

EVENT

Defending Academic Freedom: Protecting Research, Teaching and Scientific Integrity

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When:

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026 11:00AM TO
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Where:

Virtual

Who:

Speaker: Dr. Isaac Kamola; Moderator: Kent
Mitchell, SRCD Director of Policy

Price:

\$25 Non-Members, \$5 Professional
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EVENT DETAILS

Recent policy developments are prompting important conversations about the future of academic freedom and the independence of scientific research. Across higher education, scholars and institutions are navigating new questions about how research and teaching can continue in a changing environment.

For developmental scientists and the broader research community, these shifts have implications not only for individual scholars, but also for the quality, credibility, and societal relevance of research. Changes to funding priorities, institutional policies, and public discourse can shape what research is done, how it is shared, and how evidence informs policy-and-decision-making.

This webinar will provide an overview of the current landscape, highlight why academic freedom matters for science and society, and explore legal, policy, and institutional approaches that support research independence. Our panelist will share perspectives on how researchers, faculty members, and advocates can work together to strengthen the conditions that allow evidence to advance the well-being of children, families, and communities.

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Dr. Isaac Kamola is a professor of political science at Trinity College, Hartford, CT. He is author of *Free Speech and Koch Money: Manufacturing a Campus Culture War* (with Ralph Wilson, 2021) and *Making the World Global: US Universities and the Production of the Global Imaginary* (2019). He currently directs the Mellon-funded Center for the Defense of Academic Freedom at the American Association of University Professors (AAUP).
