

Winter Topic 2024: A 21st-Century Constitution.

From technology to globalization, the very fabric of our society is transforming before our eyes. And with it, the American people, legislators, and judges will have to grapple with how our Constitution's enduring values—initially written in 1787—apply to today's new contexts. We feel that today's young people should grapple with these issues because we are the ones who will inherit and shape this new world.

Dates and deadlines:

Proposal/Draft due: Feb 26

Workshop week: 3/11-3/15

Potential Topics: We are only including three possible broad topic ideas because we want to encourage writers to engage with the issues that they find to have the most bearing on their own lives and their own futures—or, at least, how they anticipate them. Feel free to reach out to team@originalistangles.com for more brainstorming guidance.

Freedom of Speech in the Digital Age

Social media shapes American society's most critical social, political, and cultural debates. How can states address the looming challenges of dealing with algorithms, content moderation, digital privacy, and public safety consistent with entrenched constitutional principles?

AI and Criminal Issues

Justice Scalia, dissenting from *Maryland v. King's* 2013 ruling that allowed police to DNA swab arrestees, proclaimed, "I doubt that the proud men who wrote the charter of our liberties would have been so eager to open their mouths for royal inspection." So much has changed in the intervening decade. AI and face-recognition capabilities have obvious law enforcement applicability, but do these emerging technologies risk the rights of criminal defendants? How could property-based approaches to Fourth Amendment guarantees, especially those recently championed by Justice Gorsuch in separate writings, apply in new technological contexts?

America's Place in the World

Should international law inform the U.S. approach to the death penalty? What role can states play in American immigration? How did COVID-19 policy implicate various constitutional principles? Can the Federal Treaty Power extend to the recently proposed Pandemic Treaty and new WHO regulations? These questions are just the tip of the iceberg.