



UMKC School
of Law

NATIONAL STUDENT RIGHTS CONFERENCE

HYBRID EVENT
IN-PERSON/ZOOMCAST

SEPTEMBER 23

UMKC SCHOOL OF LAW
MOOT COURT ROOM OR
ZOOM

Agenda

9:00 am - Welcome by UMKC-School of Law Dean

Opening remarks by John F. Tinker

9:15 am Session One

Professor David Hudson

The history of Student Free Speech Rights in America

10:00 am Session Two

Professor Catherine Ross

Current state of Student Speech and Censorship

10:45 Session Three

Professor Dan Weddle

Topic Banning and Curriculum Control in American Public Schools

Break (15 min)

11:30 am Panel Discussion with Above Speakers

Co-moderated by Dr. Steve Brown and Professor Dan Weddle

Q+A

12:30 pm Lunch Break

Box lunch provided to participants who reserved in advance

Off campus options available for the adventurous

1:15 pm Breakout Room Session 1

2:30 pm Breakout Room Session 2

Breakout Room Options

- 1. Room 1**—David Hudson and Dan Weddle on Curriculum Content
- 2. Room 2**—John Tinker and Mary Beth Tinker on Student Activism
- 3. Room 3**—Cathy Kuhlmeier and Mike Hiestand on Student Free Press
- 4. Room 4**—Matt Fraser and Vic Walczak on Student Expressive Speech

3:15 pm- Closing Remarks

Guest Participant List

Keynote Speakers

Catherine J. Ross, professor at George Washington University Law School, where she specializes in constitutional law (with particular emphasis on the First Amendment). She is the author of *Lessons in Censorship: How Schools and Courts Subvert Students' First Amendment Rights*.

David Hudson, Jr. author and Assistant Professor of Law, teaches Legal Information and Communication at Belmont University.

Panel Moderators

Steven M. Brown, Executive Director of the JFTF
Daniel Weddle, joined the UMKC Law School in 1996

Breakout Room Hosts

Vic Walczak, Legal Director, ACLU Pennsylvania & attorney involved in Brandy Levy "Cheerleader" U.S. Supreme Court case.

John Tinker (Tinker v Des Moines)

Mary Beth Tinker (Tinker v Des Moines)

Matt Fraser (Bethel v Fraser)

Cathy Kuhlmeier (Hazelwood v Kuhlmeier)

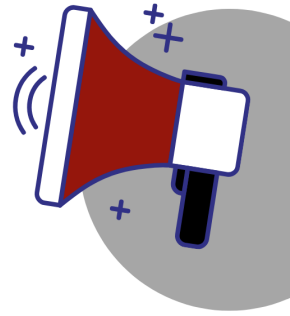
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Mike Hiestand Senior Legal Counsel, Student Press Law Center (SPLC).

Robert Stergos (Cathy's journalism teacher)

Douglas Mertz (Joe Frederick's lawyer, Morse v Frederick)

JFTF Reading List



This is a list of books, articles, and cases JFTF thinks you should read to expand on your knowledge of your first amendment rights.

Books

- We Were There, Too! Young People in U.S. History, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2001 By Phillip Hoose
- Lessons in Censorship: How Schools and Courts Subvert Students' First Amendment Rights, Harvard University Press, 2015. by Catherine J. Ross
- The Constitution Explained, Visible Ink Press (forthcoming June 2022). By David Hudson
- First Things First: A Modern Coursebook on Free Speech Fundamentals, Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, 2019. (co-author with Ronald K.L. Collins and Will Creeley) By David Hudson
- Freedom of Speech: Documents Decoded. ABC-CLIO, 2017. By David Hudson
- Let the Students Speak!: A History of the Fight for Freedom of Expression in American Schools. Beacon Press, 2011. By David Hudson

Law Review/Journal Articles

- David L. Hudson, Jr., *Fundamental First Amendment Principles*, 42 N. Ill. U.L. Rev. 271 (2022). (co-authored with Jacob Glenn)
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Cases

- *Tinker v. Des Moines Independent Community School District*, 393 U.S. 503 (1969)
- *Hazelwood School District et al. v. Kuhlmeier et al.*, 484 U.S. 260 (1988)
- *Bethel School District v. Fraser*, 478 U.S. 675 (1986)
- *Morse v. Frederick*, 551 U.S. 393 (2007)
- *Mahanoy Area School District v. B.L.*, 594 U.S. (2021)

Thank you for joining us!

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The JFTF is a 501c3 organization, which focuses on Youth Activism and Students' Rights. If you would like to invite Mr. Tinker to speak at your School or Organization, please contact us! Our email address is info@jftf.org.