



Constitution Day Speaker

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Jefferson's Revolutionary Constitution: Paradox and Potential

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2014
12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

Kravis Center, Third Floor, Board Room 367

Claremont McKenna College

Lunch will be provided.

Seating is limited.

Please RSVP to ehuerta@cmc.edu by Wednesday Sept 17.

When the author of the Declaration first read the Constitution, he confided three criticisms to his friend James Madison. Two eventually became part of the Constitution, but the third did not. This talk will explore the significance of Jefferson's Constitution -- what he did and did not get-- for our politics today.

Jeremy D. Bailey is the Ross M. Lence Distinguished Teaching Chair at the University of Houston, where he is an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science and the Honors College. His research examines the contest between law and opinion in American political and constitutional development, particularly with respect to questions of executive power. His major publications include Thomas Jefferson and Executive Power (Cambridge University Press 2007), "The New Unitary Executive and Democratic Theory" (American Political Science Review 2008), and The Contested Removal Power, 1789-2010 (University Press of Kansas, 2013), which was coauthored with David Alvis and Flagg Taylor. In addition to collaborating on a longterm project on unilateral orders, Bailey is currently finishing a book on Madison's response to Jefferson and beginning a book on the theory of presidential representation.

Bailey attended Rhodes College and received his Ph.D. from Boston College, where his dissertation won the APSA's E. E. Schattschneider Prize for best dissertation in American politics. In 2014, he was awarded the University of Houston's Provost Teaching Excellence Award for his introductory class on US Politics.

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