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**NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER ANNOUNCES NEW *AMERICA'S TOWN HALL*
PROGRAMS FOR SUMMER 2020**

Former Philadelphia Police Commissioner Charles Ramsey and Yale Law School's Tracey Meares to explore the constitutional dimensions of policing, protests, and equal protection

Speakers include first female Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, historian Joanne Freeman, and political scientist Norman Ornstein

Philadelphia, PA (June 16, 2020) – Today, the National Constitution Center released a slate of new summer 2020 programs in its popular *America's Town Hall* series of constitutional conversations and debates. All events are free to the public and will be held online.

As part of the National Constitution Center and *The Atlantic's* joint online project, [The Battle for the Constitution](#), on June 30, the Center will host a symposium exploring the constitutional dimensions of policing, protests, and equal protection with **Tracey Meares** of Yale Law School, former Philadelphia Police Commissioner **Charles Ramsey**, and other experts. The symposium will also examine constitutional questions raised during the pandemic with contributors of the online project **Polly Price** and **Adam White** and **Deborah Pearlstein** of Cardozo Law.

Headlining the lineup of programs is former Secretary of State **Madeleine Albright**, who will join the Center's President and CEO **Jeffrey Rosen** on Tuesday, June 16, for a conversation about her distinguished career, public service, and women's leadership. This program is part of the Center's yearlong [Women and the Constitution](#) initiative, which convenes America's top women leaders and scholars to examine the historical and constitutional background of the 19th Amendment and the importance of equal citizenship for women.

Other featured programs will include a discussion on the Congress in times of crisis with **Edward Ayers** of the University of Richmond, **Joanne Freeman** of Yale University, and **Norman Ornstein** of the American Enterprise Institute.

Additional programs will be added. Up-to-date program information is available at constitutioncenter.org/debate.

Upcoming *America's Town Hall* programming:

A Conversation with Secretary Madeleine Albright

June 16, 12:30 p.m. EDT

Free Online

As part of the National Constitution Center's yearlong Women and the Constitution initiative in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, join former U.S. Secretary of State

Madeleine Albright—America’s first female secretary of state—as she reflects on her career in public service, women’s leadership, and her new book, *Hell and Other Destinations*. **Jeffrey Rosen**, president and CEO of the National Constitution Center, moderates. *This program is made possible through the generous support of The John P. & Anne Welsh McNulty Foundation and as part of the Center’s [celebration of the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment](#). **Registration information [here](#).***

Congress in Times of Crisis

June 22, 7 p.m. EDT

Free Online

Join historians **Edward Ayers** of the University of Richmond and **Joanne Freeman** of Yale University and political scientist **Norman Ornstein** of the American Enterprise Institute for a program exploring Congress in times of crisis from America’s founding, through the Civil War to today. **Jeffrey Rosen**, president and CEO of the National Constitution Center, moderates. **Registration information [here](#).**

The Current Battle for the Constitution: A Symposium

June 30, 6:30 p.m. EDT

Free Online

The National Constitution Center hosts a symposium bringing together contributors to *The Atlantic* and the Center’s joint online project, The Battle for the Constitution. The program begins with a conversation featuring contributors **Polly Price** and **Adam White** and **Deborah Pearlstein** of Cardozo Law, to explore the key constitutional issues raised by the coronavirus crisis. The second panel, featuring **Tracey Meares** of Yale Law School, former Philadelphia Police Commissioner **Charles Ramsey**, and other experts, will explore the constitutional dimensions of policing, protests, and equal protection. **Jeffrey Rosen**, president and CEO of the National Constitution Center, moderates. *This program is presented in partnership with The Atlantic and in conjunction with [The Battle for the Constitution](#) website, exploring the top issues of today from a constitutional perspective. This program is also made possible through generous support from the John Templeton Foundation. **Registration information [here](#).***

The National Constitution Center’s *America’s Town Hall* series features distinguished leaders, scholars, authors, and journalists who speak on the most significant constitutional topics of our time. The Center’s online *America’s Town Hall* programs are free. Viewers can register for the Zoom sessions at constitutioncenter.org/debate or watch from youtube.com/ConstitutionCenter. Archived *America’s Town Hall* programs can be found on the *Interactive Constitution* at constitutioncenter.com/interactive-constitution/media-library.

The National Constitution Center offers Continuing Legal Education credit in-person at *America’s Town Hall* programs and on-demand online. Programs are available for CLE credit in various states. Visit constitutioncenter.org/CLE for additional information.

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About the National Constitution Center

The [National Constitution Center](#) in Philadelphia brings together people of all ages and perspectives, across America and around the world, 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 **Headquarters for Civic Education**, the Center delivers the best educational programs and online resources that inspire citizens and engage all Americans in learning about the U.S. Constitution. For more information, call 215-409-6700 or visit constitutioncenter.org.