

Principle Investigator: Brian Murphy

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The Teagle Foundation funded Prof. Murphy's "Climate of American Constitutional Democracy" proposal to design and launch courses to study the U.S. Constitution and American government through the lens of climate change. In anticipation of applying for a larger implementation grant from the foundation, Prof. Murphy will be organizing faculty convenings in Spring 2021 to put together new courses linking the history of democratic thought and the Constitution with climate change. He will also be piloting a digital public humanities project (<https://www.history.ox.ac.uk/quill-project>) in partnership with Oxford University where Rutgers undergraduates will have an opportunity to do hands-on archival research about the drafting and ratification of New Jersey's state constitutions.