Freedom of Expression, the First Amendment and the Public University

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Who Is The Speaker?

- Public Citizen
- University Employee
- Faculty Member
- Student
- Speakers Invited by the University
Where Is The Expression Occurring?

- Public Forum
- Designated Public Forum
- Nonpublic Forum
What Is Being Expressed?

- Political or Religious Speech/Matters of Public Concern
- Symbolic Expression
- Academic Freedom
- Commercial Speech
What About Hate Speech?

In the United States hateful speech is fully protected by the First Amendment.
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IDENTITY EVROPA
Kill all the rich people. Break up their cars and apartments. Bring the revolution home, kill your parents, that's where it's really at.

— Bill Ayers —
Limitations On Free Speech

• Speech that incites actions that would harm others
• Making and distributing obscene materials
• Reasonable Time Place and Manner Restrictions
Questions?