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- January 24** ----- **The Expansion of “We the People”: Amendments and the Broadening of Suffrage**
5:00–6:15 pm Joseph F. Kobyłka, Southern Methodist University
- January 31** ----- **The Fourteenth Amendment: Due Process Clause, Liberty, and the Right to Privacy**
5:00–6:15 pm Laura Moyer, University of Louisville
- February 7** ----- **The Fourteenth Amendment: Equal Protection Clause**
5:00–6:15 pm Kevin McGuire, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

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