THE SECOND FOUNDING?
The Significance of Reconstruction in Constitutional History,
Law, and Politics

March 15-16, 2024

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Conference Schedule

Tulane Law School
6329 Freret Street

Friday March 15, 2024

12:30 Coffee, Drinks, and Snacks: Multi-Purpose Room, 1st Floor (available throughout the conference)

All Panel Sessions Room 110

Welcoming Remarks: Dean Sally Richardson and Stephen Griffin

1:00-2:30 Panel One: Author Meets Readers: Mark A. Graber, Punish Treason, Reward Loyalty: The Forgotten Goals of Constitutional Reform after the Civil War (University Press of Kansas, 2023)

Sanford Levinson, Chair, University of Texas School of Law and Department of Government
Anne Twitty, Stanford University, Department of History
Evan Bernick, Northern Illinois University School of Law
Rachel Shelden, Penn State University, Department of History
Mark A. Graber, University of Maryland Carey Law School
2:45-4:15 Panel Two: Revisionist Constitutional Histories of Reconstruction: The Amendments

Alexander Tsesis, Chair, Florida State Law School
Franita Tolson, University of Southern California Law School
Travis Crum, Washington University Law School
Rebecca Zietlow, University of Toledo Law School

4:30-6:00 Panel Three: Revisionist Constitutional Histories of Reconstruction: Broader Contexts

Robert Westley, Chair, Tulane Law School
David Bateman, Columbia University, Department of Political Science
Gregory Downs, University of California, Davis, Department of History
Cynthia Nicoletti, University of Virginia School of Law
Kate Masur, Northwestern University, Department of History

7 p.m. Dinner at Antoine’s: 713 St. Louis Street (French Quarter)
(504) 581-4422
Saturday March 16, 2024

8:00 Coffee, Drinks, Pastries: Multi-Purpose Room 1st Floor

8:30-10:00 Panel Four: Citizenship
Evelyn Atkinson, Chair, Tulane Law School
Anna Law, Brooklyn College, Department of Political Science
Rogers Smith, University of Pennsylvania, Department of Political Science
Pamela Brandwein, University of Michigan, Department of Political Science

10:15-11:45 Panel Five: The Contemporary Supreme Court and the Second Founding
Jack Balkin, Chair, Yale Law School
Randall Kennedy, Harvard Law School
Tom Wolf, Brennan Center Democracy Program
Reva Siegel, Yale Law School

12:00-1:00 Panel Six: Roundtable on Interdisciplinary Thinking on the Second Founding
Stephen Griffin, Chair, Tulane Law School
Jud Campbell, Stanford University Law School
Jonathan Gienapp, Stanford University, Department of History
Farah Peterson, University of Chicago Law School

1:00-2:30 Lunch: Multi-Purpose Room, 1st Floor
Sandy Levinson, University of Texas School of Law and Department of Government, will lead a discussion on pedagogy and the Second Founding