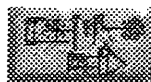


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Although the professor will make every effort to hold to this schedule, the student must appreciate that classes differ and schedules vary. Students should, therefore, keep in touch; important changes to the schedule will be posted to the class web page. Be prepared in class each day with your reader and writing materials.

28 Jan Course Introduction. The Tradition of Free Speech.

Required:

- Course Description and Links (online)

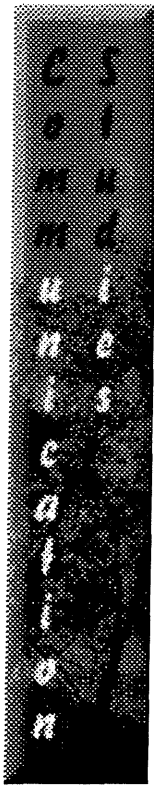
4-11 Feb Historical Development of Free Speech.

Required:

- Tedford, Chapter 1
- Hiding My Name, "Tenure, Terrorism, and Academic Freedom," *kuro5hin* (24 August 2002).
- Commodore Sloat, "USF to Professors: Speak Your Mind, Lose Your Job," *nofuncharlie* (21 December 2001).

Online Documents:

- Magna Carta
- John Milton, *Aeropagitica*



- Sir William Blackstone, Commentaries on the Laws of England
- John Stuart Mill, On Liberty

Recommended:

- medham, "Tenured University of South Florida CS Professor Fired," *kuro5hin* (21 December 2001).
- admin, "Firing People Over Terrorism," *radiofreenation* (20 December 2001).

Assignment:

Post a substantive comment of at least one paragraph to one of the above weblogs (linked from the articles by "Hiding My Name," Commodore Sloat, or medham). You may need to become a member of the weblog in order to post. Cross-post your comment (or just the address of your comment) to HyperNews.

18 Feb No Class Meeting: WSCA Conference

25 Feb The United States: to 1917

Required:

- Tedford, Chapter 2.

Online Documents:

- Declaration of Independence
- United States Constitution
- Sedition Act of July 14, 1798

4 Mar The United States: Sedition After 1917

Required:

- Tedford, Chapter 3

Decisions:

- Schenck v. United States (1919) (Background Information)
- Abrams v. United States (1919)
- Gitlow v. New York (1925)
- Whitney v. California (1927)
- Fiske v. Kansas (1927)
- DeJonge v. Oregon (1937)
- Dennis v. United States (1951)
- Yates v. United States (1957)
- Brandenburg v. Ohio (1969)

11 Defamation and Privacy
Mar**Required:**

- Tedford, Chapter 4

Decisions:

- Beauharnais v. Illinois (1952)
- New York Times v. Sullivan (1964) (Background Information)
- Curtis Publishing Co. v. Butts (1967)
- Rosenbloom v. Metromedia (1971)
- Gertz v. Welch (1974)
- Philadelphia Newspapers v. Hepps (1986)
- Milkovich v. Lorain Journal (1990)
- Masson v. New Yorker Magazine (1991)
- Time v. Hill (1967)
- Dietemann v. Time (9th Cir. 1971)
- Gallela v. Onassis (2nd Cir. 1973)
- Cox Broadcasting v. Cohn (1975)
- Zacchini v. Scripps-Howard Broadcasting (1977)
- Florida Star v. B.J.F. (1989)
- Hustler v. Falwell (1988)

- Bartnicki v. Vopper (2001)

18 Fighting Words**Mar****Required:**

- Tedford, Chapter 6

Recommended:

- Fraleigh & Tuman, Chapter 6.

Decisions:

- Chaplinsky v. New Hampshire (1942)
- Terminiello v. Chicago (1949)
- Feiner v. New York (1951)
- Cohen v. California (1971)
- Gooding v. Wilson (1971)
- R.A.V. v. St. Paul (1992)
- Wisconsin v. Mitchell (1993)

25 Obscenity**Mar****MIDTERM**

- Exam will cover Tedford Ch. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6, as well as lectures and online readings.
- Midterm Study Guide will be posted by Mar 18th.
- The exam will take approximately one hour. The second part of the period will include lectures on Chapter 5.

Required:

- Tedford, Chapter 5

Decisions:

- Burstyn v. Wilson (1952)
- Kingsley International Pictures v. Regents (1959)
- Epperson v. Arkansas (1968)
- Roth v. United States (1957)
- Ginzburg v. United States (1966)
- Stanley v. Georgia (1969)
- Miller v. California (1973)
- Paris Adult Theatre I. v. Slaton (1973)
- New York v. Ferber (1982)
- American Booksellers Association v. Hudnut (1985)
- Alexander v. United States (1993)

1 Obscenity: Current Controversies
Apr**Required:**

- Tony Mauro, "High court rejects child-porn law that 'turns the First Amendment upside down'," *FreedomForum* (April 2002)
- Keslin, "Is a Lap Dance Free Speech or Prostitution?" *KuroShin* (27 March 2001).
- Luke Lirot, "Tampa Lap Dance Saga Takes Another Turn," *Exotic Dancer Bulletin* (2000).
- Steve Chapman, "When Censorship Isn't Censorship," *townhall* (3 April 2000).

Decisions:

- Ashcroft v. Free Speech Coalition (opinion)
- Erie v. Papa's A.M. (2000) ("Pasties Fight Crime")
- Court Decisions: Adult Entertainment Regulation (Brief synopses of several federal court decisions)

Recommended:

- Nude Dancing and Free Speech: Background Information
- COPA: Background Information
- CPPA: Background Information
- A Review of Municipal Controls on Lap Dancing
- Michael Landau, "The First Amendment and 'Virtual' Child Pornography," *Gigalaw* (July 2002).
- Bill Bickel, "Virtual Child Pornography: Should It Be Illegal?"

8 National Security and Freedom of Speech

Apr

Required:

- Tedford, Chapter 8 (Focus on Part III, "National Security")
- Norman Solomon, "Media War Without End," *Z Magazine* (December 2001).
- Modulus, "Censorship By Dollars," *kuro5hin* (18 October 2001).

Decisions:

- Near v. Minnesota (1931)
- New York Times v. US (1971)
- U.S. v. Progressive (1979)
- Snepp v. US (1980)

Recommended:

- The Pentagon Papers: Documents
 - Chilling Effects of Anti-Terrorism: Database of free speech threats and chills since 09.11.01
 - The War in Context: Alternative Perspectives
 - War Time Liberty: Weblog devoted to the restriction of liberty in wartime.
- Extra Credit** to any students who post meaningful commentary to one of the stories on this forum!! You must of course post a note to HyperNews so that we know where we can find your post.

15 Spring Break - No Class Meeting

Apr**22****Apr****Free Speech and Technology: Intellectual Property in the Computer Era****Required:**

- Tedford, Chapter 14.
- Siva Vaidhyanathan, "Copyrights and CopyWrongs: Why Thomas Jefferson Would Love Napster," *MSNBC.com* (3 July 2001).
- Michael H. Goldhaber, "The Napster Revolution and the Law," *Telepolis* (28 September 2000). Mirrored here.
- Amara D. Angelica, "Breaking Windows" *TechWeek* (10 August 1998).

Recommended:

- Declan McCullagh, "Hollywood Loves Hollings' Bill," *Wired News* (11 September 2001) (see also EFF action alert)
- Tedford, Chapter 12
- F&T, Chapter 13.
- Free Music for Free People
- New York Times Co. v. Tasini (2001)

29**Apr****Corporations, the Government, and the Free Speech Environment:
Propaganda and the Drug War****Required:**

- Daniel Forbes, "Prime Time Propaganda" *salon* (13 January 2000). Mirrored here.
- Daniel Forbes, "Reading, Writing, and Propaganda," *salon* (7 August 2001).
- nofuncharlie, "Drug War Propaganda"
- Anonymous Stoner, "Barry McCaffery's Prime Time Propaganda," *smokedot* (26 December 2000).

Recommended:

- Daniel Forbes, "White House Blasts Salon" *salon* (20 April 2000). Mirrored here.
- Daniel Forbes, "The Quiet Death of Prime-Time Propaganda," *salon* (29 June 2001).
- Daniel Forbes, "What Were They Smoking?" *salon* (26 November 2001).
- Daniel Forbes, "Dan Forbes Details The Breaking Of The ONDCP Incentives Story," *Media Awareness Project* (3 November 2000)
- Ken Krayske, "Citizen Dan," *High Times* (December 2000)

Assignment

Post a comment about the issues raised here to one of the weblogs under the Required Reading section. Cross-post your comment to the appropriate HyperNews forum!

6 May Free Speech and the Meaning of America: A Communication Perspective. Flag Burning, the Arts, and Commercial Speech.

Required:

- Shiffrin, Chapter I-II.

Recommended:

- The Flag Burning PageThe Duty of the People to Burn the Flag
- Tedford, Chapter 7
- tobacco.org
- Tobacco court cases online
- Jeanne Carstensen, Interview with Karen Finley
- *NEA v. Finley* Background Information

Decisions

- Valentine v. Chrestensen (1942)
- Bigelow v. Virginia (1975)

- Virginia State Board of Pharmacy v. Virginia Citizens Consumer Council (1976)
- Bates v. State Bar of Arizona (1977)
- Central Hudson Gas and Electric v. Public Service Commission (1980)
- Posadas de Puerto Rico Associates v. Tourism Company of Puerto Rico (1986)
- Board of Trustees of the State University of New York v. Fox (1989)

13 May Racism, Dissent and the Meaning of America

Required:

- Shiffrin, Chapter III

Recommended:

- Shiffrin, Chapters IV-V

Final Papers Due

20 May Final Exam: 5:30 PM

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