

Testing the University: Speech, Freedom, and Civility on College Campuses

Provost Forum on Inquiry, Expression, and Community in the University

Penn Pavilion · Duke University

Thursday, March 1st, 2018 · 8:45am – 4:00pm

All events are free, though registration is required: <https://bit.ly/2D2VNEO>

Schedule includes confirmed speakers

8:45am: REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST

9:05am: OFFICIAL WELCOME

9:15am: Academic Freedom and the Mission of the University

Duke University's Mission Statement reaffirms its foundational commitment to promoting "an intellectual environment built on a commitment to free and open inquiry," which encompasses academic freedom, free speech, and freedom of assembly. But the range and application of those principles raise hard questions. To what extent can a university be committed to the pursuit of justice as well as "learning, freedom and truth"? How is academic freedom different from free speech? And how does the pursuit of knowledge promote other values to which Duke is committed, such as "a deep appreciation for the range of human difference and potential" and "a sense of the obligations and rewards of citizenship"?

Moderator: [David F. Levi](#), Dean, Duke Law School

[Erwin Chemerinsky](#), Dean, Berkeley Law, University of California

[Ranjana Khanna](#), Professor, English Department, Duke University; Director, Franklin Humanities Institute, Duke University

10:45am: BREAK

11:00am: Civil Discourse Across Divides

Intellectual inquiry both generates and depends on certain kinds of diversity and disagreement. What kinds of diversity and disagreement can or must a university foster? Are all viewpoints worthy of equal respect, or are some out of bounds? How should the lines be drawn, and who gets to draw them? What are the alternatives to censorship when battling hateful speech? How can we further the imperatives of free inquiry and discourse while respecting other values like privacy and respect? To what degree is the university a "home" for some, and does that matter? Who speaks for that community?

Moderator: [Peter D. Feaver](#), Professor of Political Science and Public Policy; Director, Triangle Institute for Security Studies; Director, Program in American Grand Strategy, Duke University

[Teresa M. Bejan](#), Associate Professor of Political Theory, University of Oxford

[Celeste Headlee](#), Award-winning journalist, professional speaker, and author of the book *We Need to Talk – How to Have Conversations that Matter*

[Frederick W. Mayer](#), Professor, Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University

12:30pm: BREAK (*Pick up lunch. First come, first served.*)

1:00pm Keynote: [David Brooks](#), Op-Ed Columnist for *The New York Times*; Commentator on PBS NewsHour, NPR's All Things Considered, and NBC's Meet the Press

2:00pm BREAK

2:15pm: Assembly, Protest, and Shared Spaces

The inquiry, discourse, and disagreement that are central to the university's identity are not just abstract concepts, but physical realities. They manifest themselves in assemblies, classrooms, and dormitories. The goal of this session is to explore how the physical spaces of the university can or should be managed so as to advance the academic mission of the university while maintaining safety, privacy, and civility. How should professors manage the classroom when discussing sensitive material? What factors should guide the decision to invite outside speakers with controversial viewpoints, and what techniques are effective and/or appropriate for responding to such speakers?

Moderator: [Benjamin Reese](#), Vice President, Office for Institutional Equity, Duke University
[Karen Anderson](#), Executive Director, ACLU of North Carolina
[Luke Bretherton](#), Professor, Duke Divinity School
[Zareena Grewal](#), Associate Professor, American Studies, Yale University
[Michael J. Sorrell, Ed.D.](#), President, Paul Quinn College

3:45pm: CLOSING REMARKS

4:00pm: FORUM CONCLUDES

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