

# Supreme Court Forum Held at SWOSU

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SWOSU recently hosted a public forum on “The Supreme Court” as one of several activities related to Constitution Day celebrated on the Weatherford campus.

Participants in the forum were (from left): Dr. Fred Gates, Donna Barlow, Dan Brown, all faculty members at SWOSU, and moderator Randy Beutler of Elk City.

A public forum on “The Supreme Court” was recently held at Southwestern Oklahoma State University as one of several activities related to Constitution Day.

A crowd of over 250 people attended the forum held on the Weatherford campus.

The forum panel featured SWOSU faculty members Dr. Fred Gates, history; Donna Barlow, criminal justice; and Dan Brown, political science. Moderator was Randy Beutler.

The panel discussed a wide range of issues facing the Supreme Court including abortion, capital punishment and discrimination.

One of the comments from Gates was the Supreme Court has expanded its powers far beyond the guidelines created by the Constitution, while Barlow expressed the view that the court needs to be more focused on women’s issues such as gender discrimination. Brown said that lifetime appointments for federal judges should be modified to no more than a 20-year term for any federal judge.

Constitution Day is now observed nationally to commemorate the signing of the United States Constitution.