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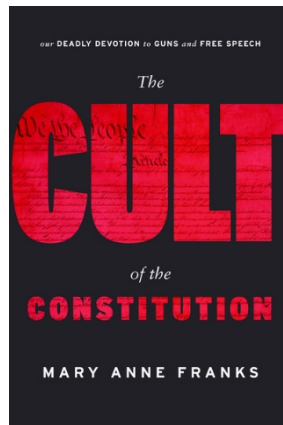
Monday, Sept. 14, 2020 12:15pm

The University of Akron School of Law

Virtual Lecture (online): [Register here](#)

(Free and open to the public)

*Book Talk: **The Cult of the Constitution:** Our Deadly Devotion to Guns and Free Speech*



Prof. Mary Anne Franks
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Mary Anne Franks is Professor of Law and Dean's Distinguished Scholar at the University of Miami School of Law where she teaches criminal, constitutional, and family law. She holds a JD from Harvard Law and advanced degrees from Oxford University, where she was a Rhodes Scholar. Franks also directs the Cyber Civil Rights

Initiative dedicated to combating online abuse and discrimination. She drafted the first model criminal statute on revenge porn.

A popular lecturer and public commentator, Professor Franks' scholarship has appeared in leading law reviews and the popular press.

In her new book discussed here, Franks examines the thin line between constitutional fidelity and constitutional fundamentalism, revealing how deep fundamentalist strains in both conservative and liberal American thought keep the Constitution in the service of white male supremacy.