**Application for Summer Civics Institute**

**For Virginia Teachers**

**DEM 5500: The American Political Tradition**

**A 3-credit Graduate Course for Teachers from the University of Virginia**

**Charlottesville, VA**

**July 18-29, 2022**

The Program on Constitutionalism and Democracy is offering a 3-credit (non-degree seeking) graduate-level class for middle- and high-school teachers through the Democracy Initiative at the University of Virginia. This class will explore the political philosophy and continuing legacy of the American Founding through reading and discussing primary sources. In this two-week, small-group seminar, led by faculty from UVA’s Department of Politics, we will read and discuss fundamental texts such as the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the *Federalist Papers*. We will examine evolving debates over religious freedom, the enduring challenges of slavery, abolition, and civil rights, and the tensions between the constitutional powers of the three branches. The American Political Tradition is designed as continuing education for teachers of civics, American history, and government.

This course is being generously underwritten by the John Templeton Foundation and Jack Miller Center’s Virginia Founding Civics Initiative. After paying a $100 non-refundable deposit, teachers selected to participate will receive:

* Fully subsidized tuition
* Free parking on UVa grounds
* Continental breakfast and lunch each day we meet in person
* Volumes of primary source readings, sent to each household in advance of the class
* 3 credit hours of graduate credit from UVa (non-degree program) after successful completion of the class

This summer graduate class is designed to accommodate teachers’ busy schedules by completing the entire course in just two weeks. We will meet in person from 9:00 to 3:30 each day for just seven days (July 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, and 26), and each of those days will be capped with a one-hour virtual session with a pedagogy coach in the evening (7:30-8:30). For the final three days of the course, participants will complete their term papers and lesson plans, which will be due on July 29.

**Personal Data**

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

**Home Address or PO Box**

(Course materials will be sent to this address)

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| 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 |  |
| (If your school is more than 60 miles from UVa, please verify that you will be able to attend in person on the days we meet.) |  |

**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)**