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**Sanford Levinson – University of Texas**

Sanford Levinson teaches and writes in the areas of constitutional law, legal history, and foreign and international law. An expert in his field, Professor Levinson has authored approximately 450 articles, book reviews, and commentaries in professional and popular journals, as well as seven books. In addition to teaching at Texas Law, he is a professor in the Department of Government at the University of Texas and is a recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association. Professor Levinson will be speaking about his upcoming publication “The Double Blind in the United States Constitution in 2024” where he refers to the tension between those who are highly critical of the Constitution and those who emphasize the importance of adhering to constitutional norms.

**John Dinan – Wake Forest**

John Dinan’s research focuses on state constitutionalism, federalism, and American political development. He is the author of several books, including *State Constitutional Politics: Governing by Amendment in the American States* and *The American State Constitutional Tradition*, and he writes an annual entry on state constitutional developments for *The Book of the States*. He is the editor of *Publius: The Journal of Federalism* and is a past chair of the Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations Section of the American Political Science Association. He received his PhD from the University of Virginia.

**Jonathan Marshfield – University of Florida**

Professor Marshfield teaches and writes in the areas of local government law, state constitutional law, and constitutional change. His research has appeared in the

University of Pennsylvania Law Review, Northwestern University Law Review, Boston University Law Review and the Michigan Law Review, among others. His state constitutional law research has been cited by the New Jersey Supreme Court, and his research into constitutional change has been cited by leading scholars in law reviews, textbooks, and academic journals. Professor Marshfield has also served as a consultant to foreign officials regarding issues of constitutional revision, and he has advised public policy groups regarding voter awareness and ballot issues.

### **Richard Albert- University of Texas**

Richard Albert is an expert on constitution-making and constitutional design. An advisor to governments and parliaments on constitutional reform, he has published over 30 books on constitutions, democracy, and the rule of law. He is a graduate of Yale, Oxford and Harvard, a former law clerk to the Chief Justice of Canada, the immediate-past Co-President of the International Society of Public Law, and currently the only non-Jamaican serving on the 15-person Constitutional Reform Committee advising the Government of Jamaica on writing and enacting a new constitution.

### **Miriam Seifter- University of Wisconsin**

Miriam Seifter is a Professor of Law, Co-Director of the State Democracy Research Initiative, and Rowe Faculty Fellow in Regulatory Law at the University of Wisconsin Law School. Her research addresses questions of state and federal public law, with a focus on challenges affecting democracy at the state level. Professor Seifter's recent publications appear in the Harvard Law Review, the Columbia Law Review, the Michigan Law Review, and the NYU Law Review, among others. For her article Gubernatorial Administration, Seifter was named the 2017 winner of the American Constitution Society's Richard D. Cudahy Writing Competition on Regulatory and Administrative Law. Her article Understanding State Agency Independence won the ABA's 2020 Award for Scholarship in Administrative Law. In 2024, Seifter received the Ruth Bader Ginsburg Scholar Award from the American Constitution Society.

### **Stefanie Lindquist – Dean of WashU Law**

Stefanie Lindquist serves as the Nickerson Dean and Professor of Law at WashU Law. Before joining WashU Law she served as Senior Vice President for Global Academic Initiatives at Arizona State University. Her other service at ASU included heading ASU's Global Academic Initiatives as senior vice president in the Office of the Provost and

Professor of Law and Political Sciences in the School of Global Politics and the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. She also served as Deputy Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and was Foundation Professor of Law and Political Science at ASU from 2016 to 2019. Known for her expertise in judicial behavior and constitutional law, Lindquist has authored numerous influential publications and has been a prominent voice in the legal community. She has co-authored three books and has authored dozens of published articles and book chapters. Her book, "Measuring Judicial Activism," is the first publication to define the oft-used term quantitatively.

### **Julie Suk – Fordham**

Julie Chi-hye Suk is an interdisciplinary and comparative legal scholar, researching equality at the intersection of law, history, sociology, and politics in the United States and globally. She has authored dozens of articles and book chapters about comparative constitutional law; the procedural implementation of equality norms in the United States and Europe; gender quotas; and women, work, and family.

### **Viki Harrison**

Viki is currently Common Cause's Director of Constitutional Convention and Protect Dissent Programs, and previously served as the Executive Director in New Mexico. Under her leadership the state advanced voter registration, campaign finance reforms including small-dollar donor matching programs, redistricting, overhauled state ethics including the establishment of an ethics commission. She is a committed organizer and lobbyist building successful coalitions including leading New Mexico's Election Protection work helping voters at 866-OUR-VOTE. Harrison provides direct support to states on campaigns, fundraising, policy, and program development.