

# TWENTY YEARS of SCC DEMOCRACY DAYS 2001 - 2020

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## 2001

**Democracy in America: In a Time of Crisis, What Does It Mean?**

panel w/ Hal Berry, Hedy Epstein, ABA Kittoe

**Voting: Issues and Impact** – Ted House & Juli Jones

**Exporting Democracy and Capitalism** – Michael Kuelker & Paul Roesler

*The Global Economy and Democracy* [film]

## 2002

**The Future of Democracy: Participatory Politics in the 21st Century**

Bob Gill

**What Independent Radio Means for Democracy in America** – Michael Kuelker

**Civil Liberties, National Crisis and the Constitution: Two Case Studies:  
Lincoln Abolishes Habeas Corpus (1861) and the Removal of Japanese  
Americans (1942)** – Hal Berry

**Democracy as a Tool of US Foreign Policy** – Paul Roesler

**American Women and Democracy: A Historical Perspective** – Juli Jones

## 2003

**Anthropology and Democracy: Thinking Locally and Acting Globally** – Will Griffin

**Democracy in Iraq** – Paul Roesler

**Community Media – Our Past and Our Future** – Beverly Hacker

**Student Roundtable on American Citizenship and Democracy** .

**Poets and Democracy** – Lydia Long, Scottie Priesmeyer, Bill Kristen, Jacqueline Gray, Teddy Norris

**Exporting Democracy** – Bob Gill

***The Inheritance*** [film]

## 2004

**An Inquiry Into Media and Democracy: *Outfoxed* film + panel discussion**

John Sonderegger, Tim Weber, Bridget Hurd

**Democracy, Patronage, and the 'Freedom Haters' of the World** – Will Griffin

**Campaign Ads: Accuracy and Effectiveness** – Paul Roesler

**The Military Draft and Democracy: Citizen Soldier or Professional Volunteer**

Hal Berry

**The Globalization of Democracy** – Ron Pettus

**Voting Technology: Promise Or Peril?** – Bob Gill

**Election of 1876 & the Compromise of 1877** – Debra Crank-Lewis

# 2005

**Democracy in an Age of Terrorism** – Rev. Bob Farr, Hal Berry, Ron Pettus

**The Transition to Democracy** – Boris Yarmakhov

**Majority Rules: Classic and Current Writings on Democracy** – Bob Gill

**Revisiting *Ragtime*: E. L. Doctorow's View of the American Democracy**

Hal Berry

**Draft Law, Military Life, and Alternatives to Military Service** – Charles Smith

# 2006

**Crisis in Sudan: A Lost Boy Speaks** – Mel Deng

**One Definition of Freedom: Dalton Trumbo Crying in the Wilderness**

John McGuire, Blanchard DeMerchant, Gaynell Gavin, Jacqueline Gray

**Torture and Constitutionality** – Paul Roesler

**Poetry and Democracy** – Lydia Long & SCC English faculty

**Is It Possible? A Consideration of Democracy in the Middle East**

Will Griffin

**The Theory & Practice of Independent Media** – Beverly Hacker

**Debate and Democracy: Do We Learn Anything New?** – Jennifer Rigdon

**Thomas Paine's *Common Sense*: A Call to Revolution** – Hal Berry

**This is NOT What They Taught Us about Separation of Powers Back in the Day: President Bush's Signing Statements and What They Portend for Democracy** – Michael Kuelker

**Poetry and Democracy** – Lydia Long, Scottie Priesmeyer, Karen Jones, Bill Kristen, Jacqueline Gray, Teddy Norris

***Hotel Rwanda*** – film w/ Michael Kuelker

# 2007

***Hamdan v. Rumsfeld: Challenge to the Legitimacy of Military Commissions Under U.S. and International Law*** – Joe McMillan

**'In Our Own Backyard': Human Rights in the Caribbean** – Michael Kuelker

**The YouTube-ification of the 2008 Presidential Campaign** – Jennifer Rigdon

***Sophie Scholl*** [film]

**Border Brinkmanship: The Challenge of Immigration in a Free Society** – Bob Gill

**Religion and Our Founding Fathers** – Hal Berry

**Darfur: Silence is No Longer an Option** – Jennifer Bidstrup

**The Desirability of Democracy as a Goal of U.S. Foreign Policy** – Paul Roesler

**America's Methods of Torture** – Blanchard DeMerchant

# 2008

**The Election of 1960** – Hal Berry

**'Silence Means Consent': Gun Violence, Human Rights and Democracy in Jamaica** – Michael Kuelker

**What Film Propaganda Can Do to/for the State** – SCC Global Studies Committee

**Thank You, Madam President: How Women Have Changed and Challenged the Modern Political Landscape** – Jennifer Rigdon, Vicky Herbel

**Decision 2008** – Jose Tapia

**The Impact of Mass Media on the Presidential Election Process** – Paul Roesler, Darren Osburn

**Death of Democracy** – Bob Gill

**The Human Cost of Illegal Immigration** – Jane Zeiser

**The Right to Keep and Bear Arms: The Supreme Court Speaks** – Paul Roesler

**Hollywood and the Presidency** – Hal Berry

**The Truth About Islam** – Malayeka Siddiq

**Assessing Women's Representation Cross-Nationally: Why Are More Women Elected to Office in Rwanda Than in the United States?** – Diana O'Brien

**Trials in Africa: America's Changing Post-Cold War Foreign Policy**  
Travis Thompson

# 2009

**Meet Mary Pleasant** – Susheel Bibbs

**American Myths and What They Say About American Democracy**  
Michael Kuelker

**International Student Panel on Democracy** – Virginia Guneyli

**Democracy: The Difference a Woman Makes** – Vicky Herbal

**Democracy and the U.S. Economy** – Bruce Welz

**Chinese Democracy and Daily Life in 2009** – Will Griffin

**Is Pakistan a Failed State?** – Fahim Masoud

**American Radicalism** – Gabriel Harper

**Democracy in Post-Genocide Rwanda** – Rachel McShane

**Religion as 'Friend or Foe?' to Social Solidarity in a Global Age:  
Charles Taylor on the European Union vs. United States** – Jon Bowman

# 2010

***Beware of the Book!: Banned Books in a Democratic Society*** – Heather Rodgers, Beth Schroeder

**Women and Democracy: When Women Lead** – Vicky Herbel

**SCC Student Panel Discussion on Democracy** – Virginia Guneyli

**Panel Discussion on Globalization and Democracy** – Bill Kristen, Will Griffin, Paul Roesler

**Prison Literature in America and Democracy** – Michael Kuelker

**How the 2010 Healthcare Reform Bill Will Change Your Healthcare**  
Paul Roesler

**Mississippi Freedom Summer** – Dan Rezny

**So You Think You Want to Run for Public Office** – Sally Faith

**President Obama and Race Relations** – Alec Kelley, Nathan Daugherty, Robert Ubriaco, Christina Webster

**Arizona's Immigration Law: What It Does and Why It Matters**  
Jacqueline Pullen

***Sicko*** [film w/ Paul Roesler]

**Yes We Can: Was It All Just a Fantasy?** – Jennifer Rigdon

**Democracy and the News** – Darren Osburn

**The Bottom Line Versus the Party Line: Does the Emergence of a Free Market Economy Really Pose a Threat to Communist Party Rule in China?** Steve Randoll

# 2011

**Big Brother Is Tweeting You: The Control of Information in the Age of Terror** – Bob Gill

**Bioterrorism and Public Health: Government Efforts to Protect Against Bioterrorist Attacks After 9/11** – Steve Randoll

**Where Were You on 9/11?** – Vicky Herbel

**Joel Meyerowitz's Images from Ground Zero** – Kathleen Sanker, SCC students in Advanced Digital Photography

**Why *Cosmopolitanism* in a Global Age? Taylor, Habermas and Islam Post-9/11 in the US and EU** – Jon Bowman

**The Patriot Act: Reasonable Action to Protect the Nation? Or Unwarranted Reaction at a Time of Fear** – Hal Berry, Ron Pettis, Steve Randoll, Debra Crank-Lewis

**The Prison at Guantanamo** – Michael Kuelker

**Democracy Movements and US Foreign Policy in the Middle East since 9/11**  
Paul Roesler

**The Deconstruction of 9/11 and Its Consequences** – Isaac Ruedin

***Rebirth*** [film]

# 2012

**Freedom of Speech as a Prerequisite for Democracy** – Steve Randoll

**Propaganda and the Art of Political Persuasion** – Bob Gill

**An Analysis of KONY 2012** – Michael Kuelker

**Are the Sith Still with Us?: The Star Wars Saga, Human Nature and American Politics** – Lisa (Davis) Randoll

**The Impact of Mass Media on the Presidential Election Process in America**  
Paul Roesler, Darren Osburn

**Democracy in India** – Vi Rajagopalan

**The Reality of *The Hunger Games*** – Darren Osburn

**The Supreme Court and the Fate of Health Care Reform** – Paul Roesler

**The Arab Spring: The Role of Media in Spreading Democracy in the Arab World** – Gary McKiddy

**Competing Futures: The Liberal and Conservative Visions of America**  
Gabriel Harper

**A Forum on Marijuana and Democracy** – Dan Viets

**Rwanda after the Genocide** – Rachel McShane

# 2013

**Democracy of Zombies: *World War Z* and Democratic Extremes** – David Cirillo

**The United States Constitution and You: How You Fit into the Constitutional Framework** – Lisa (Davis) Randoll

***Lincoln*** [film]

**Turkey** – Virginia Guneyli & panel of Turkish Americans

**The Prison at Guantanamo Bay: A Media Analysis** – Michael Kuelker

**Obamacare: What Happens in 2014?** – Paul Roesler

**Discussing *Lincoln*** – Grace Moser

**Democracy in a Far Away Place: A Personal Narrative Exploration of the Health, History and Functioning of Democracy in the new Republic of South Africa** – Christine Heap Van Mierlo, Dave Van Mierlo

**The Prospects of Marijuana Legalization** – Paul Roesler, Mitch Harden, Christina Webster, Gabe Harper, Grace Moser

**Healthcare Reform: What's Here, What's Coming, and What's Missing**  
Dr. Ed Weisbart

**Why Democracy Has Failed in India** – Vi Rajagopalan



# 2014

**The OTHER Trail of Tears** – Jayme (Blandford) Novara

**12 Years a Slave** [film]

**A Discussion of 12 Years a Slave** – Rachel McShane, Marvin Tobias, Jessica McCulley, Robert Kalinowski, Christina Webster, Grace Moser

**Fracking & Democracy** – Michael Kuelker

**Propaganda in American Film** – Gabriel Harper

**Pot in Missouri?** – Paul Roesler

**Uncovering James Madison's Notes** – Randy Beck

**Dollars and Democracy: How Our Spending Choices Influence Policy in America** – Steve Randoll

**American Media and Democracy** – Lisa (Davis) Randoll

**Are We a Democracy or an Oligarchy?** – Paul Roesler

**The N-Word: Is It Time to Retire This Word?** – Kimberlee Vaughn

# 2015

***Clybourne Park: An Introduction*** – Tracy Bono & cast members from *Clybourne Park*

***Clybourne Park: A Discussion*** – Heather Rodgers, cast members from *Clybourne Park*

**One Nation – Indivisible** – SCC Secular Student Alliance

**Terrell Carter on the Post-Ferguson Racial Divide**

**The Declaration of Independence: Facts and Myth** – Randy Beck

**Tension: Ferguson, Birmingham and the Mind** – Charles DeBord

**IN THE NEWS: An Open-Mike Session for Students** – Lisa (Davis) Randoll

## **Sylvester Brown, Jr on Social Justice & Activism After Ferguson**

**White Privilege and Democracy** – Denise Halal

**SELMA** [film w/ Paul Roesler]

**Grand Juries: The Use and Abuse of America's Most Secret Judicial Process**

Bob Gill

**The Struggle to Establish Democracy** – Steve Randoll

**Amy Hunter & Pastor Cori Bush on Race & Progress** – with Rachel McShane

**The Role of Higher Education in Promoting Democratic Principles and Social**

**Justice** – Ron Chesbrough, Mitch Harden, Vicky Herbel, Grace Moser, Ron Pettus, Isaac Ruedin

**Obamacare Two Years Later** – Paul Roesler

**Selma: A Panel Discussion** – Grace Moser, interdisciplinary faculty

**Magna Carta – An 800-Year Anniversary Presentation** – Debra Crank-Lewis

**Expatriate: Immigrant, Traitor, Multi-cultural, or All of the Above?**

Virginia Guneyli

# 2016

**Ferguson: What Barriers Still Exist Two Years Later?** – Tyler Chance, Colby Dolly, Eric Royer, Trey Warren, Dawna Williams

**Why I Don't Want to Vote** – Darren Osburn, Paul Roesler

**Tyranny: What Ails Us?** – Charles DeBord

**The Framing of News** – Jacqueline Turnage-Ferber

**Propaganda and Politics: Is Democracy Possible in an Age of Manufactured Consent?** – Bob Gill

**Selma: The Bridge to the Ballot** [film w/ Sylvia Edgar]

**Voting or Random Selection?: Representative Democracy and the Lottocratic Alternative** – Nick Zavediuk

**Student Forum on Elections '16** – Lisa (Davis) Randoll

**American Exceptionalism 1630 to Present** – Michael Kuelker

**Muslims in America: Can We Co-Exist?** – Denise Halal

**Conventions, Democracy and the Nomination Process** – Paul Roesler, Darren Osburn

**Donald Trump and the Return of Populism** – Gabriel Harper

**Article 2 of the United States Constitution** – Randy Beck

**Marijuana Legalization: A Panel Discussion** – Mitch Harden, Gabe Harper, Rachel McShane, Paul Roesler, Grace Moser

**Trumbo** [film w/ Grace Moser]

**The Impact of Libraries on Democracy: Past, Present, Future** – Theresa Flett, Rebecca Klemme Eliceir, Julia Wilbers

**The Role of Government in a Market-Based Economy** – Laura Dickens

**Trumbo: A Panel Discussion** – Grace Moser, SCC faculty

**Is Democracy Working for All People?** – Vi Rajagopalan

# 2017

**The Tragedy and Hope of Democracy: The Internment of Japanese Americans During WWII** – Denise Halal

**The Politics of Food** – Dan Rezny

**The Prose of Protest** – Joe Baumann, students of fiction writing

**Pros vs. Joes: Who's the Boss?** – Charles DeBord

**IN THE NEWS: An Open-Mike Session for Students** – Lisa (Davis) Randoll

**Shaping Policy: Women in Leadership Roles** – Barbara Kavalier, Marie-Helene Bernard, Adrian E. Bracy, Lori Eaton, Lesley S. Hoffarth

**Immigrants Among Us** – Sandra Arumugam-Osburn

**'Fake News': A Workshop in Critical Thinking** – Theresa Flett

**Industrial Revolution and the Problems of Transitioning Workforces**

Debra Crank-Lewis

**The F Word – FASCISM – What It is and Where It Exists** – Michael Kuelker

**Responsible Journalism and its Portrayal in Film** – Sean Neuerburg

***The Birth of a Nation*** [film w/ Grace Moser]

**Ferguson: A Panel Discussion** – Sgt Heather Taylor, Grace Moser, Paul Roesler, Marvin Tobias

**US Elections: A Panel Discussion** – Paul Roesler, Steve Randoll, Gabe Harper

# 2018

**Drawing a Red Line Through the American Dream** – Travis Sheridan, Gina Sheridan

**Monstrous Freedom: What's So Liberal about Liberal Democracy?** – Charles DeBord

**The Importance of Arts & the Humanities in Education** – Bryonie Carter, Charles DeBord, Becky Thorn, Kate Weber, Lindsay Brand

**The Prose of Protest** – Joe Baumann, students of fiction writing

**Identity, -Isms, issues and elections: What psychology has to say about campaigns and voting processes** – Marvin Tobias

**Media Representations of Poverty and the Implications for Democracy**  
Michael Kuelker

**Medical Marijuana in Missouri** – Tawni Miranda, Mitch Harden, Gabe Harper, Christina Webster, Paul Roesler

**Westlake Landfill** – Westlake Moms, Amanda Bequette, Paul Roesler

**Student Open-Mike Forum** – Lisa Randoll

**ACA: Myths & Realities** – name unavailable

***Atomic Homefront*** [film]

**A History of Impeachment and the American Presidency** – Randy Beck

**Dred Scott and the Meaning of Citizenship in the United States** – Ian Aebel

**North Korea's Nuclear Legacy** – Ian Williams

**Missile Defense and Nuclear Deterrence** – Ian Williams

**Who's Who? Immigrants & the USA** – Michelle Bailey

# 2019

**The Need for Integrity in Leadership** – Steven Oberg

**Student Open-Microphone Forum** – Lisa Randoll

**Healthcare in America: How Can We Fix It?** – Paul Roesler

**Hate Groups and Hate Crimes in the St. Louis Area** – Gabe Harper

**Changing the Culture of Law Enforcement** – Sgt Heather Taylor

**Meet Mama Cat & PotBangerz – Food Outreach to the Unhoused in St. Louis**  
Mama Cat, Michael Kuelker, Vicki Johnson

***RIGGED: The Voter Suppression Playbook*** [film]

**Discussing Elections with the Director of Elections** – Kurt Bahr

**Would St. Louis Be Better Together?** Pat Kelley, Terry Jones, Gabriel Harper

**Donald Trump and the Politics of Impeachment** – Paul Roesler

**Your Choice to Vaccinate** – Nichole Pinaire

**Watching What We Retweet: The Implications of Social Media on Voting Behaviors** – Amanda Bequette

**Immigration and Our Local Community** – Sara John, Carly Garcia

**The Prose of Protest** – Joe Baumann, students of fiction writing

**Media Coverage of Women in Politics** – Annie Bierman, Jayme Novara

**Equity in Education: A Panel Discussion** – students from Eureka High School

# 2020

**Disability Rights, Education & Democracy** – Tracy Bono, Paige George

**No Holding Back** – Charles DeBord

**Inside Elections: The St. Charles County Director of Elections Speaks**

Kurt Bahr

**The Pandemic and Mental Health** – Vi Rajagopalan

**It's All Our History** – Grace Moser, Courtney Barrett, Dana Prewitt, Rachel McWhorter, Marvin Tobias

**'You Can't and I Won't': The Controversy Over Social Distancing During the 1918 Influenza Pandemic** – Stephen Randoll

**Poetry and Democracy in the American Tradition** – Michael Kuelker

**Civic Engagement in the Wake of 2020** – Bryonie Carter, Lindsay Brand, Grace Moser, Audra Notgrass

**Racism, Police and the Black Lives Matter Movement** – Grace Moser, Dana Prewitt, Paul Roesler, Marvin Tobias

**The Stock Market Indexes: Not a Macroeconomic Indicator**

William Baca-Mejia

**A Conversation on Police Reform with Sgt. Heather Taylor** – Gabe Harper

**The Myth of Voter Fraud** – SCC Political Science faculty

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