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ANNUAL PROGRAM FEATURES TALK ON LIVING THE CONSTITUTION

AUBURN, AL -- Auburn University will recognize Constitution Day on Wednesday, Sep. 17 at 4:00 p.m. with a lecture by Dr. Steven Harmon Wilson titled "Living the Constitution: Foundations, Fractures, and Future," in Room 2223 of the new Student Center.

Wilson, Associate Dean of Liberal Arts at Tulsa Community College's Metro Campus, will explain the context that has given rise to the question "what does the Constitution mean?", describe major controversies that arose primarily from interpretive disagreements about the Constitution, and offer a modest proposal for moving beyond the current partisan acrimony over judges and courts—an approach that will encourage Americans to "live the Constitution," rather than arguing about it.

Dr. Wilson is the author of *The Rise of Judicial Management in the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas, 1955–2000* (University of Georgia, 2003) and the general editor of a forthcoming encyclopedia of the U.S. justice system.

On September 17, 1787, the Constitutional Congress held its final meeting to sign the Constitution of the United State of America. A law sponsored by Senator Robert Byrd (D-WVA) requires schools receiving federal funds and all federal agencies to conduct educational events about the Constitution on or about Sep. 17.

The lecture is co-sponsored by the Auburn University Office of the Provost, the Auburn University History Department and the Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts & Humanities in the College of Liberal Arts. For more information, call 334-844-4946.

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