

AMERICA'S TOWN HALL

Timely constitutional conversations uniting thought
leaders from all sides of the debate



Former Philadelphia Mayor **Michael Nutter** on
his life in public service



Justice **Ruth Bader Ginsburg** on her
25 years on the Supreme Court
Open to 1787 Society Members only.



Yale Law School Dean **Heather Gerken** on how
the right and left can unite around federalism

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Dear Friends,

As we begin the new year, I'm thrilled to share our winter season of *America's Town Hall*. As always, we are committed to bringing together the best thinkers on the left, right, and center to explore the most important constitutional issues facing our country. We will begin by exploring the constitutional legacies of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and the late Justice Antonin Scalia. In February, we will hold a Justice Scalia retrospective, featuring conversations about the late Justice's legacy with leading scholars and Supreme Court advocates. A week later, we will welcome Justice Ginsburg back to the Center for a wide-ranging conversation in celebration of her 25 years on the Supreme Court!

All of you are devoted to life-long learning about the Constitution. And that's why I'm so excited about the rest of the winter season, which is filled with engaging constitutional conversations and excellent speakers, including events with former Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter and Yale Law School Dean Heather Gerken. We will also explore some of the most important constitutional issues at the Supreme Court and in the news, bringing together leading lawyers to debate how best to balance free speech and equality in one of the biggest Supreme Court cases this term, *Masterpiece Cakeshop*. We will host book talks covering topics ranging from the history of gun rights in America to the future of big government. And we will also bring together leading historians including Jon Meacham and Joseph Ellis to discuss the enduring importance of America's Founding.

Finally, I'm excited to share my newest book with my National Constitution Center family! Part of *The American Presidents Series*, it explores the constitutional legacy of the only man to serve as both president and chief justice of the United States — William Howard Taft. On March 20, to celebrate the launch of the book, I will sit down to discuss our most judicial president and presidential chief justice with one of America's leading jurists (and a fellow Taft enthusiast), Judge Douglas Ginsburg of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, who told me that "William Howard Taft is the most under-appreciated constitutional figure since George Mason," who refused to sign the Constitution because it contained no Bill of Rights.

The National Constitution Center is a private nonprofit whose inspiring work is made possible by our Members. That's why the greatest access to our *America's Town Hall* programming comes with membership. Please join us for as many of these wonderful programs as possible, at the Center or online at constitutioncenter.org.



With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey Rosen". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over the printed name.

Jeffrey Rosen

President & CEO

National Constitution Center

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WEDNESDAY
JAN 10

6 P.M.



Revisiting the Founding Era

Free

Join historians **Carol Berkin** and **Denver Brunzman**, community leader **Farah Jimenez**, and others as they discuss priceless documents from the Founding era, highlight the enduring importance of America's Founding, and discuss how Founding era documents and debates can help guide conversations that resonate today within communities often left out of the Founding narrative, including minorities, women, and others.

*In partnership with the **Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History** as a part of the new National Endowment for the Humanities funded initiative, Revisiting the Founding Era*

THURSDAY
JAN 25

6:30 P.M.

For Debate

Can a Baker Refuse to Create a Cake for a Same-Sex Wedding?

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

Join experts, including **Stephanie Barclay** of the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, for a debate on one of the most-watched Supreme Court cases this term – *Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission* – involving free speech, religious liberty, and equal rights.

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WEDNESDAY
JAN 31

6:30 P.M.



Mayor Michael Nutter
My Life in Public Service

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

Hear from two-term Philadelphia Mayor **Michael Nutter**, author of *Mayor: The Best Job in Politics*, as he shares anecdotes and insights from his time in office about the challenges and rewards of a life in public service.

MONDAY
FEB 5

12 P.M.



Armed in America
A History of Gun Rights from Colonial Militias
to Concealed Carry

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

Historian **Patrick Charles** joins legal scholar **Brannon Denning** for a sweeping historical discussion and debate about how the right to bear arms has been interpreted from America's Founding to today.

WEDNESDAY
FEB 7

6-7:45 P.M.



Justice Antonin Scalia
Life and Legacy

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The Center commemorates the constitutional legacy of the late Justice Antonin Scalia two years after his death. **Edward Whelan**, leading Supreme Court commentator and editor of *Scalia Speaks*, will present Justice Scalia's opinions in his own words. A conversation with **Rick Hasen**, author of *The Justice of Contradiction*, and **Kannon Shanmugam**, leading Supreme Court advocate and former Scalia law clerk, follows.

MONDAY
FEB 12

6 P.M.

Exclusive
1787 Society
Member
Event

A Conversation with Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Open to 1787 Society Members only
Tickets are limited and will be available on January 11

Justice **Ruth Bader Ginsburg** joins Center President and CEO **Jeffrey Rosen** for a wide-ranging conversation in celebration of the 25th anniversary of her appointment to the U.S. Supreme Court.

In partnership with the **University of Pennsylvania Law School** as a part of the *Owen J. Roberts Memorial Lecture in Constitutional Law*

WINTER PROGRAMS

THURSDAY
MAR 1

6:30 P.M.

How the Right and Left Can Unite around Federalism

Free for 1787 Society Members • \$10 Members, teachers & students
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Yale Law School dean and constitutional law scholar **Heather Gerken** explores how federalism can become an extraordinarily powerful bi-partisan tool and a source for compromise when searching for a workable approach to some of today's most contentious policy issues, including policing, health care, and immigration, among others.

In partnership with Yale Law School

THURSDAY
MAR 15

8–9:30 P.M.

Renewing the Founders' Promise

Free

America's leading historians, including **Joseph Ellis** and **Jon Meacham**, will join Issue One co-founder and CEO **Nick Penniman**, for an important discussion about the Founders' vision for American democracy, our shared national values, and how to restore the Founders' vision in our own time.

In partnership with Issue One

TUESDAY
MAR 20

6:30 P.M.

William Howard Taft and the Constitution

Free for 1787 Society Members • \$10 Members, teachers & students
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Center President and CEO **Jeffrey Rosen** argues that William Howard Taft was our most judicial president and presidential chief justice and explores Taft's crucial role in shaping how America balances populism with the rule of law. Rosen will be interviewed by Judge **Douglas Ginsburg**, who calls Taft "the most under-appreciated constitutional figure since George Mason."



WEDNESDAY
MAR 21

12 P.M.

The Case for Big Government

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

Jon Michaels, law professor and author of *Constitutional Coup: Privatization's Threat to the American Republic*, presents a case for the federal administrative state that will engage its defenders and critics alike.



GENERAL INFO

REGISTRATION

- ★ Registration is recommended for all programs. For tickets, visit constitutioncenter.org/debate, call **215.409.6700** during museum hours, or visit our **Box Office**.
- ★ For faster check-in, present your eTicket at registration.
- ★ Seating begins one hour prior to program start time, and programs last approximately one hour unless otherwise noted.
- ★ Programs begin promptly and latecomers will be seated at the discretion of event staff.

PARKING

- ★ Discounted parking is available for most programs in the Center's parking garage on a first-come, first-served basis. The entrance to our garage is located at the rear of the museum on Race Street, between 5th and 6th Streets.

ACCESSIBILITY

- ★ Assistive listening systems are available for programs located in the F.M. Kirby Auditorium and the Sidney Kimmel Theater free of charge. Advance notice is not required; supplies are limited.

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- ★ All sales are final. There are no refunds or exchanges. Inclement weather is not a cause for refund unless a program is canceled.
- ★ Program topics and speakers are subject to change. Visit constitutioncenter.org/debate for the most up-to-date schedule of events.



Includes book sale

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MEMBER PROGRAMS & EVENTS

WEDNESDAY
FEB 21

6:30 P.M.

Copy
of Book
Included!



Dissent

The History of an American Idea

\$30 with Membership

Don't miss a special Members-only program with **Ralph Young**, Temple University history professor, exploring the key role dissent has played in shaping the U.S. — from colonial days to the present. Admission includes one drink ticket, light fare, a copy of Young's book *Dissent*, and a book signing.

THURSDAY
MAR 22

1 P.M. & 3 P.M.

Guided Tour

New Exhibit on Alexander Hamilton

Free with Membership

Get a sneak peek of our newest exhibit before it opens to the public with a private tour! Discover the constitutional arguments that shaped our nation — as told through the countless clashes between the unforgettable Founding Father Alexander Hamilton and his rivals.

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