

The King Kamehameha V Judiciary History Center and Hawai'i State Bar Association Civic Education Committee celebrate

# Civil Liberties & the Constitution Day in Hawai'i

Join us for a discussion on United States policy surrounding refugees and asylum seekers.

January 30, 2019 at 5:30 p.m., Ali'iōlani Hale, 417 South King St., Honolulu, HI

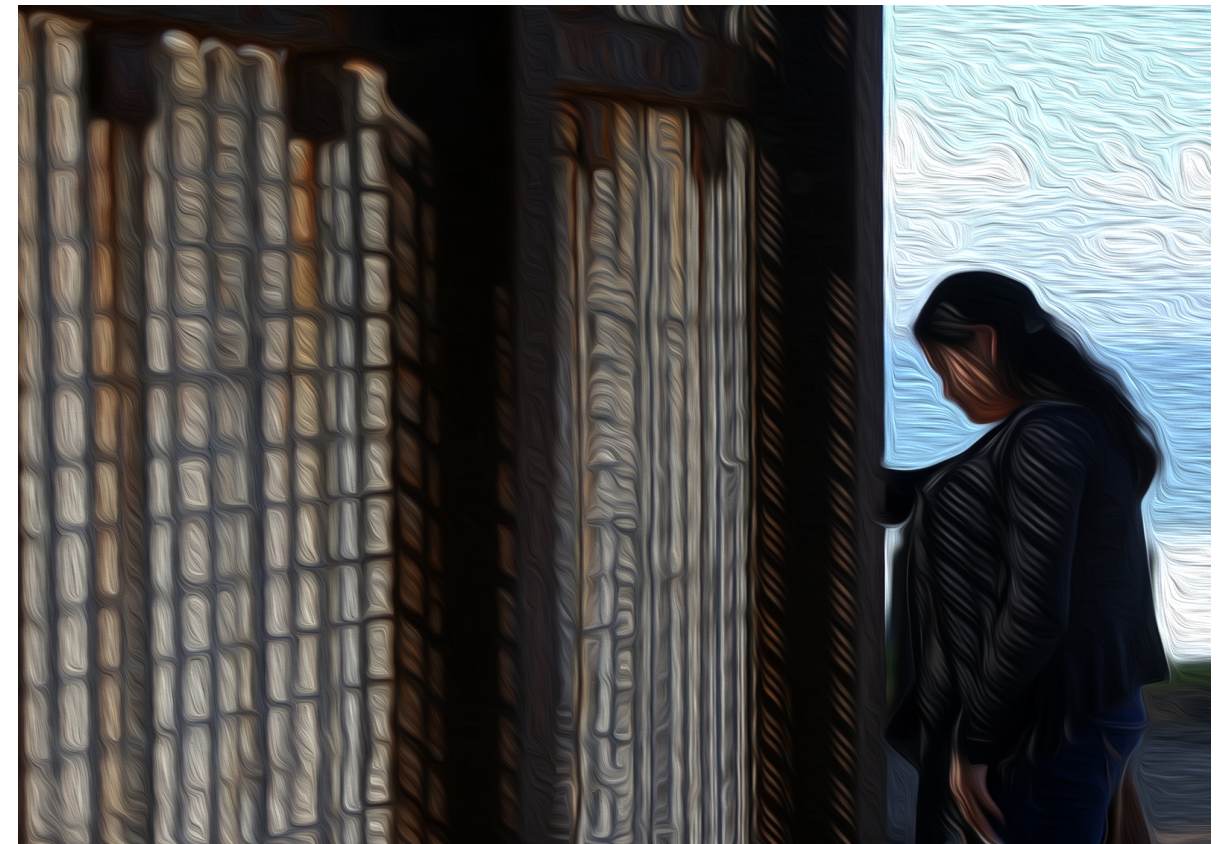
The Supremacy Clause of the United States Constitution establishes that the Constitution, federal laws made pursuant to it, and treaties made under its authority, constitute the supreme law of the land. As a signatory of the United Nations 1967 Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees, and through the United States Refugee Act of 1980, the U.S. has legal obligations to individuals who are seeking asylum. What are these obligations? Does the current administration's policy on asylum seekers pass Constitutional muster? What rights and civil liberties should be accorded to asylum seekers? What ramifications might current policy on asylum seekers and refugees have on our nation's international standing?

**John Robert Egan** is an experienced Immigration Attorney and served as the Chairperson of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, Hawai'i Chapter, in 2008 – 2009. Along with maintaining a private practice, he was recently named Director of the Refugee and Immigration Law Clinic at the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UHM). In the early 1990s, John worked as a Field Officer for the United Nations Refugee Agency, UNHCR, serving in posts in Malawi and Mozambique. This experience, working to ameliorate the impacts of large-scale forced migration, provided a strong motivation to learn the international laws and protocols related to migration. He continues to be involved in pro bono casework and in community education issues.

**Kay Lorraine**, a former Hawai'i non-profit executive, earned her Juris Doctorate from the William S. Richardson School of Law. Devoted to fighting injustice wherever it rears its head, in the Spring of 2018 Kay took a leave of absence from Greg Ryan & Associates in Honolulu to travel to Texas where she worked pro bono for The Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services (RAICES) and the Interfaith Welcome Coalition of San Antonio on the immigrant family reunification process. She returned to Hawai'i in late November, armed with the knowledge that no matter how bad you think things are at the border, they are probably worse than that.

The winners of the 2018 HSBA Civic Education Committee's calendar contest will also be announced and recognized.

Please RSVP by Monday, January 28, 2019 or call 539-4999 if you require accommodation for disability.



*Civil Liberties and the Constitution Day in Hawai'i* honors individuals committed to protecting the civil rights and liberties of all. January 30, 1919 was the birthdate of **Fred Korematsu**, who challenged the constitutionality of imprisoning Japanese Americans during World War II.