#### **U.S. CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY I:**

#### **FROM THE FOUNDING TO RECONSTRUCTION**

#### **law 6930 (13823)**

#### **spring 2024**

#### **PROFESSOR MICHAEL ALLAN WOLF**

#### **3 credit hours**

***FRIST DAY ASSIGNMENT***

The assigned texts are

MICHAEL J. KLARMAN, The Framers' Coup: The Making of the United States Constitution (2016)

Pauline Maier, Ratification: The People Debate the Constitution, 1787-1788 (2010)

Paul Finkelman, Supreme Injustice: Slavery in the Nation’s Highest Court (2018)

Herbert A. Johnson, John Marshall, Steamboats, and the Commerce Clause (2010)

The assignment for the first class on Tuesday, January 16 is:

**The British Constitution:** [**https://www.ucl.ac.uk/constitution-unit/explainers/what-uk-constitution**](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ucl.ac.uk%2Fconstitution-unit%2Fexplainers%2Fwhat-uk-constitution&data=05%7C02%7Csyllabi%40law.ufl.edu%7Cc71efa08026a4c8fc94a08dc0c193858%7C0d4da0f84a314d76ace60a62331e1b84%7C0%7C0%7C638398549786407617%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=LAM%2B3Q4E%2FpEku1E93UIBJ2Qi9048oC%2Fop9rANtmA5Ro%3D&reserved=0)

**The Declaration of Independence:** [**https://avalon.law.yale.edu/18th\_century/declare.asp**](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Favalon.law.yale.edu%2F18th_century%2Fdeclare.asp&data=05%7C02%7Csyllabi%40law.ufl.edu%7Cc71efa08026a4c8fc94a08dc0c193858%7C0d4da0f84a314d76ace60a62331e1b84%7C0%7C0%7C638398549786407617%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=7MbgyXlT0LxYfkWJi0BNT%2BXm4fXeIY%2Fo%2BeOXzlW9RNM%3D&reserved=0)

**Constitution of Pennsylvania (1776):** [**https://avalon.law.yale.edu/18th\_century/pa08.asp**](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Favalon.law.yale.edu%2F18th_century%2Fpa08.asp&data=05%7C02%7Csyllabi%40law.ufl.edu%7Cc71efa08026a4c8fc94a08dc0c193858%7C0d4da0f84a314d76ace60a62331e1b84%7C0%7C0%7C638398549786407617%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=uc2Uw4zrrX0Y5DCbT1vExaFXp2torlC7KCf9wfAIVow%3D&reserved=0)

**The Articles of Confederation:** [**https://avalon.law.yale.edu/18th\_century/artconf.asp**](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Favalon.law.yale.edu%2F18th_century%2Fartconf.asp&data=05%7C02%7Csyllabi%40law.ufl.edu%7Cc71efa08026a4c8fc94a08dc0c193858%7C0d4da0f84a314d76ace60a62331e1b84%7C0%7C0%7C638398549786407617%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=xmyH27yoNVbXo7EYhVngisKAIuKnppGDMjtPpvGDSXU%3D&reserved=0)

**Klarman, Chapter 1, up to Sectional Conflict**