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CONSTITUTION DAY PROGRAM FEATURES BRITISH HISTORIAN

AUBURN, Ala. -- Auburn University will recognize Constitution Day on Monday, Sep. 17 at 4:00 p.m. with a lecture by Jeremy Black titled "Framing the New Nation: Responding to the International Challenge, 1775 to 1815," in the Special Collections and Archives Department of the Ralph Brown Draughon Library.

Jeremy Black, professor of history at the University of Exeter in England, is an expert on post-1500 military history, 18th-century British history and international relations. Professor Black is a prolific author whose books include "War: Past, Present, and Future" (2000), "War in the New Century" (2001), "America as a Military Power, 1775-1882" (2002), "The British Seaborne Empire" (2004), and "Rethinking Military History" (2004).

His latest book, "George III: America's Last King," is a comprehensive biography of King George, as one reviewer notes "a literate and carefully crafted portrait of the well-intentioned man who was our last sovereign ruler." Refreshments will follow the lecture, and copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing. Black will also visit a number of classes and be available to students during his visit.

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 September 17.

The lecture is co-sponsored by the Auburn University Office of the Provost, AU History Department, Army ROTC Department, Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts & Humanities in the College of Liberal Arts, AU Libraries, and the AU Bookstore. For more information, call 334-844-4948.

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