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The Joint Committee on Free Speech Promotion and the Center for Transformative Justice invite you to watch the #SpeechMatters 2023 conference hosted by the National Center for Free Speech and Civic Engagement on **Thursday, March 23, from 11am-3pm, Student Union 3110. Light refreshments provided.**

**About #SpeechMatters 2023:** “In the last year, we have seen our demographic values significantly weakened by political polarization and misinformation. Institutions of higher education – traditionally views as havens for access to knowledge and reasoned debate – have faced challenges to academic and personal freedoms that have rippled across our democracy. From state legislation aimed at censoring curriculum to Supreme Court decisions, our fifth annual #SpeechMatters conference will explore ways for campuses nationwide to protect or democratic freedoms” - #SpeechMatters website

Conference website, schedule, and presentation abstracts can be found on the [National Center for Free Speech and Civic Engagement website](https://freespeechcenter.universityofcalifornia.edu/speechmatters2023/).

**Schedule at a Glance:**

11am - Opening Remarks

11:15am - Is Social Media Helping or Harming Democracy?

12:15pm - Lightning Talk: What's on the Docket?

12:30pm - Are Attacks on Academic Freedom a Threat to Democracy?

1:10pm - Armchair Discussion: Democracy Demands Dialogue

1:40pm - Purpose of the Press: The Role of Student Media in Navigating Campus Speech Challenges

2:15pm - Lightning Talk: Looking Ahead

2:25pm - Closing Remarks