

Second Annual Free Speech Week at
UW-Stout Center for the Study of Institutions and Innovation (CSII)
October 15 to 18, 2018

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15

4:00 to 5:30 pm **Free Speech and Anti-Orthodoxy** **MSC Crystal Ballroom C**

What protections should dissenters and unpopular speakers have? Should the same rules apply to public universities as other public entities or places? Should a progressive campus orthodoxy silence those who dissent from it? How far can they go to do so? Has “political correctness” gone too far? In 2017, Bret Weinstein faced these questions as a professor at Evergreen State University. Respondents Sajjani and Sharpless add their own thoughts on free speech and anti-orthodoxy.

Moderator: Bob Meyer, UW-Stout Chancellor
Speaker: Bret Weinstein, Independent Scholar
Respondents: Damon Sajjani, African Cultural Studies, UW-Madison
 John Sharpless, Co-Director, Center for the Study of Liberal Democracy, UW-Madison

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

2:30 to 3:30 pm **Great First Amendment Cases** **MSC Crystal Ballroom C**

Freedom of speech, religion, press, assembly and the right to petition are bedrocks of American democracy. What legal cases contributed most significantly to the development of these rights? What legal concepts and doctrines from those cases are important today? What problems or issues exist in these concepts and doctrines? Panelists Edenberg, Schutta, and Zeidel lead our discussion.

Moderator: Tim Shiell, CSII Director
Panelists: Kate Edenberg, Journalism, UW-Stout
 Richard Schutta, Communication Studies, UW-Stout
 David Seim, History, UW-Stout

4:00 to 5:30 pm **Student Free Speech in the UW** **MSC Crystal Ballroom C**

In 2017, the UW Board of Regents adopted policy 4-21 reaffirming and expanding its commitment to academic freedom and freedom of expression. What does the policy say? Why was it adopted? Will vagueness in the “material and substantial disruption” standard and mandatory punishments chill student speech and protest? Panelists include Manley, co-author of the model policy the Regent policy was modeled on; Schoenike, who opposed the policy’s adoption; and Mattox, who influences free speech policy and practice at a think tank.

Moderator: Doug Mell, Executive Director, University Communications and External Relations, UW-Stout
Panelists: Jim Manley, Senior Fellow, Goldwater Institute
 Coltan Schoenike, M.A. Student in Marriage and Family Therapy, UW-Stout
 Casey Mattox, Senior Fellow, Charles Koch Institute

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

2:30 to 3:30 pm

Student Panel: Selma Civil Liberties Project

Library 206, West Entrance

Civil liberties, including free speech, played an important role in the success of the 1950s and 1960s Civil Rights Movement. Civil rights protesters even expanded protections for free speech, press and assembly. Protecting civil liberty remains essential to protesting racism and other social evils. What did UW-Stout students learn during their summer project in Selma, Alabama with the Center for Nonviolence, Truth and Reconciliation?

Moderator: Jim Handley, Peace Studies and Geography, UW-Stout

Panelists: TBA

4:00 to 5:30 pm

Debating Hate Speech and the First Amendment

MSC Oakwood

America's debate over restricting hate speech began in the 1880s and continues today. What is hate speech? What legal limits should be placed on it? Should freedom of speech protect hate speech from government censorship? Nielsen recommends stronger legal restrictions on hate speech due to its harms. Majeed argues current protections for hate speech should remain in force despite harms of hate speech.

Moderator: Elizabeth Buchanan, Endowed Chair and Director, UW-Stout Center for Applied Ethics

Speaker: Laura Beth Nielsen, Center for Legal Studies, Northwestern University

Speaker: Azhar Majeed, Vice President of Policy Reform, Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

4:00 to 5:30 pm

Free Speech and Originalist Jurisprudence

MSC Willow/Walnut

In general, originalist jurisprudence urges judges to interpret the constitution and statutes according to their original meaning or intent to restrict judicial "legislation" and thereby protect the rule of law. But there are variations of originalism. Which originalism is best? Should judges ever interpret law beyond original meaning or intent? How does originalism apply to free speech? Constitutional law scholars Bigel and Fallon wrestle with these and related questions.

Moderator: Patrick Guilfoile, Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs, UW-Stout

Speaker: Alan Bigel, Political Science and Public Administration, UW-La Crosse

Respondent: Ed Fallon, Law, Marquette University

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