



UAlbany's Constitution Day

September 18

2006

Commemorating President Kermit L. Hall *Visionary Leader and Constitutional Scholar*

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9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Thirty-nine of the 55 Delegates to the Constitutional Convention signed the United States Constitution on September 17, 1787. The Congress, by joint resolution, has designated September 17th as “Citizenship Day” and the week beginning September 17th and ending September 23rd of each year as “Constitution Week”.

The late President Kermit Hall was a nationally recognized expert on the U.S. Constitution and was frequently invited by the local and national media to comment on major U.S. Supreme Court rulings on constitutional rights. He also carried around his own pocket constitution.

Keynote Events

10:00 am Memorial Service for President Kermit L. Hall, Recreation and Convocation Center

**2:00 pm “What is it about the Constitution that inspires and fascinates scholars like President Hall?”
A scholarly round table discussion in the Recital Hall, PAC**

Other Activities:

- **America Rock® “The Preamble”**
Watch this classic School House Rock cartoon treatment of the events leading up to the signing of the Constitution and sing along to the familiar lyrics. Campus Center Lobby.
- **Visit the National Constitution Center’s *A More Perfect Union*** (<http://www.constitutioncenter.org/>)
View the key events leading up to signing of the Constitution.
- **Visit National Constitution Center’s Interactive Timeline and “Save the Bill of Rights”**
The Centuries of Citizenship: A Constitutional Timeline is an online experience highlighting some of the key and events that mark more than 200 years of our constitutional history. Visitors can browse through a collection of stories and head lines—annotated by images, audio and video clips and interactive content—to explore some of the people, events and issues that have shaped the Constitution and the history of our nation. “Save the Bill of Rights” is an interactive game that asks students to identify certain rights contained in the Bill of Rights in order to put them “back together again.”
- **“Mr. Smith Goes to Washington”**
Starring Jimmy Stewart this classic Frank Capra film is still the best and most complex film about American politics. The feature presentation is Monday, September 18th at 8 pm on Channel 16 & 19. Repeat viewings all week.
- **POCKET CONSTITUTION**
Visit any of our Campus Center lobby tables or the keynote events to receive your own —similar to the one carried by President Hall.
- **Voter Registration**
Register to vote all week in the Campus Center lobby

