



October 14-15, 2016

American Constitution Society Northeast Regional Convening

Time: 12:00pm October 14 to 10:00pm October 15

Location: 3501 Sansom St, Philadelphia, PA 19104

The ACS Northeast Regional Convening will bring together law students from schools across the Northeast and lawyers from across the Philadelphia area for a meaningful and memorable weekend. Participants will hear from leading practitioners, government officials, and academics discuss a progressive vision for the future of equality across a number of salient policy issues, including women in politics, police reform, free speech on campuses, reproductive rights, religious exemptions. The weekend will focus on building and strengthening community and professional relationships that last long after the convening.



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We are kicking the Convening off at **12PM on Friday October 14th** with lunch and a Women in Politics panel- which includes **Nancy Gertner**, Criminal Justice Advisor to Hillary Clinton and **Anita McBride**, former Chief of Staff to Laura Bush. They will be speaking on topics such as whether the 2016 Presidential Election is a referendum on women in politics, gendered stereotypes about power, and what this election means for woman around the world.

Some of our other topics and speakers this year include:

- Police Reform in America: **Tom Nolan**, former police officer, professor, and Senior Policy Advisor at the Department of Homeland Security in the Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, **Heather MacDonald**, a contributing editor of City Journal who has written extensively about police reform
- ACS Leaders & Where Are They Now?: **Dawn Smalls**, partner at Boies, Schiller, & Flexner LLP in New York, previous Executive Secretary at the Department of Health and Human Services, and 2008 New York Start Political Director for the Obama for America campaign, **William Yeomans**, Fellow in Law & Government American University Washington College of Law and first Director of Programs of American Constitution Society
- Diversity on the State Court Bench: **Ms. Sandra Thompson**, the First Vice President of the Pennsylvania NAACP, **Ms. Lisette M. McCormick**, Executive Director of the PA Interbranch Commission for Gender, Racial, and Ethnic Fairness
- Abortion: Navigating a Post-*Whole Women's Health* World: **David Cohen**, professor at Drexel Thomas R. Kline School of Law and author of *Living in the Crosshairs: The Untold Stories of Anti-Abortion Terrorism* and **Ravina Daphtary**, Director of State Strategies, All* Above All and health policy consultant who specializes in reproductive health policy and state-level advocacy
- Rights and Religious Exemptions: **Susan Sommer**, National Director of Constitutional Litigation at Lambda Legal and **Brigitte Amiri**, Senior Staff Attorney at the ACLU Reproductive Freedom Project
- And more!

There will be social events such as Quizzo trivia and an "Open Space" to discuss everything from Taylor Swift v. Kanye to strategies to expand ACS's impact across the nation. The weekend will be rounded out with drinks, dancing, and a night at a Philly bar for all attendees.

Penn Law ACS is so excited to bring everyone together for a memorable and meaningful experience. So feel free to let us know if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions. We are looking forward to hosting Penn Law students and students all across the Northeast law schools for the 2016 ACS Northeast Regional Convening in October!

Breakfast, lunch, and reception-styled dinner will be covered all weekend. Registration is free. RSVP today!