Citizens Shaping the Constitution

a Constitution Day event

Wednesday, 9/17
3:30pm
Kirby Hall B02

What role do citizens play in shaping constitutional meaning?

On the anniversary of the ratification of the Constitution, join Lennie Gerber and Janet Joyner to hear how they’ve played a role in determining constitutional meaning, and how you can too. With Q and A.

Ellen “Lennie” Gerber is the named plaintiff in Gerber and Berlin v. Cooper, a federal court case seeking state recognition of her marriage to Pearl Berlin. Lennie and Pearl have been repeatedly featured on national news, and are the subject of the documentary, Living in the Overlap (directed by Wake Forest Professor Mary Dalton).

Janet Joyner was the named plaintiff in Joyner v. Forsyth County, which challenged Forsyth County Board’s use of sectarian prayer to open its meetings. The Fourth Circuit agreed with Joyner that the prayers were unconstitutional, although a May decision by the Supreme Court could change the outcome of her suit.

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