



# THE HISTORY AND CULTURE OF MISSOURI POLITICS

A Special 1-Day Program Sponsored by  
**The Center for Management and Professional Development**  
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This one-day program focuses on Missouri's political culture and the overall stability of politics in Missouri state government. The program will compare Missouri's political culture to other states; provide information about the constitutional history of the state – with particular emphasis on the initiative and referendum process; and examine the impact of political institutions on public policy. Ideally, the program will help participants understand Missouri's "big" political picture. Specific attention will be given to:

- Assessing the impact of historical events and cultural norms on public policy
- Understanding the constitutional limitations on public policy; and
- Drawing linkages between partisan politics and public policy

## PROGRAM OUTLINE

**POLITICAL CULTURE IN MISSOURI:** How Missouri is at the crossroads of three political cultures: moralistic, individualistic, and traditionalistic

**CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY:** How constitutional purposes have been fulfilled across four constitutions and a plethora of amendments

**INSTITUTIONAL:** Beyond "How A Bill Becomes Law:" The intersection of politics and policy

**MISSOURI POLITICS:** A lively discussion of political parties, elections, initiatives and referendums

## INSTRUCTOR

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**MAY 24, 2017**

8:30 – 4:30

Truman Office Building, Room 493-494  
Jefferson City  
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**COMPETENCY:** Political Awareness

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