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CEDARVILLE, OHIO -- As the U.S. Supreme Court considers a Mississippi ruling with extensive implications for abortion rights, Cedarville University seeks to add a biblical perspective to the mix.

The department of [history and government](#) at Cedarville will present “Beyond Roe v. Wade?” beginning March 22. The series will feature a lecture and two panel discussions on the status and direction of [Roe v. Wade](#), the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that deemed a woman’s right to abortion constitutional.

The session dates are March 22, April 5, both at 4 p.m., and April 18 at 4:30 p.m. All sessions are in person in the Stevens Student Center Event Rooms on Cedarville’s campus. Each program will also be livestreamed.

This series comes in response to the ongoing [Dobbs v. Jackson](#) case, which calls into question Mississippi's right to ban abortions, in most cases, after 15 weeks of gestational age. [Experts](#) believe this ban will not be ruled unconstitutional, potentially undoing the work of Roe v. Wade.

“We felt the community could use a discussion of how we got here,” said [Dr. Mark Caleb Smith](#), chair of the department of history and government and director of the Center for Political Studies. “It could be a significant cultural event. If that’s the case, then we need to ask how we, as Christians, should live out our faith, deal with this issue and still try to minister to people at the same time.”

The series will precede a summertime decision for the Dobbs v. Jackson case.

“I hope we give people some tools for cultural engagement,” Smith continued. “We’ll explore how we should carry our Christian engagements into a conflict like this.”

The first session, “A Historical Perspective and Faith Response,” will be hosted by Smith on March 22 at 4 p.m. in the Stevens Student Center Event Rooms and will break down the history and cultural impact of Roe v. Wade, along with potential directions the Supreme Court could take.

Session two, “Christian Citizenship at a Crossroad,” will feature a panel discussion on how Christians, as both earthly and heavenly citizens, fit into a culture with conflicting viewpoints on abortion. The session will be held April 18 at 4 p.m.

The final session, “Caring for Women Facing a Crisis or Unwanted Pregnancy,” will be moderated by [Janice Supplee](#), vice president for marketing and communications. An all-female panel will offer their perspectives on how to minister to women facing a crisis pregnancy. Panelists include Tara Winter, disability services manager; [Amanda Minor](#), assistant professor of nursing; and Kathleen Shanks, executive director at New Path Pregnancy Resource Centers. This session will be held on April 18 at 4:30 p.m.

“We hope to engage this political issue in a way that reflects the love of Christ,” said Smith. “Being a good witness to others, especially when entering a difficult topic of conversation, gives us an opportunity to help others want to learn more.”

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 4,715 undergraduate, graduate, and online students in more than 150 areas of study. Founded in 1887, Cedarville is one of the largest private universities in Ohio, recognized nationally for its authentic Christian community, rigorous academic programs, including the [Bachelor of Arts in History](#), strong graduation and retention rates, accredited professional and health science offerings, and high student engagement ranking. For more information about the University, visit cedarville.edu.