



Constitution Day Celebration

3:30 pm, September 17, 2008

Peggy V. Helmerich Browsing Room

Welcome

GARY CLARK, OSU Vice President
for University Relations

Introductions

JASON MALOY, Assistant Professor
of Political Science

"National Security & the Rule of Law"

MICKEY EDWARDS, former Oklahoma
Congressman

Response

JAMES SCOTT, Professor & Head
of Political Science

Questions from the audience

*Today's event is co-sponsored
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OSU Political Science Department.*

About Mickey Edwards

Edwards is a former Republican congressman who served Oklahoma's 5th congressional district from 1977 to 1993. He currently lectures at Princeton; writes weekly columns in the Chicago Tribune, Boston Globe, and Los Angeles Times; and is a host of a weekly political commentary broadcast on National Public Radio.

During his 16 years in Congress, Edwards was chairman of the Republican Policy Committee and a ranking member of the House Subcommittee on Foreign Operations. Now, he is also a director of several public policy and foreign affairs organizations. This background in foreign affairs and operations gives him particular insight into the "War on Terror" and how the Constitution and the citizens of the United States have been affected by new legislation like the "Patriot Act."

About Constitution Day

Constitution Day is an American federal holiday that recognizes the ratification of the United States Constitution. It is observed on September 17, the day the U.S. Constitutional Convention signed the Constitution in 1787.

The holiday was created in 2004 with the passage of an amendment by Senator Robert Byrd to the Omnibus spending bill of 2004. Before this law was enacted, the holiday was known as "Citizenship Day". In addition to renaming the holiday, the act mandates that all publicly funded educational institutions, like OSU, provide educational programming on the history of the American Constitution on that day.