

Constitution Day at UMSL

Constitution Day Observance - Thursday, September 17, 2009

MSC - Century Room A-B-C

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

Theme: Conceal & Carry on Campus: Balancing 2nd Amendment Rights with Campus Safety

This year's Constitution Day features presentations on the second amendment and its status in Missouri today and violent crimes in Metropolitan St. Louis. A point-counterpoint debate on Missouri's conceal and carry law will feature State Senator Jim Lembke speaking in favor of the right to bear arms, vs. State Representative Jamilah Nasheed who will speak in favor of gun control. UMSL's InterAct Theatre Troupe will present a skit that raises issues related to conceal and carry on campus. The troupe's skit, designed to facilitate discussion, will be aided by campus experts including campus police, counseling services, residential life and faculty from numerous departments.

Constitution Day Activities

12:30 PM Welcome from the Provost

12:40 PM Professor Dave Robertson, Political Science: A brief history of the 2nd Amendment and its status in Missouri.

12:45 PM Professor Rick Rosenfeld, Criminology and Criminal Justice: Facts about violent crimes in the metropolitan region.

12:50 PM – 1:30 PM Second Amendment Point-Counterpoint Debate on Conceal & Carry: Senator Jim Lembke, District 1, Republican (For Right to Bear Arms) and Representative Jamilah Nasheed, District 60, Democrat (For Gun Control).

PLEASE NOTE: Faculty members bringing class(es) to this event are asked to contact the Center for Teaching and Learning, ctl@umsl.edu, or 314/516-4508, with an estimated number of students.

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