

Developing a Constitutional Conscience

★ Wednesday, Sept. 16

10:20 a.m. — Free Speech on University Campuses: The State of Play
Lecture by Bruce Barry, Vanderbilt University professor and author of *Speechless: The Erosion of Free Expression in the American Workplace*. **KUC Theater** (sponsored by John Seigenthaler Chair in First Amendment Studies)

11:30 a.m. — State of the First Amendment
Gene Policinski, vice president/executive director First Amendment Center, presents results from a survey of American attitudes and opinions on First Amendment issues. **KUC Theater** (sponsored by John Seigenthaler Chair in First Amendment Studies)

2:20 p.m. — Freedom Sings
A critically acclaimed multimedia experience featuring an all-star cast including hit songwriters and Grammy Award-winning artists showcases music that has been banned, censored, or has sounded a call for social change. **Tucker Theatre** (sponsored by John Seigenthaler Chair in First Amendment Studies)

★ Thursday, Sept. 17: CONSTITUTION DAY!

Noon — Reading of the Constitution will begin with President Sidney A. McPhee.
10-2 p.m. — Campus celebration! Civil Discourse open mike, signing and reading aloud of the Constitution (free copies), appearance by James and Dolley Madison. **KUC Knoll** (sponsored by American Democracy Project)

9:40 a.m. — The Internet and the First Amendment
Journalist John Seigenthaler moderating a panel featuring Robert Cox, Media Bloggers Association; Nashville attorney Lew Conner; model Liskula Cohen, who won a lawsuit forcing Google to identify an anonymous blogger; and Srinandan Kasi, Associated Press. **KUC Theater** (sponsored by John Seigenthaler Chair in First Amendment Studies)

11:20 a.m. — Panel on the First Amendment Freedoms
Exploring the state of the five freedoms — religion, speech, press, assembly, and petition — and what they mean in today's society. Panelists include John Seigenthaler; Richard Land, Southern Baptist Convention Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission; and Elaine Jones, NAACP Legal Defense Fund. **KUC Theater** (sponsored by John Seigenthaler Chair in First Amendment Studies)

1 p.m. — Torture, Democracy and the American Press
Author/journalist/professor Mark Danner has written about foreign affairs and American politics for more than two decades, covering Latin America, Haiti, the Balkans, and the Middle East. He was a staff writer at *The New Yorker* and contributes to the *New York Review of Books* and *New York Times Magazine*. **LRC 221** (sponsored by John Seigenthaler Chair in First Amendment Studies and MTSU Distinguished Lecture Committee)

2:40 p.m. — Civil Liberties: Surveillance and Terrorism
Roger Newman will lead a discussion on civil liberties aspects of the War on Terror and technology's impact on the First Amendment. Newman is a professor at the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism and author of *Hugo Black*, finalist for the Pulitzer Prize. He co-authored *Banned Films: Movies, Censors and the First Amendment* and edited *The Constitution and Its Amendments*. **KUC Theater** (sponsored by John Seigenthaler Chair in First Amendment Studies)

7 p.m. — Living Democracy
Susan Griffin, award-winning poet, essayist, playwright, and filmmaker, will discuss her book *Wrestling with the Angel of Democracy: On Being an American Citizen*. Griffin has been a finalist for the National Book Award and the Pulitzer. **State Farm Lecture Hall, BAS** (sponsored by American Democracy Project and the MTSU Distinguished Lecture Committee)

★ Friday, Sept. 18

1-4 p.m. — Workshop on Teaching Democracy: Integrating Themes of Social Responsibility in the Curriculum
A workshop on connecting private and public lives to encourage students to recognize similarities between personal family events/memories and larger histories and issues, which can restore a sense of rightful place within society that is crucial to democracy. Using passages from her books *Wrestling with the Angel of Democracy*, *Chorus of Stones*, and *What Her Body Thought* and her poetry collection *Bending Home*, author Susan Griffin will discuss opening new avenues of inquiry through written reflection. **JUB Faculty Senate Room** (sponsored by American Democracy Project and MTSU Learning, Teaching, and Innovative Technologies Center)

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All week
Thoughts on Democracy: Reinterpreting Norman Rockwell's Four Freedoms Posters
Displays in **KUC** and **Walker Library** (organized by **The Wolfsonian-Florida International University**, sponsored by American Democracy Project)

Constitutional Readings
Display at **Walker Library** (sponsored by James E. Walker Library)

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