Center for Constitutional Studies

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The Center for Constitutional Studies is a nonpartisan, academic institute that promotes the study, instruction, and research of constitutionalism. In particular, it examines important constitutional issues found at the intersections of political thought, public policy, public law, religion, history, and economics. Employing a multidisciplinary approach, the Center seeks to more effectively equip a new generation of citizens and leaders with a broad understanding of political thought and economic and political practices critical to the perpetuation of constitutional government, ordered liberty, and the rule of law.

The Center promotes educational, scholarly, and public outreach endeavors across the state, the region, the nation, and the globe. It partners with the Political Science Program and other university entities on timely and important projects and events, and supports and promotes the Constitutional Studies minor.

Via its prestigious academic events, excellent constitutional studies course offerings, and character-building mentoring program, the Center has emerged as a leader in the fields of constitutional studies and civic leadership.

Recognized for its vision and accomplishments, the Center has hosted such prominent academicians and renowned figures as: two-time Pulitzer Prize winner, David McCullough; U.S. Court of Appeals Judge, Thomas B. Griffith; award-winning author and Harvard University Professor of Law, Noah Feldman; former Utah Governor, Michael O. Leavitt; Founding Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Governor Thomas Ridge; University of Pennsylvania Professor of Law and History, Sarah Barringer Gordon; and the Robert E. Scott Distinguished Professor of Law and Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Virginia, Douglas Laycock. The Center has truly emerged as a regional hub and national force for constitutional studies, driving and shaping debate on important constitutional, political, and economic issues facing the state of Utah, the Mountain West region, and the nation.

Regular public forums include Constitution Week Conferences, Religious Freedom Symposia, and many other lectures and events dealing with key political and constitutional issues.

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