

Celebrate with US

Get your toasting glasses out because it is time for a celebration. You should have received your written invitation to our May branch meeting in the mail along with a bookmark that has a number written on it along with a quote from Literature. Keep that bookmark handy because there will be a door prize drawn during the meeting.

We have a special meeting where we will be celebrating our Named Honorees, our High School Science Fair winner, our branch accomplishments this year and YOU, our branch members. And our featured speaker will discuss *The Road to Justice, Female Voices on the Supreme Court*.

Please join the festivity by Zoom on Saturday, May 8 at Noon. And Get your toasting glasses ready.

Zoom meeting at 12:00pm featuring a discussion on “Pioneer Supreme Court Justices Sandra Day O’Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsberg” by Professor Barbara A. Perry.

For further information about the program or to join the meeting please visit our website for the link.



Barbara A. Perry is the Gerald L. Baliles Professor and Director of Presidential Studies at the University of Virginia's Miller Center, where she co-directs the Presidential Oral History Program. She has authored or edited 16 books on presidents, First Ladies, the Kennedy family, the Supreme Court, and civil rights and civil liberties. Professor Perry has conducted more than 100 interviews for the George H. W. Bush, Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, and Barack Obama Presidential Oral History Projects and she directs the Edward Kennedy Oral History Project. She served as a U.S. Supreme Court fellow and has worked for both Republican and Democratic members of the Senate.

Her books include *42: Inside the Presidency of Bill Clinton* (edited with Michael Nelson and Russell Riley); *41: Inside the Presidency of George H.W. Bush* (edited with Michael Nelson); *Rose Kennedy: The Life and Times of a Political Matriarch*; *Jacqueline Kennedy: First Lady of the New Frontier*; *Edward Kennedy: An Oral History*, and *The Priestly Tribe: The Supreme Court's Image in the American Mind*.

A native of Louisville, Kentucky, Professor Perry earned a PhD in government from the University of Virginia; an MA degree in politics, philosophy, and economics from Oxford University; and a BA degree in political science, with highest honors, from the University of Louisville.

Previously, Professor Perry was the Carter Glass Professor of Government and founding director of the Center for Civic Renewal at Sweet Briar College in Virginia. In 1994-95, she received the Justice Tom C. Clark Award as the outstanding Supreme Court Fellow that year. In addition to providing research for Chief Justice William Rehnquist's speeches, she briefed more than 3,000 visitors to the court from 70 different countries. She was the Senior Fellow for Civics Education at the University of Louisville's McConnell Center in 2006-07, where she is currently a Non-Resident Fellow. From 1996 through 2008, she taught in the Supreme Court Summer Institute, co-sponsored by the Supreme Court Historical Society and Street Law. In 2012, Perry received the Virginia Social Science Association's Scholar Award in Political Science. The Sons of the American Revolution, Virginia Society, awarded her their 2013 Silver Good Citizenship Medal for "her outstanding achievements in the study, writing, and teaching of American history." The University of Louisville's College of Arts and Sciences named her the 2014 Alumna Fellow of the Year.

Professor Perry has participated in the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of International Information Programs and lectures for the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, for which she taught a 2015 online graduate course on the Kennedy presidency and offers a teacher institute on JFK. From 2010-14, she served as an adjunct faculty member at the Federal Executive Institute in Charlottesville, providing seminars to senior federal executives on the Kennedy presidency, the U.S. Supreme Court, and leadership.

If you are not in the McLean Area Branch of AAUW and wish to receive a link to the meeting, please click [here](#).