

History and Social Sciences Conference

Boise's eleventh annual History and Social Sciences Conference is scheduled for October 6-7, 2011. Most conference activities are at Boise High School; a hosted reception will be held at the Owyhee Plaza Hotel Thursday afternoon for those who choose to register for the full conference. For the first time this year attorneys can receive CLE units for three of the conference sessions:

Supreme Court 101: A Primer in How Cases Get to the Supreme Court of the United States

Presented by Kenneth K. Jorgensen

Deputy Attorney General, Criminal Law Division

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Thursday October 6 or Friday October 7 from 9:15 to 10:10 AM

The Supreme Court of the United States decides dozens of cases a year, some of which affect us all and some of which affect only very limited groups, but all of which become the law of the land. This presentation, which is interactive and encourages questions, will give a lawyer's perspective on how cases get to the Supreme Court and why the Court accepts some but rejects most cases parties try to bring.

Supreme Technology: How the Supreme Court Addresses Issues at the Intersection of Technology and the Law

Catherine Crump

Staff Attorney

ACLU's Speech, Privacy and Technology Project

Thursday October 6 from 12:40 to 1:35 PM

As technology advances, courts must struggle to apply constitutional protections in circumstances that the founding fathers could never have imagined. The Internet has transformed the way we communicate with one another. Postal mail has increasingly gone by the wayside as we relied first on telephones and now email, Facebook and Twitter. This presentation will give a historical overview of how courts struggled in the 20th century to decide whether telephone calls and Web pages deserved the same constitutional protections as letter-class mail and books. It will then focus on "hot issues" at the intersection of technology and the law, including an upcoming Supreme Court argument on whether the police can attach a GPS device to a car without a warrant, and whether in the digital age what we say, read, and where we go will receive the same constitutional protections they have traditionally enjoyed.

U.S. Involvement in Global Politics and the Shaping of International Law

Mark Olson

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Friday, October 7 from 10:20 to 11:15 AM

The decades since the formation of the United Nations in 1945 have seen continuous ebbs and flows of U.S. government and citizen enthusiasm for participation in international law. After WWII, America drove the initial human rights conventions and international legal institutions. However, that changed in the 1950s, when the U.S. entered a period of stark isolationism. The tide turned again in the 1960s, when the U.S. and other democratic nations began to actively support international law as a means of restraining communism. This trend continued throughout the 1990s. However, the most recent decades in the U.S. have seen a retreat from international law and its institutions. This presentation explores how U.S. involvement in global politics, and U.S. popular culture trends, have shaped the ongoing debate and evolution of American participation in international criminal, environmental, military, and human rights treaties and institutions, and how this participation, or lack thereof, has shaped those institutions.

Individual sessions are \$10 per session for CLE credit. Please RSVP in advance to Carey Shoufler at cshoufler@isb.idaho.gov or 334-4500 and let her know which session or sessions you plan to attend.

If you are interested in attending the full conference, the early bird registration rate has been extended for attorneys (that's \$60 rather than \$75). Registration covers the full conference, conference materials (including poster and t-shirt), membership in the National Council for History Education and the Idaho Council for History Education, continental breakfasts Thursday and Friday, a hot Italian buffet lunch Thursday, food and beverages at the Thursday afternoon reception, and the western steak and chicken BBQ on Friday. For a look at the conference program, go to <http://www.boiseschools.org/tech/2011program.pdf>; for online registration and conference details, visit the Idaho Council for History Education's web page at www.idahocouncilforhistory.org; if preferred, email or fax registration to Linda Barker (linda.barker@boiseschools.org fax 208 854-4012). Attached is a Conference at a Glance sheet with more information about conference sessions and keynote speakers.

Contact Carey Shoufler at cshoufler@isb.idaho.gov or 334-4500 if you have any questions.