



McLaughlin College, Vanier College, and the York Centre for Practical Ethics Present:

Encounter Canada: A Symposium on Free Speech on University Campuses

Tuesday March 17, 2009 - 12 pm - 5 pm in The Renaissance, Vanier College 001



FREE SPEECH, ACADEMIC FREEDOM, AND THE ROLE OF UNIVERSITIES

- 12 pm

Susan Dimock

Susan Dimock is Professor of Philosophy at York University and Director of the York Centre for Practical Ethics. She holds BAs in Philosophy and History from the University of New Brunswick, an MA in Philosophy from York University, and a Ph.D. from Dalhousie University. Her teaching and research interests are in moral and political philosophy, philosophy of law, legal and public service ethics. She is the editor of textbooks on Philosophy of Law and Applied Ethics, and has published articles on punishment theory, liberalism, ethical theory and many issues in applied ethics and philosophy of law.

THE SUPREME COURT'S DECISION IN KEEGSTRA AND RESTRAINTS ON FREE SPEECH - 1 pm

Ian Greene

Ian Greene is Master of McLaughlin College at York University, and the director of the Masters program in Public Policy, Administration and Law. He has been teaching political science, public administration, and law at York University since 1985, and prior to that he worked for the Alberta public service. Greene is author or co-author of six books, including *The Courts* (2006) and *The Charter of Rights* (1989). He is author of about 30 academic articles or book chapters.

WHY CLASSROOM SPEECH ISN'T ALWAYS FREE SPEECH - 2 pm

Stephen Newman

Stephen Newman is Associate Professor of Political Science at York University where he teaches courses on the history of political thought and contemporary political theory. He earned a B.A. in History and Political Science from the University of Rochester and was awarded the Ph.D. in Government from Cornell University. He is the author of *Liberalism at Wits' End: The Libertarian Revolt Against the Modern State* and editor of *Constitutional Politics in Canada and the United States*. He has published articles on early American political thought, contemporary liberal theory, religion and politics, and the freedom of expression.

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION IN A HUMAN RIGHTS WORLD - 3:15 pm

Noël Badiou

Noël Badiou obtained a BA from le Collège Universitaire de Saint Boniface in Manitoba and LLB from l'Université de Moncton in New Brunswick. He recently completed a Masters of Public Administration through the joint University of Winnipeg/University of Manitoba programme. He learned about conducting unbiased, neutral and fair investigations as a Complaints Investigator with the Discipline Department at the Law Society of Manitoba. Noël later became the Manager of Investigations

and Mediations with the Manitoba Human Rights Commission and then Executive Director with the Court Challenges Program of Canada. The Court Challenges Program was a federally funded programme that provided test case funding with respect to equality rights and language rights under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. In 2006 the CCP was cancelled by the federal government and as it wound down, a new opportunity arose with the Centre for Human Rights at York University, and Noël is now its Director. His knowledge and work experience has reinforced his core belief that respect for human rights are integral to a healthy and democratic society.

HATE SPEECH AND THE LAW - 4:15 pm

Wayne Sumner

Wayne Sumner received his doctorate from Princeton University and is currently University Professor Emeritus in the Department of Philosophy at the University of Toronto. His teaching and research interests are in ethical theory, bioethics (especially end-of-life issues), political philosophy, and philosophy of law. He is the author of *Abortion and Moral Theory* (1981), *The Moral Foundation of Rights* (1987), *Welfare, Ethics, and Happiness* (1996), and *The Hateful and the Obscene: Studies in the Limits of Free Expression* (2004).