Constitution and Citizenship Week

Monday, September 18th

Politics, Music, and the Constitution
2:30-4:30 in Rand Lounge (next to Pie and Leaf)
OACS will host an event connecting music and politics, with a faculty lecture and musical performances by Vandy Spoken Word. Students will be invited to deliver their own music/poetry and to write their thoughts, poems, and lyrics on a large poster which will be photographed as an art piece.

The Presidential Pardon Power
3:00-4:00 in Commons 335
Dr. Carrie Russell and Prof. David Lewis from the Department of Political Science will speak on the history and contemporary usage of the Presidential pardon power, in light of President Trump’s pardoning of Joe Arpaio. This conversation will be followed by a Q&A session for the assembled audience.

The White House and the First Amendment
4:30-6:00 in Commons Multi-Purpose Room 237
Executive powers and the First Amendment—from the perspective of national media representatives who cover the White House—will be the topic of a panel discussion featuring two Washington, D.C.-based political journalists from CBS News and The Weekly Standard. The discussion will be moderated by Vanessa Beasley, Dean of The Martha Rivers Ingram Commons and Associate Professor of Communications Studies with expertise on rhetoric of American presidents and media and politics.

Tuesday, September 19th

The U.S. Founding and Mass Media
8:00-10:00 on Commons Center Lower Quad Lawn
Vanderbilt Student Government and OACS will host a screening of the the movie National Treasure on the lawn outside the Commons Center. Students are invited to take a break from studying, bring a blanket to sit on, and see one of the most popular ways in which our country’s founding has been portrayed by the media. Desserts and other favors will be provided.

Thursday, September 21st

Reflections on the Everyday Experiences of Refugees in America and the Constitution
5:00-6:00 in Rand 308
The Preamble of the United States Constitution states that a more perfect union is formed by establishing justice, providing for the common defense, and promoting the general welfare of the people of the United States. Join us for a panel discussion that brings to light the everyday experiences of Nashville’s refugee community and the relevance of the United States Constitution in the lives of refugees.