



The Center for the Study of Liberal Democracy Presents

Free Speech On Campus: Old Challenges, New Threats

March 11-12, 2016

Keynote Address
“In Defense of Prejudice:
Why Free Speech Is The Only Safe
Space For Minorities”

featuring **Jonathan Rauch**

Friday, March 11
Wisconsin Historical Society Auditorium
5:00 PM



Jonathan Rauch is a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution in Washington, is the author of *Kindly Inquisitors: The New Attacks on Free Thought*, as well as many books and articles on public policy, culture, and government. A leading advocate of both gay equality and free speech, he is a contributing editor of *The Atlantic* and recipient of the 2005 National Magazine Award, the magazine industry’s equivalent of the Pulitzer Prize.

Concluding Remarks
“Freedom of Thought on Campus:
1985 to the Present and Beyond”

featuring **Donald Downs**

Saturday, March 12
Virginia Harrison Parlor, Lathrop Hall
3:00 PM



Donald Downs is Emeritus Professor of Political Science at the University of Wisconsin. His prize winning books include *Nazis in Skokie; The New Politics of Pornography; More than Victims: Battered Women, the Syndrome Society, and the Law; Cornell `69: Liberalism and the Crisis of the American University; Restoring Free Speech and Liberty on Campus*; and the recently published *Arms and the University: Military Presence and the Civic Education on Non-Military Students*.

Discussion Panels

Saturday, March 12; Virginia Harrison Parlor, Lathrop Hall; 8:30 - 3:00 PM

Speech Codes and the First Amendment: Don Downs at the UW 8:30 - 10:00 AM	First Amendment Theory, Past and Present 10:15 - 11:45 AM	New Challenges to Free Speech on Campus 1:30 - 3:00 PM
“Downs and Free Speech: To Infinity and Beyond” Mitch Pickerill, Northern Illinois University	“The Tyranny of the Loud” Howard Schweber, University of Wisconsin	“Current Student Attitudes on Free Speech (If Any)” Bob Schwoch, University of Wisconsin
“Restoring Free Speech and Liberty on Campus: An Appreciation” Michael Gauger, Independent Scholar	“The Threat to Freedom of Sexual Expression, Privacy, and Due Process on American Campuses” Evan Gerstmann, Loyola Marymount University	“Beyond the Ivory Tower: Campus Anti-speech Movements Outside the Academy” Kevin St. John, Partner, Bell Giftos St. John LLC
“Abolishing the Speech Code: Lessons in First Amendment Activism From Don Downs” Jason Sheperd, Cal State Fullerton	“Cultivating Free Expression on Campus: Teaching and Learning First Amendment Theory in the 21st Century” Janet Donovan, University of Colorado-Boulder	“Offensive Environments” Laura Kipnis, Northwestern University
“Productive Friction: Don Downs’ Theory of Civic and Liberal Education” Ilia Murtazashvili, University of Pittsburgh		