U.S. CONSTITUTION: CHALLENGES CONFRONTING WE THE PEOPLE TODAY

Monday, September 17, 2018, 11 a.m. – 12 noon
Multipurpose Room, Campus Center, UAlbany

Moderators:
Joel Pierre-Louis, J.D., Assistant Vice-President for Integrated Learning
Joel Pierre-Louis graduated from UAlbany with a Baccalaureate degree in Political Science and received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Virginia School of Law. Prior to joining UAlbany in 2017, he served as Secretary of the State University of New York working with the SUNY Board of Trustees. He has also served as Senior Director of Operations at the Dormitory Authority of the State and as an Associate Counsel in SUNY Administration’s Counsel Office. Mr. Pierre-Louis has taught Constitutional Law at UAlbany and Government Ethics at Albany Law School.

Khadijah Boxill, Graduate Assistant in the Center for Leadership and Service
Khadijah Boxill is a graduate student, pursuing her masters’ degree in Africana Studies in the hopes to become more involved in research and education. Khadijah is a graduate from Binghamton University with a Bachelor of Arts in Africana Studies and Psychology.

Expert Panelist to Present (followed by a Q&A Session):

The Court and the Constitution: The Times They are A-Changing
Presenter: Dr. James Acker, Distinguished Teaching Professor, School of Criminal Justice

Understanding Supreme Court Nominations, Hearings and Process
Presenter: Dr. Matthew Ingram, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science
Professor Ingram teaches and researches on comparative law and politics. His book, Crafting Courts in New Democracies: The Politics of Subnational Judicial Reform in Brazil and Mexico (Cambridge University Press, 2016), focuses on court reform in Brazil and Mexico, and other published work emphasizes justice reform, judicial behavior, and the relationship between legal institutions and violence. He is currently finishing a co-edited volume with Diana Kapiszewski, Beyond High Courts: The Justice Complex in Latin America (University of Notre Dame Press, 2019), and working on another co-edited volume with Diana Kapiszewski, Concepts, Data, and Methods in Comparative Law and Politics (Cambridge University Press, under contract).

The Historical Background of the 25th Amendment and Impeachment Processes
Presenter: Dr. Julie Novkov, Professor/Director of Undergraduate Studies, Political Science
Professor Novkov teaches and researches on US law and constitutionalism. Her writing focuses on struggles for equality and how they have contributed to the development of the United States. She is currently working on a co-edited book with Carol Nackenoff on families and political development, and a solo book on military service and sacrifice by people of color from the Civil War through World War I. She is past president of the Western Political Science Association and the current Chair of the Law and Courts section of the American Political Science Association.

Words and Actions Matter: Claims of Treason and Congressional Failure to Investigate Charges against the Executive Branch
Presenter: Dr. Richard Hamm, Professor of History and Collins Fellow
Richard Hamm is Professor History. He studies the interaction of law and society in the American past. Currently he is writing on civil liberties in the period 1930 to 1960. He is currently looking for his MA thesis comparing impeachment and address of the legislature in early American constitutions.

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