The Supreme Court’s 2017-18 term could be the most consequential term in decades, as justices consider major cases involving religious liberty, immigration, cell phone privacy, voting rights, and gerrymandering. In this weekend seminar, students will consider two key cases from this momentous term, with a view toward understanding how politics and law interact, the different approaches to constitutional judgment and rhetoric, and the impact of the Court’s decisions on American lives.

Friday, April 13, 2018

6 pm to 8 pm  Introductions and Dinner

Saturday, April 14, 2018

8:30 am to 9 am  Group Breakfast

9 am to Noon  Session 1: Privacy and Modern Technology:  
  Carpenter v. U.S.

  Readings:
  
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  Olmstead v. United States (1928)
  •  Statement of the Case, Cert. Petition, Carpenter v. U.S.
  •  Amicus Brief, Technology Companies
  •  Amicus Brief, Professor Orin Kerr

12:00 pm to 1:30 pm  Lunch and Discussion
  Guest Speaker: Michael Greve, Antonin Scalia Law School

1:30 pm to 3 pm  Session 2: Carpenter v. U.S., Cont’d | 
  State Power, Interstate Markets, and Modern Commerce: South Dakota v. Wayfair

  Readings:
  
  •  Gibbons v. Ogden (1824)
  •  Quill v. North Dakota (1992)
  •  Cert. Petition, Wayfair Inc.
6 pm to 8 pm  Dinner and Discussion  
Guest Speaker: Benjamin Wittes, Brookings Institution

Sunday, April 15, 2018

8:30 am to 9 am  Group Breakfast

9 am to Noon  Session 3: South Dakota v. Wayfair, Cont’d

Readings:

• See previous day’s readings.

Noon to 2 pm  Lunch and Closing Conversation