REFLECTIONS ON THE U.S. CONSTITUTION:
CONTEMPORARY ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

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William H. Gates Hall Room 133

George Lovell, Associate Professor of Political Science and Adjunct Associate Professor in Law, Societies & Justice, studies American political institutions, American political development, and constitutional theory. His research examines how people and organizations use legal processes to achieve political goals. His forthcoming book, *This is Not Civil Rights*, looks at how ordinary people construct and respond to legal and constitutional arguments, and at how discourses of law and rights impact politics and society. He is now working on a book on Filipino cannery workers in the Pacific Northwest that examines how colonialism, migration, and violent lawlessness by government officials shaped patterns of U.S. worker organization over the 20th Century.

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Patricia Novotny earned her J.D. from the University of Washington. A Seattle attorney, she has practiced primarily appellate law, with an emphasis on family law for the past 15 years. She is a co-author of the *Family Law Deskbook* and teaches Women and Law in the UW’s Gender, Women & Sexuality Studies Department and Feminist Jurisprudence at the University’s law school. She has been involved in numerous cases asserting the rights of women, including reproductive rights, juror rights, sexual privacy rights, and cases involving domestic violence, parenting rights, and same-sex couple property rights and marital rights. She was lead appellate counsel in *Andersen v. King County*, seeking the right to marry for same-sex couples in Washington, and argued the case before the Washington Supreme Court.

Kathryn A. Watts earned her J.D., summa cum laude, from Northwestern University School of Law. joined the University of Washington School of Law in 2007. She teaches administrative law, constitutional law and Supreme Court decision making. She is currently serving as Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Development. Her scholarship has been published in a variety of top journals, including the *Yale Law Journal*, the *Harvard Law Review*, the *Northwestern University Law Review* and the U.C. Davis Law Review. In addition, she is a two-time recipient of the Philip A. Trautman Professor of the Year Award given by the student body.