Celebrate CONSTITUTION DAY
Friday, September 16, 2016
2:30 to 4:00pm, BSS 166

Immigration, Citizenship & the Constitution

Come celebrate the United States' Constitution Day on September 16th, by taking the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services' Naturalization Test.

Do you know enough about United States history and government to qualify as a citizen?

- Why does the preamble begin "We the people of the United States" and not "We the citizens"? Who are the "all other person's" the constitution refers to in Article I, Section 2?

- Learn about Article I, Section 9: "The migration or importation of such person's as any of the States now existing shall think proper to admit shall not be prohibited by the Congress prior to the year 1808."

- And let's not forget the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, Section 1, "All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside."

Questions for everyone to consider for discussion:

- Is being born in a United States territory the best system for determining citizenship?

- Should your parents' citizenship have any bearing on one's qualification for citizenship?

- Were women originally considered citizens if they were denied the right to vote and own property?

Historian Paul Geck will present a short lecture on Immigration, Citizenship and the Constitution followed by an open question and discussion period with Professor Joice Chang of the Department of Politics.

Refreshments and treats will be provided.