

THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF 1787 (213)

Fridays, 1:00 – 2:30 (3 Classes 10/31 – 11/14) in Room 19

Tuition \$35

Walk-in Friendly, \$17. Pay prior to the class in the Center 4Life Learning office.

This three-week class includes lectures by instructor Dan Madden, supplemented by Great Courses videos presented by Eric Berger, an authority on U.S. constitutional history, and class discussion.

The topics to be covered include:

- Key European and American thinkers who developed the notion of a “social contract” or “Constitution”
- Early American social contracts and the Articles of Confederation
- Failure of the first national government
- The convention itself. Was it a “revolution”?
- Ratification and the Federalist Papers

Dan Madden is a Freedom Plaza resident and author of two books on the Ancient World, *The Twisty Trail from Homer to Copernicus* and *Avenging Persephone: Alcibiades and the Loss and Restoration of Athenian Democracy*. He earned his PhD in history in 1972 from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He has taught classes at Freedom Plaza, Aston Gardens, and Center 4Life Learning.