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Constitution Day 2016

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Public Reading of the Constitution

Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2016 | 10 a.m.-noon • On the steps outside of the Mathewson - IGT Knowledge Center (MIKC) **FREE**

Come one and all! Join students, staff and faculty in a rousing public reading of the Constitution. Free Constitution booklets will be handed out while supplies last.

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Is This The Best We've Got? Primary Election and Voting Law Reform

Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2016 | 7-9 p.m. • Living Learning Community, room 142 **FREE**

The 2016 presidential primary has produced two major party candidates who the majority of voters judge as both untrustworthy and unlikeable. Various analysts link the primary election process to the increasing polarization of the electorate and to gridlock in Congress. The general prescription offered is to widen participation and to limit the influence of parties. At the same time, other analysts, and especially elected officials, argue the system is rigged and ripe with vote fraud. Their solution is to tighten access to the ballot. Our panel will assess aspects of primary and general election voting and suggest what reforms might offer for improving both candidate selection and voter participation.

Moderator & Panelist **Eric Herzik, professor and chair, Department of Political Science, University of Nevada, Reno**
Eric Herzik received his doctorate from the University of North Carolina in 1982. He is the author or editor of five books and more than 50 articles, book chapters and technical reports on a variety of topics. He specializes in American state and local politics, and he is a frequent commentator for national, regional and local media.

Panelist **Precious Hall, associate professor, Department of Political Science, Truckee Meadows Community College**
Precious Hall received her doctorate from Georgia State University in 2012. She specializes in American politics, particularly on political behavior and African American politics. She has published articles on differences in racial attitudes, including a 2015 piece "Free Your Mind: Contemporary Racial Attitudes and Post Racial Theory" in the Ethnic Studies Review.

Panelist **Kevin Banda, assistant professor, Department of Political Science, University of Nevada, Reno**
Kevin Banda received his doctorate from the University of North Carolina in 2013. He specializes in American politics, public opinion and voting behavior. He has authored or co-authored eight articles, including pieces on the effects of negative campaign advertising in The Journal of Political Behavior and public perceptions of candidate assessments in the Journal of Political Communication.

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