017**

Adults \$17.50; Youth (6-18) \$14; Students w/ID and Seniors \$16. Includes general admission to the National Constitution Center. Free for members. Active military personnel and children ages 5 and under are free.

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### **About the National Constitution Center**

The [National Constitution Center](http://www.constitutioncenter.org) in Philadelphia inspires citizenship as the only place where people across America and around the world can come together to learn about, debate, and celebrate the greatest vision of human freedom in history, the U.S. Constitution. A private, nonprofit organization, the Center serves as America’s leading platform for constitutional education and debate, fulfilling its Congressional charter “to disseminate information about the U.S. Constitution on a nonpartisan basis.” As the **Museum of We the People**, the Center brings the Constitution to life for visitors of all ages through interactive programs and exhibits. As **America’s Town Hall**, the Center brings the leading conservative and liberal thought leaders together to debate the Constitution on all media platforms. As a center for **Civic Education**, the Center delivers the best educational programs and online resources that inspire, excite, and engage citizens about the U.S. Constitution. For more information, call 215-409-6700 or visit [constitutioncenter.org](http://constitutioncenter.org).

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