

Please join **DEPAUL ACADEMIC FREEDOM COMMITTEE** for a two-day

Academic Freedom Conference

February 1 - 2, 2008 • DePaul University

Lincoln Park Student Center • 2250 N Sheffield Ave • Chicago

We, the students of the DePaul Academic Freedom Committee, invite you to join us in an exploration of academic freedom: what it is, why it is important, and in what ways it is endangered in the United States today – particularly in Middle East studies. As illustrated in the cases of Norman Finkelstein and Mehrene Larudee (DePaul University), John Mearsheimer (University of Chicago), Stephen Walt (Harvard University), Nadia Abu El-Haj (Barnard University), Joseph Massad (Columbia University), and Joel Kovel (Bard College), politics is playing an increasing role in the university and threatening freedom of inquiry. This conference seeks to protect as well as exemplify academic freedom through honest and informed debate.

Schedule of Events:

Friday, February 1st • 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Introduction with Keynote Speaker -- 6:00pm
Sara Roy

The Role of the Activist Professor -- 7:00pm
Featuring Panelists:

**Bill Ayers, Ken Butigan,
Robert Jensen, & Marcy Newman**

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History Department, and Department of Philosophy**

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Saturday, February 2nd • 11:00am to 7:00pm

11:00am -- Academic Freedom and the Way Forward
Featuring Panelists:

Mark Ellis, Peter Kirstein, & Joel Kovel

1:00pm -- Lunch Break

2:00pm -- Paper Presentations
-- Documentary Film presented by director

Landrum Bolling

3:30pm -- Paper Presentations
-- Activism for Academic Freedom

5:00pm -- Academic Freedom and Middle East Studies
Featuring Panelists:

**As'ad AbuKhalil, Juan Cole, &
Peter Novick**