

Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago



Liberty, Equality, Security

*A Supreme Court Institute featuring cases on
Religion, Equal Education and the War on Terror*

2004 Summer Supreme Court Institute for High School Teachers



August 9-11, 2004
Michael A. Bilandic Building, 18th Floor
160 N. LaSalle St.
Chicago, Illinois

Sponsored by Illinois LEARN Program

DESCRIPTION

Liberty, Equality, Security is a three-day institute for high school teachers of law, government and U.S. History. The institute is devoted to examining controversy and constitutional principles of equality, liberty and security in historic and recently decided U.S. Supreme Court cases.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the historic decision by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka* (1954), a case virtually all Americans know something about. As in 1954, the high court will again this year decide cases involving a range of constitutional issues. Among the cases argued during the 2003-2004 term is one that asks the court whether the words “under God” should remain in the Pledge of Allegiance and cases that ask whether the Constitution permits Executive officials to detain American citizens indefinitely in military custody in the United States.

SPECIAL FEATURES

Participants will interact with experienced law-related educators, lawyers, and judges. They will gain insights on how and why the U.S. Supreme Court hears certain cases. They will prepare moot court arguments as appellant and appellee in a recent U.S. Supreme Court case and participate in a field experience to the Illinois Supreme Court to argue their case before an Illinois Supreme Court judge.

HIGHLIGHTS

Participating teachers will:

- Examine the landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education* 347 U.S. 483 (1954),
- Examine *Elk Grove Unified School District v. Michael A. Newdow, et al.*, 02-164 (2004),
- Examine *Esam Fouad Hamdi, as Next Friend of Yaser Esam Hamdi v. Donald H. Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense, et al.*, 03-6696 and *Donald H. Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense v. Jose Padilla and Donna R. Newman, as Next Friend of Jose Padilla*, No.03-1027 (2004),
- Interact with legal experts who will share their “behind the scenes” view of the high court and learn how resource people can support their teaching,
- Acquire practical experience in interactive strategies helpful for teaching students to discuss and deliberate controversial issues and promote their understanding of the Supreme Court and its cases, and
- Receive classroom-ready lessons for teaching historical and current U.S. Supreme Court decisions from **Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago, Constitutional Rights Foundation** and **Street Law Inc.**

PARTICIPANTS

Liberty, Equality, Security is open to high school teachers of law, government and U.S. History at accredited public and private high schools. Space in the institute is limited to 24 participants. Early application is encouraged.

CREDIT

Participants from Illinois will receive 18 Continuing Professional Development Units (CPDUs) for participating in the 2004 summer institute.

FOLLOW UP OPPORTUNITIES

- ***Brown v. Board of Education Teacher Training***, September 18, 2004 at Northwestern University School of Law, Chicago. Sponsored by the Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago and the Illinois Humanities Council. Participants will receive 4 CPDUs.
- ***A Commemorative Re-enactment of Brown v. Board of Board of Education and Discussion of Its Legacy for High School Students***, October 14, 2004 at Northwestern University School of Law, Chicago. Sponsored by the Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago and the Illinois Humanities Council.
- ***2004 II Law-Related Education Conference***, October 22, Hamburger University, Oak Brook. Sponsored by the Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago. Participants will receive 6 CPDUs.
- ***2004 Equal Justice Under Law Conference for High School Students***, December 3, Dirksen Federal Building, Chicago. Selected teachers will receive 4 CPDUs. Applications and information will be available at the summer institute.

REGISTRATION AND DEADLINE

The registration deadline for *Liberty, Equality, Security* is **Friday, May 14, 2004**. The registration fee is \$100. All applications must be complete, with payment, in order to be considered.

Submit and make check payable to:

Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago
407 South Dearborn Street, Suite 1700
Chicago, IL 60605-1119

All applicants will be notified regarding acceptance by June 15, 2004 at which time fees are nonrefundable. Registration fees will be refunded to applicants who are not accepted to the institute. Questions? Contact Kathy Bell at CRFC (312) 663-9057 x203 or e-mail bell@crfc.org

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Application and Agreement Form

Name _____

Home Address _____

Home Telephone _____ Email _____

School _____

School Address _____

School Telephone _____ School Fax _____

Grade Level/Position _____ Number of Years Teaching _____

Course(s) Taught _____

1. List up to 3 U.S. Supreme Court cases you teach Include why you teach these cases.

<u>Name of case</u>	<u>Reason/Purpose</u>
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2. If you teach the *Brown* decision, what do you want your students to learn? If you do not teach Brown, skip this question.

3. What do you hope to gain from this institute?

AGREEMENT

If accepted, I will attend the entire institute on August 9-11, 2004. I also will incorporate institute materials, cases, and strategies in my coursework.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____