

## Madre María Teresa Guevara Library

### U.S. Constitution Week Report

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- **Date:** September 30, 2025

#### Context

Sacred Heart University has commemorated U.S. Constitution Week with a variety of educational and civic engagement activities. These initiatives have included lectures, exhibitions, and conferences designed to foster awareness of constitutional principles and their relevance in contemporary society. The library has collaborated to highlight primary sources and promote interdisciplinary perspectives on democracy, rights, and civic responsibility. Between 2021 and 2025, these activities have strengthened the university's mission, providing students and the academic community with opportunities to reflect on the importance of the Constitution in both Puerto Rican and U.S. contexts. The following section provides the details of each activity held during the period mentioned above.

- **September 17, 2025**
  - Conference: *Constitución de Estados Unidos: Orígenes revolucionarios, contenido y actualidad*
  - Speaker: Lic. Ramón Luis Nieves, Former Senator of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
  - Event description: This conference examines the revolutionary origins that led to the framing of the Constitution, provides an overview of its content and structure, and concludes with reflections on contemporary constitutional debates
  - Attendance: 61 students



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Conferencia

**Constitución de Estados Unidos:  
Orígenes revolucionarios,  
contenido y actualidad**

Lic. Ramón Luis Nieves

miércoles, 17 de septiembre de 2025

9:30 a. m. - 11:00 a. m.

Sala de Conferencias

**145** AÑOS  
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- **September 17, 2024**

- Event description: As part of the celebration of Constitution Week on September 17, 2024, a display case was set up in the library, and a wall was decorated alluding to the theme of the United States Constitution. In addition, a presentation was projected on the area's television, with information relevant to the Constitution.



- **September 12, 2023**

- Lecture: *La Constitución: Memoria, realidad y desfaces*
- Speaker: Prof. José R. Rivera-González
- Event description: The presentation highlighted the dynamic nature of foundational laws—the Magna Carta, the Constitution, and the Organic Act—viewed as living instruments that evolve over time. Prof. Rivera discussed the tension between culture and statutes, noting how such conflict fosters changes in social practices and collective mindsets. He defined politics as the management and balance between the exercise of power and its socio-human consequences, shaped by the interaction between a given community and the authority to which it grants consent. He emphasized that democracy is relative, contingent, and fluid, and concluded that constitutions should serve to facilitate and stabilize political life.
- Attendance: 2 faculty members



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*We the People*  
*Article I*

**Semana de la Constitución**

Charla:  
**La Constitución: Memoria, realidad y desfaces**  
Prof. José R. Rivera-González

martes 12 de septiembre de 2023  
Cowork Barat Norte  
2:00 pm

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- **September 17, 2022**

- Event description: A series of initiatives was carried out throughout September 2022. These included an exhibition display featuring related materials and photographs, a slideshow projected on the Library's monitors, and the distribution of a commemorative bookmark.



- **September 16, 2021**

- Lecture: [Para salvaguardar la salud pública y la seguridad: la vacunación compulsoria, el Tribunal Supremo de Estados Unidos y la Decimocuarta Enmienda de la Constitución](#)
- Speaker: Dr. Carlos M. González
- Event description: This lecture provided a historical overview of U.S. Supreme Court cases addressing mandatory vaccination during epidemic periods. It examined the Court's rulings, the constitutional arguments involved, and considered whether these precedents have been cited in civil litigation during the Coronavirus pandemic.
- Attendance: 2 faculty members; 2 general public



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**Semana de la Constitución**

**Ponencia:**

**Para salvaguardar la salud pública y la seguridad: la vacunación compulsoria, el Tribunal Supremo de Estados Unidos y la Decimocuarta Enmienda de la Constitución**

**Dr. Carlos M. González**

**Jueves, 16 de septiembre de 2021**  
**2:00 p. m.**

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