

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW SCHOLARS

MARCH 28-29, 2025 | HACIENDA DEL SOL GUEST RANCH, TUCSON, ARIZONA

CONFERENCE AGENDA

(all times MST; all presentations in Casa Luna)

Friday, Mar. 28, 2025

8:30–9 a.m. **BREAKFAST** in the inner courtyard

9–10:30 a.m. (A) ADMIN/EXECUTIVE POWERS—Distinguished Commentator Amanda Tyler

▶ Bijal Shah—Politicized Informal Adjudication

▶ **Zachary Price**—Congress's Struggle for Fiscal Control

▶ Nathaniel Donahue—Officers at Common Law

▶ David Froomkin—The President's Duty to Commission Officers

9–10:30 a.m. (B) JURISPRUDENCE—Distinguished Commentator Charles Barzun

▶ Rachel Bayefsky—Traditionalism and Feminism in Constitutional Rights Interpretation

▶ Paul Gowder—Ameliorative Constitutionalism

▶ **Jodi Short**—The Moral Turn in Administrative Law

▶ Daniel Rice—The Moral Complacency of Federal Indian Law

10:30–11 a.m. **BREAK**

11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. (A) FEDERALISM—Distinguished Commentator Saikrishna Prakash

▶ **Stephen Griffin**—The Supreme Court's New Map of Federalism

▶ Charles Tyler—The Conventional Safeguards of Federalism

▶ **Justin Weinstein-Tull**—Federalism for the People

▶ **Desiree LeClercq**—Resisting Federal Preemption

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (B) **DEMOCRACY**—Distinguished Commentator **Edward Foley**

▶ Ashraf Ahmed—The Two Faces of Representation

▶ Jacob Eisler—Populist Primacy

▶ **Tom Donnelly**—Popular Constitutionalism in a Populist Age

▶ Abigail Moncrieff—Constitutional Technocracy

12:30–1:45 p.m. **LUNCH**

1:45–3:15 p.m. (A) **Lightning Session—STRUCTURE**

▶ Emily Berman—Trump v US and Congressional Oversight

Nicholas Handler—The Administrative Law of McCarthyism

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- ▶ Tyler Lindley—The Law of Certiorari
- ▶ Edward Foley—Tournament Voting
- ▶ Quinn Yeargain—State Governments with Federal Scaffolds
- ▶ Jonathan Shaub—Congressional Inquiry in Impeachment
- ▶ **Jed Shugerman**—The UnSeparation of Powers
- ▶ Daniel Epps, Conor Clarke —Time and the Structural Constitution

1:45–3:15 p.m. (B) **EQUALITY**—Distinguished Commentator **Seana Shiffrin**

- ▶ W. Kerrel Murray—Discriminatory Effects
- ▶ Laura Portuondo—The Myth of Equal Protection
- ▶ Rebecca Zietlow—A Constitution of Liberation

3:15–4 p.m. **BREAK**

4–5 p.m. **KEYNOTE ADDRESS—Martha Minow**—*Teaching Constitutional Law in 2025*

7–8:30 p.m. **PRIVATE DINNER** for panelists, lightning round participants, and commentators

Saturday, Mar. 29, 2025

8:30–9 a.m. **BREAKFAST** in the inner courtyard

9–10:30 a.m. (A) **Lightning Session—RIGHTS**

- ▶ Nicholas Serafin—Some Realism about Parental Rights
- ▶ Jacob Charles—Second Amendment Standing
- ▶ Steve Sanders—The Constitution and Academic Judicial Deference
- ▶ Joseph Schottenfeld—Constitutional Rights Against Courts
- ▶ Danny Li—The Ideal of Queer Integration
- ▶ Noah Smith-Drelich—Is "Bivens" Dead?

9–10:30 a.m. (B) **Lightning Session—JURISPRUDENCE**

- ▶ Andrew Jordan—Metaphysikers and Pragmatists: The Real Divide in Constitutional Theory
- ▶ Jack Thorlin—The Future of Originalism
- ▶ Susan Yorke—Precedent Great and Small
- ▶ Christopher Havasy—Lobbying and Political Equality in the Administrative State
- ▶ Aaron Bruhl—The General Law and the Local Law of Interpretation

10:30–10:45 a.m. **BREAK**

10:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m. (A) **FEDERAL COURTS**—Distinguished Commentator **Seth Davis**

- ▶ Joseph Blocher, Brandon Garrett—Applying History as Law: The Role of Historical Facts in Implementing Constitutional Doctrine
- ▶ Haley Proctor—Law and Fact in Agency Action
- ▶ Joel Johnson—Major-Questions Lenity
- ▶ Riley Keenan—Patchwork Methodological Precedent

10:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m. (B) INTERPRETATION—Distinguished Commentator Samuel Bray

- ▶ Deborah Pearlstein—The Impact of Movement "Originalism" on American Legal Polarization
- ▶ Victoria Nourse—American Legal Revolution
- ▶ Daniel Deacon—Statutory Liquidation
- Joshua C. Macey, Kaitan Ramakrishnan, & Brian M. Richardson—Against General Law Constitutionalism