Our first class meeting will be Friday, August 25, 2:00 – 3:40 p.m. Room 107 Hulston Hall.

Before our first class, please read the following in William Burnham, *Introduction to the Law and Legal System of the United States*, 6th ed., (West 2016):

**Class No. History and Governmental Structure**

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**Topics:**

- Introduction to the Course
- Some Constitutional History
- Governmental Structure Provided for in the Constitution
- Separation and Balance of Powers among Branches of the Federal Government

**Readings:**

- Burnham--
  - pp. ix-xii (Reader’s Guide);
  - pp. 1-18 (Chapter I, Sections A, B, C);
  - pp. A15-A25 (Appendix A) (Constitution and First Ten Amendments)
- *Marbury v. Madison*, 5 U.S. 137 (1803) (available on our TWEN site under the “Required Readings” folder)