

# The Framers' Coup

## The Making of the United States Constitution



Book talk and discussion by author



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Light lunch will be provided.

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In *The Framers' Coup: The Making of the U.S. Constitution* (Oxford University Press 2016), Prof. Klarman describes how the Framers at the Philadelphia convention managed to write a Constitution that was far more nationalizing and democracy-constraining than most Americans anticipated or wanted. He also examines why the Philadelphia convention was so unrepresentative of national opinion, and how the Framers were able to convince ordinary Americans to approve a scheme that drastically reduced their political influence on the national government.

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