

**1619** The Making of AMERICA  
NORFOLK STATE UNIVERSITY

*A 50-Year  
Commemorative  
Scholars Roundtable*

**Thursday, April 17, 2014**  
Brown Hall, Little Theater  
Norfolk State University

Free and Open to the Public  
*Pre-Registration Recommended*  
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**“Constructing Citizenship from 1619  
to the 1964 Civil Rights Act”**

***Norfolk State University, Cox Communications, and WHRO present a Roundtable Discussion that will examine the arc of civil liberties from 1619 to the present.***

Legal experts and scholars will participate in a panel discussion about this critical moment in America’s history, putting the passage of this important legislation into a broader context, including the recent debates about individual civil liberties. The panel will discuss the history of civil rights, beginning in 1619 with the establishment of the first legislative body created by the London Company (later called the House of Burgesses). This group began to define citizenship for white men only over the next two centuries. Following the Civil War, passage of Constitutional amendments and federal laws that would guarantee civil liberties to all men and later women culminated in the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

Cox Communications and Norfolk State University are sponsoring this one-hour discussion. Cox Communications will film a 30-minute segment of the discussion for later broadcast. Local television personality, Barbara Hamm-Lee from WHRO, a PBS affiliate, who has a regular radio program, *Another View*, will be the moderator.

The legal experts will include **The Honorable John Charles Thomas**, Retired Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia and Senior Partner with Hunton & Williams, **John Pierre**, Vice Chancellor and Professor of Law at Southern University Law Center, **Amos Jones**, Assistant Professor of Law at Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law, Campbell University, and **Eric Claville**, Assistant Dean at Hampton University.

We invite K-12 teachers, students, university faculty, local bar association members, and the general public to participate in this exciting panel discussion. The final 30 minutes of the discussion will include a Q&A session with the audience.



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