

A More Perfect Union:
Teaching the Constitution of the United States

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The Constitution of 1789—the Founders’ Constitution—was changed dramatically by political theorists and political leaders in the first half of the twentieth century. Understanding the result of this revolution—what might be called “the Progressive Constitution”—is essential to understanding current constitutional debates. With a special focus on the structure of the Constitution, this seminar seeks to address current topics, including presidential powers, judicial authority, and questions about the separation of powers.

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:00 – 9:30	Welcome and Opening Remarks Dr. Kevin Portteus Assistant Professor of Political Science Hillsdale College
9:30 – 10:45	Session I Congress and the Rise of the Administrative State Dr. Kevin Portteus
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:15 p.m.	Session II An Imperial President? Constitutionalizing the Executive Dr. Terrence Moore Assistant Professor of History Hillsdale College
12:15 – 1:15	Luncheon
1:15 – 2:30	Session III “The Least Dangerous Branch”? Judicial Supremacy and Judicial Review Dr. Will Morrissey William and Patricia LaMothe Chair in the U.S. Constitution and Associate Professor of Political Science Hillsdale College
2:30 – 3:00	Session IV Q&A and large group discussion