

Another Take on the FSM: Challenges to Free Speech in a Polarized Era

Saturday, October 11 | Sibley Auditorium | 12-1:30 pm

Fifty years after the Free Speech Movement, engaging in civic life can still involve challenging authority and current policy. But it is consensus through civil discourse — not just protest or partisan opposition for its own sake — that holds the greatest promise for inspiring public involvement and stimulating social progress. Panelists will discuss civility and free speech in a polarized society — particularly as they play out in university settings — and address how public institutions can best foster thoughtful conversations, spirited debate, and constructive dissent. Moderated by Richard “Dick” Beahrs ’68.

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Dean Henry E. Brady, Goldman School of Public Policy

Brady is Dean of the Goldman School of Public Policy and Class of 1941 Monroe Deutsch Professor of Political Science and Public Policy. A political scientist and economist, Brady is past president of the American Political Science Association, elected fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, elected member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and is former director of UC’s Survey Research Center. His interests include electoral politics and political participation, social welfare policy, and political polling and policy-oriented surveys. His most recent book is the “Unheavenly Chorus: Unequal Political Voice and the Broken Promise of American Democracy”.

Robin Lakoff, Professor of Linguistics

Lakoff is a professor emerita in the Linguistics Department. She teaches and writes on language and gender, the politics of language, and language and popular culture. Academically her work comes under the rubrics of sociolinguistics and the relationship between language form and language function. She has written or edited 10 books, among them “Talking Power”, “The Language War, as well as “Language and Woman’s Place” which inspired many different strategies for studying language and gender, across national borders as well as across class and race lines. Her work is also noted for its attention to class, power, and social justice.



Waldo E. Martin, Jr., Professor of History

Martin is the Alexander F. and May T. Morrison Professor of American History and Citizenship. His scholarly and teaching interests include modern American history and culture, and his research and writing focus on African American intellectual and cultural history. His most recent book, coauthored with Deborah Gray White and Mia Bay, is “Freedom on My Mind: A History of African Americans with Documents” (2013). He’s also the author of “Holding One Another: Mario Savio and the Freedom Struggle in Mississippi and Berkeley,” in Cohen and Zelnik, *The Free Speech Movement* (2002). This fall he is teaching a course titled “The Free Speech Movement and the 1960s.”



Richard “Dick” Beahrs, BA ’68

Richard Beahrs was a history major and served as ASUC President during his last year at Cal. He is currently a UC Berkeley Foundation Trustee and a member of the Center’s Advisory Board. Now retired, he spent 35 years as a Media Executive at Time Warner, where his positions included the Presidencies of Comedy Central and Court TV. In 2001, Dick and his wife Carolyn funded the creation of the Beahrs Environmental Leadership Program on the Berkeley campus. In the past decade, over 350 environmental leaders from over 75 countries from around the world have received intensive training in sustainable development practices through a 3 1/2 week multidisciplinary program.





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Mission

Public dialogue often lacks civility and efforts toward policy consensus rarely enjoy broad democratic engagement. Today's hardened lines of political division threaten to aggravate and perpetuate social problems.

The Center on Civility & Democratic Engagement at UC Berkeley's Goldman School of Public Policy focuses on preparing current and future leaders to successfully engage people of diverse backgrounds and viewpoints in the resolution of public policy issues.

The need for more effective and successful democratic engagement is clearly seen in the paralysis and acrimony in our state and national governments and violence worldwide. Through research, teaching, fellowships/internships and public events, students and the wider public learn about the range of deep beliefs and values which drive human social behavior. Along with acquiring expertise in democratic engagement, this knowledge is essential in helping diverse stakeholders achieve productive and enduring resolutions to pressing issues facing societies today.

History

The Center was founded by the Cal Class of '68 to explore the legacy and advance the aspirations that characterize the spirit of the Class and their time at Cal. It is an exciting innovation in UC Berkeley alumni participation and relations with the University. Professor Bruce E. Cain, who served as Co-Director with Dean Henry Brady during the inaugural years, is now a member of the Center's Advisory Board.

Programs

Today, under the leadership of Faculty Director Henry E. Brady, Program Director Larry A. Rosenthal, Senior Fellow Robert B. Reich and the Board, the Center sponsors programs and events on the UC Berkeley campus and beyond, including:

- **Research** into understanding the political, ideological and cultural factors that generate conflict and what enables productive problem solving locally, nationally and globally.
- **Teaching** based on the research that equips students with techniques for dealing with conflict and skills in collaborative leadership and consensus building.
- **Fellowships** and internships for Goldman School undergraduate and graduate students' public policy projects and for UC Washington Center students from Berkeley.
- **Public Events** featuring prominent speakers on topics related to civility and democratic engagement and broadly communicating research results to the public and the media.

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