

## Tinker Turns 40: Freedom of Expression at School and Its Meaning for American Democracy

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9:00 am - 5:00 pm

American University Washington College of Law,  
4801 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Room 603, Washington, DC

Marking the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Supreme Court decision in *Tinker v. Des Moines Independent Community School District*, panelists will explore the legacy of *Tinker* for First Amendment rights not only in schools but in American society.

9:00 am Registration/Continental Breakfast

9:30 am **Welcome Remarks**

9:45 am **From Civil Rights to Civility Rights: The Journey of Tinker from the 1960s to the Internet Age.**

*Kristi Bowman*, Associate Professor of Law, Michigan State University College of Law; *Clay Calvert*, John and Ann Curley Professor of First Amendment Studies, Co-Director, The Pennsylvania Center for the First Amendment, The Pennsylvania State University.

**Moderator/Commentator:** *Dr. Saby Ghoshray*, President, Institute of Interdisciplinary Studies  
**Break**

10:45 am

11:00 am. **Exploring the Reach of Tinker**

*Jamin Raskin*, Professor of Law, Director of the Law and Government Program, American University Washington College of Law; *Francisco Negrón*, General Counsel, National School Boards Association. **Moderator/Commentator:** *Roy Karp*, Executive Director, The Civic Education Project, Inc.

12:30 p.m. **Lunch: Fortieth Anniversary Reflections of Tinker by Mary Beth Tinker**

1:45 pm **Inside the Schoolhouse Gates: the Tinker Doctrine and Current Controversies over Religious Speech, Teacher Speech and Viewpoint Discrimination.**

*Jay Sekulow*, Chief Counsel, American Center for Law and Justice; *Alex Wohl*, Communications Director, American Constitution Society; *Frank LoMonte*, Executive Director, Student Press Law Center; *Sam S. Harben, Jr.*, Partner, Harben & Hartley. **Moderator:** *Maryam Ahranjani*, Adjunct Professor, American University Washington College of Law

3:15 pm **Break**

3:25 pm **Question and Answer Period**, with all three moderators presiding

4:00 pm Reception

*General Registration – no charge, but required.*

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