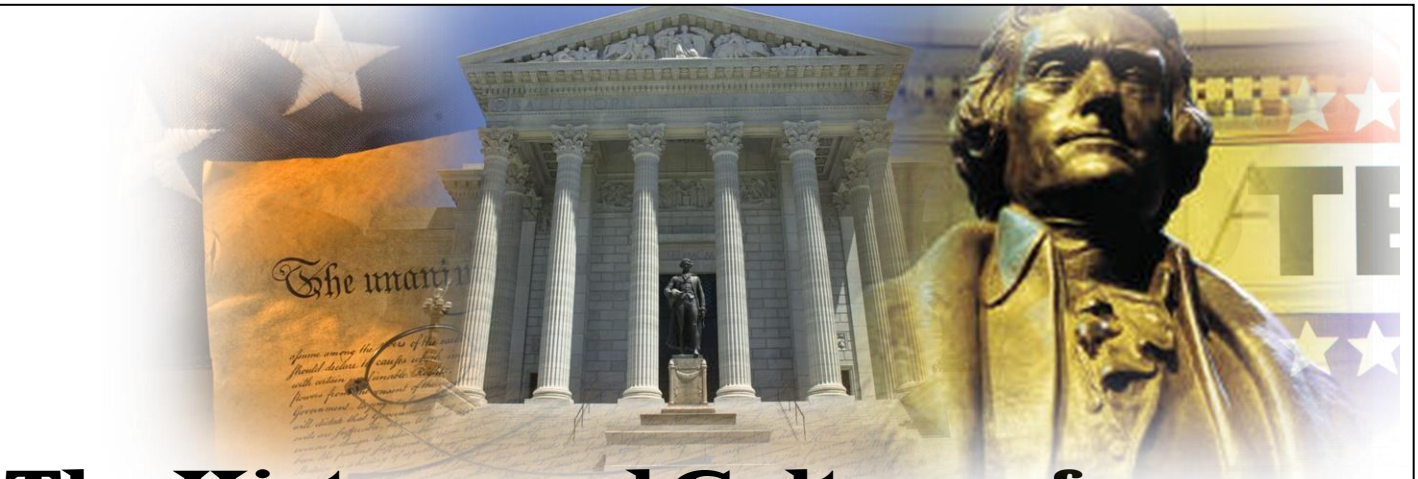

The History and Culture of Missouri Politics

A *Special* 1-Day Program Sponsored by the Division of Personnel in Conjunction with Missouri State University

This one-day program focuses on Missouri's political culture and the overall stability of politics in Missouri state government. The program will compare Missouri's political culture to other states; provide information about the constitutional history of the state – with particular emphasis on the initiative and referendum process; and examine the impact of political institutions on public policy. Ideally, the program will help participants understand Missouri's "big" political picture.

Specific attention will be given to:

- ☐ Assessing the impact of historical events and cultural norms on public policy
- ☐ Understanding the constitutional limitations on public policy; and
- ☐ Drawing linkages between partisan politics and public policy

Program Outline

Political Culture in Missouri:
How Missouri is at the crossroads of three political cultures: moralistic, individualistic, and traditionalistic

Constitutional History:
How constitutional purposes have been fulfilled across four constitutions and a plethora of amendments

Institutional:
Beyond "How a bill becomes a law:" The intersection of politics and policy

Missouri Politics:
A lively discussion of political parties, elections, initiatives and referendums

More information about this program

Competency:
Political Awareness

Program Instructor:
Dr. George E. Connor
Department of Political Science
Missouri State University

This program is part of the *Missouri Certified Public Manager Program* (CPM) curriculum. Because this topic may be of special interest to many supervisors and managers in state government, the program is being made available to anyone interested in attending.

The program will be held at the State Capital and include a Capital tour.

July 14, 2010

8:30 – 4:30
State Capital
Hearing Room 7
Cost: $50.00