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Freedom of Expression
Viewpoint Diversity
Intellectual Humility
Critical Thinking

HIGHER EDUCATION SUMMIT

*on free speech and
intellectual diversity*



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Statement on Free Expression and Free Inquiry

The University of Virginia unequivocally affirms its commitment to free expression and free inquiry. All views, beliefs, and perspectives deserve to be articulated and heard free from interference. This commitment underpins every part of the university's mission. Free and open inquiry is the basis for the scientific method and all other modes of investigation that produce, expand, and refine knowledge. It is at the heart of the principles of academic freedom that protect faculty from interference with their research and their views. Likewise, the educational endeavor for students requires freedom to speak, write, inquire, listen, challenge, and learn, including through exposure to a range of ideas and cultivation of the tools of critical thinking and engagement. These tools are vital not only to students' personal intellectual development but also to their futures as citizen leaders equipped to assess contending arguments and to contribute to societal progress. For all of these reasons, expression of ideas should be given the widest possible latitude.

UNIVERSITY STATEMENT ON INSTITUTIONAL STATEMENTS

August 12, 2024

The modern university exists to serve the society of which it is a part. The University of Virginia is deeply aware of its role within American democracy, its complex history, and its [ongoing mission](#) to develop “responsible citizen leaders and professionals.” In recent years, many universities have construed their public role to include issuing official statements on questions that are of great moment to society but are external to their own operations. Pronouncing as an institution on external issues, however, can divert the university from its mission by compromising academic freedom and damaging the university’s public legitimacy.

For these reasons, the University of Virginia should express no opinions about social and political questions except as those questions directly affect its mission or operations.

Free Speech Orientation

Code of Virginia
Title 23.1. Institutions of Higher Education; Other Educational and Cultural Institutions
Subtitle II. Students and Campus
Chapter 4. General Provisions

§ 23.1-401.1. Constitutionally protected speech; policies, materials, and reports; report

A. Except as otherwise permitted by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, no public institution of higher education shall abridge the constitutional freedom of any individual, including enrolled students, faculty and other employees, and invited guests, to speak on campus.

B. Each public institution of higher education shall establish and include in its student handbook, on its website, and in its student orientation programs policies regarding speech that is constitutionally protected under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution and the process to report incidents of disruption of such constitutionally protected speech.

C. Each public institution of higher education shall develop materials on the policies established pursuant to subsection B and notify any employee who is responsible for the discipline or education of enrolled students of such materials.

D. Each public institution of higher education shall develop, post on its website in a searchable, publicly accessible, and conspicuous manner, and submit to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education and Health no later than December 1 of each year a report on the institution's compliance with the provisions of this section that includes:

1. A copy of the institution's policies as described in subsection B and materials on such policies as described in subsection C;
2. Certification that the institution has complied with subsection C; and
3. A copy of any complaint filed in a court of law since December 1 of the preceding year to initiate a lawsuit against the institution or an employee of the institution in his official capacity for an alleged violation of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

E. Each public institution of higher education shall submit to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education and Health a copy of any complaint filed in a court of law to initiate a lawsuit against the institution or an employee of the institution in his official capacity for an alleged violation of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution no later than 30 days after such complaint is served.

2018, c. 751.

The chapters of the acts of assembly referenced in the historical citation at the end of this section(s) may not constitute a comprehensive list of such chapters and may exclude chapters whose provisions have expired.

HOW TO DISAGREE BETTER

with *BO SEO*

Two-time World Debate Champion

OCT 19 Thursday
2023
1 to 2 PM @ Garrett Hall



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of LEADERSHIP and PUBLIC POLICY



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Register here.

Book signing to follow.



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Friday October 25th 12-2 pm
Multipurpose Room of the Rotunda

FEATURING **FREE LUNCH** AND SPARRING
WITH ONE OF THESE PROFESSORS:

LOUIS NELSON (ARCHITECTURE)

JENN BAIR (SOCIOLOGY)

A.D. CARSON (HIP HOP)

MARY KATE CARY (POLITICS)



**A Braver Angels Debate to kick off
Free Speech Fridays**

Should the US repeal the Second Amendment?

Free lunch from Mellow Mushroom Pizza will be provided!

When: Friday, September 20th from 12 - 2 pm

Where: UVA Rotunda Multipurpose Room

For info, contact Mary Kate Cary:
mkcary@virginia.edu

Need a break from politics?

LOW STAKES



HOT TAKES

Roundtable **speed debating**

come for comfort food,
stay for the conversations!

 Friday, November 15th

12pm-2 pm

 Multipurpose Room,
Rotunda

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**Undergraduate &
Graduate students!**

the 4th **annual STUDENT**
Oratory
COMPETITION

Tell the Story of a

HERO OF OUR AMERICAN DEMOCRACY

**Write and deliver the best
five-minute speech and win \$1,000**

**Finalists meet former
White House and Cabinet
speechwriters**

**Final competition
UVA's Rotunda Dome Room
November 18, 2024 | 5:00 PM**



**SUBMISSION
DEADLINE
October 21
11:59PM**



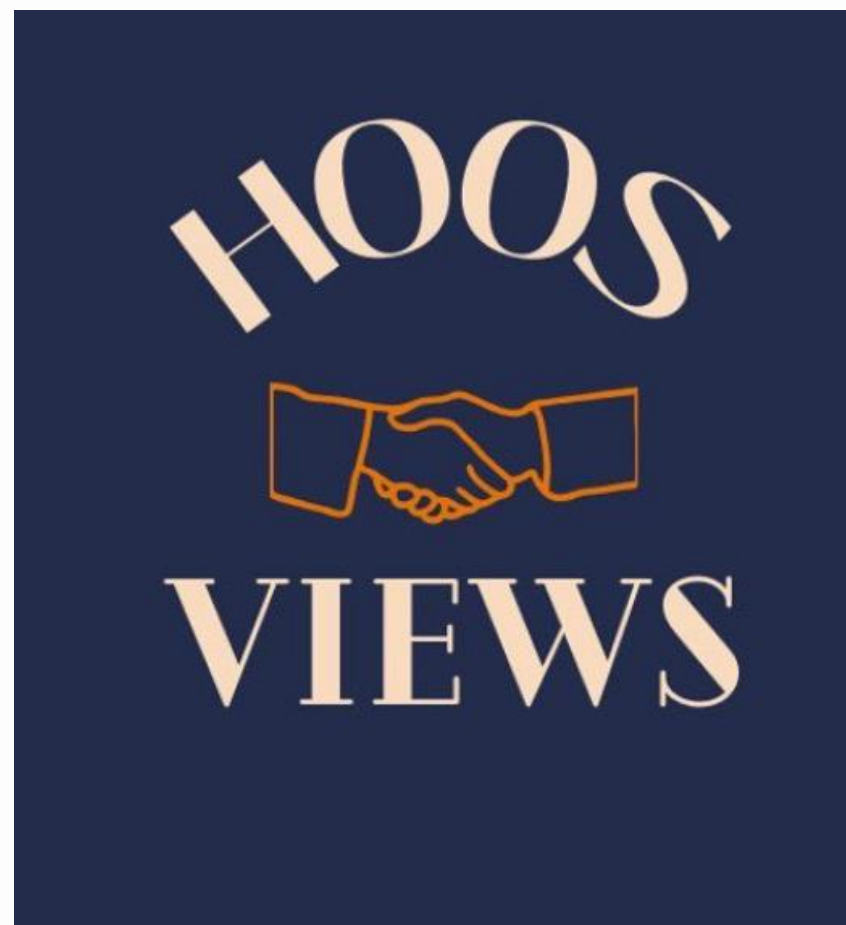
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