

Three English Revolutions

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A NOTE ON THE READINGS: Links have been provided for readily accessible texts online. All other contemporary books and pamphlets can be accessed either via Early English Books Online (EEBO), Eighteenth-Century Collections Online (ECCO; for pamphlets published in Britain); or Early American Imprints (Evans). Texts marked with an asterisk (*) will be provided to you in PDF.

Monday, July 8: The English Revolution of 1642-1660: Parliamentarianism and its Discontents

10am-12pm Session

-[Charles I] *His Maiesties Ansvver to the XIX Propositions of both Houses of Parliament* (London, 1642).

https://www.constitution.org/eng/nineteen_propositions_1642.html

-[Henry Parker], *Observations upon some of His Majesties late answers and expresses* (London, 1642).

2-4pm Session

-Thomas Hobbes, *Leviathan* (1651), chap. 16-19.

http://files.libertyfund.org/files/869/0161_Bk.pdf

Tuesday, July 9: The English Revolution of 1688-89: The Whig Settlement

10am-12pm Session

-John Locke, *Second Treatise of Government* (1690), chaps. 8-14.

<http://www.yorku.ca/comminel/courses/3025pdf/Locke.pdf>

-Robert Molesworth, *An Account of Denmark* (1694) (Preface and Chapters 6-7).

<https://oll.libertyfund.org/titles/molesworth-an-account-of-denmark-with-francogallia-and-some-considerations-for-the-promoting-of-agriculture-and-employing-the-poor>

-[John Trenchard, Thomas Gordon] *Cato's Letters* (1720-23) (No. 14, 17, 18, 25, 27, 36-37, 38, 60-61, 66, 72, 84-85, 94)

<https://oll.libertyfund.org/titles/trenchard-catos-letters-4-vols-in-2-1f-ed>

2-4pm Session

- Montesquieu, *Spirit of the Laws* (1748) (Book 11)
<https://oll.libertyfund.org/titles/montesquieu-complete-works-vol-1-the-spirit-of-laws>
- David Hume, “Of the Independency of Parliament” (1742)
<http://www.public-library.uk/ebooks/49/6.pdf>
- Henry St. John, Viscount Bolingbroke, *The Idea of a Patriot King*
<https://socialsciences.mcmaster.ca/econ/ugcm/3ll3/bolingbroke/king.html>

Wednesday, July 10: Americans Debate the English Revolutions

10am-12pm Session

- James Wilson, *Considerations on the Nature and Extent of the Legislative Authority of the British Parliament* (Philadelphia, 1774 [written 1768]).
- [William Knox], *The Controversy between Great Britain and her Colonies, Reviewed* (London, 1769), pp. 1-22, 137-156, 200-201.
- [Edward Bancroft], *Remarks on the Review of the Controversy between Great Britain and her Colonies* (New London, Conn., 1771), pp. 1-60.
- The Briefs of the American Revolution*, ed. John Phillip Reid (New York and London, 1981, pp. 53-73), [“The Answer of the House”], 84-102 [“The Replication of the Governor”].*

2-4pm Session

- [Thomas Jefferson], *A Summary View of the Rights of British America* (Williamsburg, 1774).
- [Alexander Hamilton], *A Full Vindication of the Measures of the Congress* (New York, 1774).
- [Samuel Seabury], *A View of the Controversy* (New York, 1774).
- [John Lind], *Remarks on the Principal Acts of the Thirteenth Parliament of Great Britain* (London, 1775), pp. 1-47; 168-193.

Thursday, July 11: The Constitution of 1787 and the Whig Legacy

10am-12pm Session

- Max Farrand, ed. *The Records of the Federal Convention of 1787*, vol. 1, pp. 48; 62-74; 81-113; 132-151; 282-311; 359; 376; 424; vol. 2, pp. 30-36; 52; 300-301; vol. 3, p. 113
<https://memory.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lwfr.html>

2-4pm Session

-*The Federalist*, No. 10,14,18-20,37-58,62-63 (Jay and Madison)
-*The Federalist*, No. 9,15-17,22-36,62-85 (Hamilton)
<https://www.congress.gov/resources/display/content/The+Federalist+Papers>
-John Adams, *A Defence of the Constitutions of Government of the United States of America*, 3rd ed., 3 vols. (1797), vol. 3, pp. 212-213; 366-368.

Friday, July 12: Reflections

10am-12pm Session

-Michael McConnell, *The President Who Would Not Be King: Executive Power and the Constitution* (Unpublished MS).
-Eric Nelson, *The Royalist Revolution: Monarchy and the American Founding* (Cambridge, MA, 2014), Introduction and Chapter 5.*

2-4pm Session

-Edmund Burke, *An Appeal from the New to the Old Whigs* (1791)
<https://www.oxfordscholarlyeditions.com/view/10.1093/actrade/9780199665198.book.1/actrade-9780199665198-div1-41>