

Understanding the Evolving Threats to Academic Freedom

Friday, September 13, 2024, 4:15 - 5:30 p.m.
McCook Auditorium, Trinity College, Hartford, CT

Hosted by the AAUP's Center for the Defense of Academic Freedom

A discussion with

Sumi Cho, director of strategic initiatives at the African American Policy Forum

Mary Anne Franks, Eugene L. and Barbara A. Bernard Professor in Intellectual Property, Technology, and Civil Rights Law at George Washington Law School

Nancy MacLean, William H. Chafe Professor of History and Public Policy at Duke University

Barrett Taylor, professor and coordinator of the higher education program at the University of North Texas

Moderated by: **Afshan Jafar**, May Buckley Sadowski '19 Professor of Sociology at Connecticut College and President of the Connecticut State Conference of the AAUP

Reflecting on *Manufacturing Backlash*, a report from the AAUP's Center for the Defense of Academic Freedom, this discussion will focus on current threats facing academic freedom, including the legislative assault in states such as Florida and Texas, the influence of activist donors on the integrity of teaching and research, the impact of anti-Black racism, and the antidemocratic threats stemming from fundamentalist approaches to free speech on campus.

Join us to learn strategies for the 2024-25 academic year.

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