
The Responsibilities of Citizenship—Constitution Day

In September of 1787, the Founding Fathers signed the most influential document in American History. For the past twelve years, the Center for Reflective Citizenship at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga has celebrated this day with a program and speaker(s). Make sure to check the calendar section on page – for all the information about this years’ speakers.

Messages from the Board:

President’s note:



In this issue:

- Please take a look at our new Face Book page @FFVFChattanoogaChapter
- Read the exciting News about one of our own! Congratulations to Jeff Scott!! See the Spotlight section page 3.
- Our VP of Youth/Education recently participated in a teacher workshop at Valley Forge. Our chapter was able to provide a small stipend to help with the cost of her flight ticket. Please enjoy her story and photos about her experience at Valley Forge on page 1.
- Take note of our ***Calendar of Meetings & Events!!*** Page 4. Please note the date for Constitution Day at UTC.
 - Please make sure to send in your annual dues.
- Our fundraising goals for this year are: \$10,000 to send 10 local students to the Spring 2023, FFVF Spirit of America Youth program-those dates are March 2-5 and \$2,000 to send two teachers to FFVF Teacher Institutes in summer of 2023. Big goals but we can do this together!

The Board looks forward to seeing you at Constitution Day and at our upcoming in person meeting TBA.

Mrs. Charlotte Ellington

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FFVF Summer Teacher Institute on The First Amendment (June 19-24, 2022)

This was my third summer teacher conference at Freedoms Foundation and my favorite one yet! Jeff Scott and I



both attended this First Amendment teacher conference led by our resident academic scholar Dr. Joe Fornieri, Professor of Political Science at Rochester Institute of Technology. Over the course of 6 days, we joined 34 other teachers from around the country to study, analyze, and discuss the penumbra of issues and events surrounding the 1st Amendment. Meeting on the lovely Freedoms Foundation campus in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, we spent most days deeply engaged in lectures, discussions, presentations, and pedagogy sessions led by Dr. Fornieri, and other academic scholars from organizations such as the Bill of Rights Institute (BRI) and the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression (FIRE). One day was devoted to each of the 5 freedoms outlined in the 1st Amendment.

Additionally, most of us enjoyed a 2-hr. pre-breakfast tour of Valley Forge National Historic Park led by our own Jeff Scott early Monday morning. I also enjoyed walking the National Medal of Honor Grove and the FFVF campus several mornings or afternoons. Most evenings were free this year, but many enjoyed Dr. Joe’s music and fellowship on the back patio of McArthur Hall each evening. Our mid-week highlight was our trip

into historic Philadelphia, where we had an entire morning (including a guided tour) all to ourselves at the National Constitution Center, visiting Framer’s Hall, and special exhibits on the Reconstruction Amendments and the 19th Amendment! We enjoyed boxed lunches on the lawn and visited the Liberty Bell, museums, and a wonderful afternoon at the Faith and Freedom Discovery Center. After our tour of Independence Hall, we enjoyed a traditional Philly Cheesesteak dinner as we ventured on a casual walking tour of historic Philly, including Elfreth’s Alley, a visit to The Book Trader, and ended the evening by indulging ourselves with a delicious ice cream treat at Franklin Fountain! Needless to say, our week was anything but arduous or boring! The instruction and discussion were challenging and exceptional, the experiences and adventures were numerous, and the benefits and advantages received for any classroom teacher were abounding! If you have never attended a summer teacher conference at FFVF, don’t miss another opportunity. You will NOT be sorry!



Pam Fields, FFVF Secretary and Chair of Youth & Education

Social Studies Dept. Chair/Instructor, Hilger Higher Learning; Faculty Director and Lead Teacher, Signal Mountain Christian Co-op; U.S History, Government, Economics Instructor, Scenic City High School Tutorial





Chattanooga Chapter Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge

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National and Chapter Website:

Please continue to access the website and monitor it for updates: <https://www.freedomsfoundation.org>
Presently, this is our chapter website: <https://www.freedomsfoundation.org/tennessee/chattanooga-chapter/>

SPOTLIGHT

Exciting news! Our very own Jeff Scott has been named the new Vice President of Education at the Freedoms Foundation in Valley Forge. Jeff has been a teacher and administrator in our local school systems for many years and has been a dedicated member of our local chapter, even serving as board president. His passion for civic education, our country, and the Freedoms Foundation is hard to match. Jeff hopes to help expand programs for students and teachers, as well as build curriculum to go along with those programs offered. It is Jeff's hope that the Freedoms Foundation campus at Valley Forge will become "THE destination for civic engagement for students and teachers throughout our country."

Jeff brings a great deal of experience in the history and civic field with him to the Freedoms Foundation. In his educational career, he has taught history at the elementary, middle, and high school levels, as well as an adjunct at the university level. He has also served on several committees at the state level regarding U.S. History, including being part of the four-person team that developed the current U.S. History standards for the state of Tennessee. Dr. Scott is always looking to learn and increase his professional knowledge to better help students and teachers he leads. Jeff is currently writing, *Patriotic Fit: THE Foundation to Continued Strength* and in the recent past, Dr. Scott has

participated in the George Washington Teacher Institute, the White House Teacher Institute, the Rendell Center 1st Amendment Institute, as well as many others. His passion for civic education is also seen through his continuous work with the Congressional Medal of Honor Character Development Program and life membership to the Charles H. Coolidge Heritage Center in Chattanooga. To enhance his skills to better serve educators throughout the country, Jeff is starting another master's degree through Gettysburg College in American History and plans to take his certification exam to be a certified tour guide as well! Jeff will be moving to the Philadelphia area with his wife Holly soon and officially starts his new role September 1.



Calendar of Meetings & Events

Sunday, August 14 at 2:30 pm: Chattanooga 202: Chattanooga and the Great War! Chattanooga-Hamilton County Historian **Linda Moss Mines** will lead us through Chattanooga's major contributions to the 'Yanks are Coming' moment in world history. FFVF members and guests, please join us at the Charles L. Coolidge National Medal of Heritage Center 2 W. Aquarium Way, Suite 104. There is no charge for the event.

Sunday, September 11: Patriot Day, Details TBA

Wednesday, September 14--12th Annual Richard Gruetzemacher Constitution Day, Lecture Series—
UTC University Center Auditorium: 7:30-9:00 PM

Center for Reflective Citizenship: The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Co-sponsored by the Probasco Distinguished Chair of Free Enterprise, The College of Health, Education, and Professional Studies, and the Jack Miller Center for Teaching America's Founding Principles and History

A Symposium: Religious Freedom, Economic Freedom, and the Constitution:

Even before the Constitutional Convention and its subsequent ratification, most of the framers were involved in their locales, states, and regions in attempting to address two universal and fundamental human questions: In a democratic republic what constitutes acceptable levels of freedom of (or from) religion?; and what institutions and legal frameworks best increase the chances that individuals and families can materially flourish? In 2022, these questions continue to be hotly debated. In the evening symposium, open to the university community, and the general public, two scholars who have addressed these questions through their own work, and who each is highly effective with students, teachers, and community members, will discuss these topics. CRC Director Lucien Ellington will moderate the symposium and attendees will also have an opportunity to ask questions of symposium participants. The symposium will be live-streamed and recorded.

Symposium Participants:



Anne Rathbone Bradley is currently the George and Sally Mayer Fellow for Economic Education and Vice President of Economic Initiatives at The Fund for American Studies. She is a Professor of Economics at the Institute of World Politics. She is an Affiliate Scholar at the Acton Institute. She received her M.A. and Ph.D. in Economics in 2006 and was a James M. Buchanan Scholar. Dr. Bradley has taught at several colleges and universities including Grove City College, The Kings College, and George Mason University. Dr. Bradley's academic work focuses on domestic issues including income inequality and poverty, civil society, and the relationships between political, economic, and religious freedom. Her international research looks at the political economy of terrorism with specific emphasis on the industrial

organization of al-Qaeda and the emergence of ISIL. Her academic work has been published in scholarly journals and edited volumes, and her essays and articles have appeared in *The Washington Times*, *Washington Examiner*, *The Washington Post*, the *Daily Caller*, *Patheos*, *The Stream* and other news outlets. She is a regular guest on numerous radio shows including several appearances on "In the Market with Janet Parshall," as well as appearing on "Afternoons with Bill Arnold," "Dr. Bill Maier Live," and "Karl and June Mornings."



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Professor Kody Cooper received his M.A. and Ph.D. in Government from the University of Texas–Austin in 2014. Dr. Cooper is currently UC Foundation Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Prior to coming to UTC, Professor Cooper was a postdoctoral research fellow at Princeton University and the University of Missouri. He has also spent one year as a Visiting Scholar at Wolfson College, Cambridge University. He is currently the Chair of the Annual C.S. Lewis Lecture Committee at UTC and President of the Federalist Society Chattanooga Lawyers Chapter. He is author of *Thomas Hobbes and the Natural Law* (University of Notre Dame Press, 2018) and coauthor of *The Classical and Christian Origins of American Politics: Political Theology, Natural Law, and the American Founding* (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2022).

To reserve seats for the evening symposium, or if you have any questions about the event, please email the Center for Reflective Citizenship at crc@utc.edu or call 423-425-5603.

October ?? Picnic at Riverpark--TBA

Saturday, December 10: Holiday Fundraiser Details TBA

FFVF Dues & Membership

In order to continue our mission, it is time to renew your membership with the Chattanooga Chapter of the Freedoms Foundation. Dues are used to provide teacher and student scholarships to attend the immersive educational experiences at the FF at Valley Forge. Remember, we'd love to have others join our Chattanooga Chapter and help us send more students to Valley Forge in the future. For your convenience, a membership application is included with this newsletter. Please mail your contributions or \$25 dues person to:

**Valerie Rutledge, Treasurer
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**Chattanooga Chapter Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge
Membership Application
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Name _____ Spouse _____

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Email Address _____

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**Please mail Annual Dues to
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Dues are \$25 per member per year, January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022

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Remarks/Suggestions are Welcome:
