**Application for Summer Civics Institute**

**For Virginia Teachers**

***The American Political Tradition*
Professional Development Seminar
June 21-25, 2021
University of Virginia
Charlottesville, VA**

The Program on Constitutionalism and Democracy will host a week-long professional development seminar for middle- and high-school teachers at the University of Virginia exploring the political philosophy and continuing legacy of the American Founding through primary sources. In this five-day, small-group seminar, led by faculty from the UVA Department of Politics, we will read and discuss such texts as the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the *Federalist Papers*. We will examine evolving debates over religious freedom, slavery, abolition, and civil rights, and over the constitutional powers of the three branches. This seminar provides invaluable preparation for civics, American history, and government classes.

In 2019, the Summer Civics Institute was held in person. In 2020, it was held online. This year, we will survey conditions and teacher preferences, and we will decide by the end of May whether to hold the 2021 Institute in person or online.

If the Seminar is in person, then teachers selected to participate will receive:

* A stipend of $200;
* 20 contact hours towards professional development credit;
* Catered Breakfast and lunch each day;
* An opening reception on Monday evening and a parting dinner on Thursday evening;
* A private tour of Monticello on Friday afternoon; and
* A bound volume of primary source readings, sent in advance of the seminar

If the Seminar is held online, then teachers selected to participate will receive:

* A stipend of $200;
* 20 contact hours towards professional development credit;
* A bound volume of primary source readings, sent in advance of the seminar

The last two questions in the application are designed to gauge the applicants’ preferences and needs with regards to in-person or online instruction.

**Personal Data**

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| Title (Mr., Ms., etc.) |  |
| First Name |  |
| Last Name |  |
| Email Address |  |
| Primary Phone |  |

**Home Address or PO Box (All materials will be sent to this address)**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Home Address 1 |  |
| Home Address 2 |  |
| City |  |
| State |  |
| Zip |  |

**School Details**

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| --- | --- |
| School Name |  |
| School Address 1 |  |
| School Address 2 |  |
| City |  |
| State |  |
| Zip |  |

**Grade Level(s) Taught\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Subject(s) Taught**

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| --- | --- |
| U.S. History |  |
| Civics or government |  |
| Economics |  |
| Political Science |  |
| Other (please specify) |  |

**Years of Teaching Experience\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Why are you interested in participating in this institute? (Up to 300 words)**

**What are your *preferences* for online versus in-person instruction?**

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| Strongly prefer in-person instruction |  |
| Somewhat prefer in-person instruction |  |
| Not sure, or, it’s a toss-up, orIt depends on circumstances in June |  |
| Somewhat prefer online instruction |  |
| Strongly prefer online instruction |  |

**What are your *needs* regarding online versus in-person instruction?**

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| I would be willing to participate *only* if instruction is in person.  |  |
| I would be willing to participate *only* if instruction is online. |  |
| I would be willing to participate either way:if instruction is in person or online. |  |