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Walter F. Murphy, McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence Emeritus at Princeton University, is among the most distinguished constitutional scholars of the 20th century. The Walter F. Murphy Lecture in American Constitutionalism celebrates his dedication to excellence in the study of American and comparative constitutional law and theory.

A decade after joining the Princeton faculty, he was named the McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence, succeeding Woodrow Wilson, Edward S. Corwin and Alpheus T. Mason in one of the nation’s most prestigious endowed chairs.

He is the recipient of numerous honors, including the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Political Science Association, Law and Courts Section, and the Chicago Foundation for Literature Award in 1980 for his novel, The Vicar of Christ. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and a senior fellow of the Italian Academy for Advanced Study in America. He is the author of Wiretapping on Trial, Elements of Judicial Strategy, and Congress and the Court, as well as works of fiction exploring important political and religious themes, including Upon This Rock: The Life of St. Peter and The Roman Enigma. He earned a Purple Heart, Distinguished Service Cross, three Battle Stars, and a Presidential Unit Citation for his service in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War.

Professor Murphy earned a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago.
H. Jefferson Powell is Professor of Law and Professor of Divinity at Duke University. He was educated at the University of Wales (B.A. 1975), Yale (M.Div. 1979, J.D. 1982) and Duke (Ph.D. 1991).

His publications include Languages of Power, The Moral Tradition of American Constitutionalism, The Constitution and the Attorneys General, The President’s Authority over Foreign Affairs: An Essay in Constitutional Interpretation, and A Community Built on Words: The Constitution in History and Politics, as well as numerous articles and book chapters.

He has extensive experience in government, and among other positions has served as Principal Deputy Solicitor General in the United States Department of Justice, a deputy assistant attorney general in the Department’s Office of Legal Counsel, and as Special Counsel to the Attorney General of North Carolina.