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NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW SCHOLARS

MARCH 6–7, 2026 | WESTIN LA PALOMA, TUCSON, ARIZONA

CONFERENCE AGENDA

(all times MST)

Friday, Mar. 6, 2026

- 8:30–9 a.m. BREAKFAST
- 9–10:30 a.m. (A) **EQUALITY AND INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS**—Distinguished Commentator **Deborah Hellman**
- ▶ **Danny Li**—*Being Queer in Public*
 - ▶ **William Araiza**—*Rebooting Equal Protection*
 - ▶ **Maureen Edozor & Brandon Hogan**—*Status, Not Race*
 - ▶ **Abigail Moncrieff**—*The Uncertainty Principal: A Reconceptualization of Individual Substantive Rights*
- 9–10:30 a.m. (B) **EXECUTIVE POWER**—Distinguished Commentator **Christopher Walker**
- ▶ **Andrea Katz & Ofra Bloch**—*The Tariffs Case and the Major Questions Doctrine: An Outcome in Search of a Theory*
 - ▶ **David Froomkin**—*Presidency Exceptionalism*
 - ▶ **Ilya Somin**—*Immigration is Not Invasion*
 - ▶ **Simona Grossi**—*First Amendment and the Executive Power*
- 10:30–11 a.m. BREAK
- 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. (A) **COURTS**—Distinguished Commentator **Ilya Somin**
- ▶ **Joel Johnson**—*The New Criminal Docket and the Clemency Court*
 - ▶ **Oren Tamir**—*Statutory Interpretation Around the World*
 - ▶ **Joseph Blocher & Brandon Garrett**—*Historians as Experts in Constitutional Law*
- 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. (B) **INTERPRETATION AND JURISPRUDENCE**—Distinguished Commentator **Adam Samaha**
- ▶ **Travis Crum**—*Liquidating Reconstruction*
 - ▶ **Bill Watson & Nina Varsava**—*Originalism's General-Law Turn*
 - ▶ **Matthew Lawrence & Mark Nevitt**—*Reviving the Military's Term Limit*
- 12:30–1:45 p.m. LUNCH

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- 1:45–3:15 p.m. (A) **STRUCTURE**—Lightning Session
- ▶ **Emily Berman**—*Internal Separation of Powers in the Unitary Executive Era*
 - ▶ **Anja Bossow**—*The Dual State Redux*
 - ▶ **Jonathan Shaub**—*Constitutional Borrowing and State Executive Power*
 - ▶ **Charles Tyler & Katherine Mims Crocker**—*Interstate Intolerance*
 - ▶ **Nicholas Handler**—*Patronage Law*
 - ▶ **Chris Havasy**—*Undermining Agency Accountability/Law of Democracy for Actual Democratic Governance*
 - ▶ **Kerrel Murray**—*Reconstructing Parties*
- 1:45–3:15 p.m. (B) **SEPARATION OF POWERS**—Distinguished Commentator **Daniel Epps**
- ▶ **Joshua Braver**—*Deference Due? “Considers” and the Insurrection Act*
 - ▶ **Jacob Eisler**—*Unexceptional Election Law*
 - ▶ **Gregory Elinson**—*Reclaiming a Liberal Presidency*
- 3:15–4 p.m. BREAK
- 4–5 p.m. **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**—**Mila Sohoni**—*The Strange Career of Judicial Restraint*
- 7–8:30 p.m. PRIVATE DINNER for panelists, lightning round participants, and commentators

Saturday, Mar. 7, 2026

- 8:30–9 a.m. BREAKFAST
- 9–10:30 a.m. (A) **JURISPRUDENCE**—Lightning Session
- ▶ **Zachary Price**—*Practice as Perfection in Constitutional Law*
 - ▶ **Adam Samaha**—*Individualization Under Law—Before the Machines*
 - ▶ **Amit Singh**—*The Death of Dicta*
 - ▶ **Ned Foley**—*Contemporary Public Meaning*
 - ▶ **Jonathan Green**—*Precedent’s Past*
 - ▶ **Jonathan Shaub**—*The Stickiness of Executive Branch Precedent*
- 9–10:30 a.m. (B) **RIGHTS**—Lightning Session
- ▶ **Andrew Koppelman & Michael Judah**—*New Hallmarks Test*
 - ▶ **Charles Capps**—*A Unified Theory of State Action*
 - ▶ **Jacob Charles**—*A Youngstown Framework for History & Tradition*
 - ▶ **Zalman Rothschild**—*(Un)constitutional Indoctrination*
 - ▶ **Nicholas Serafin**—*Free Exercise Traditionalism*
 - ▶ **Jodi Short**—*Misrecognizing Tyranny*
- 10:30–10:45 a.m. BREAK
- 10:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m. **SPEECH**—Distinguished Commentator **Mark Tushnet**
- ▶ **Dessie Otachliska**—*The Shadow Editor: Government Entrenchment in Expressive Institutions*
 - ▶ **Christina Koningisor**—*The Press’s Two Bodies*
 - ▶ **Wanling Su**—*What is Assembly?*