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**Frederic Ewen Lecture in Civil Liberties and Academic Freedom**

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## Academic Freedom in the Age of Trump



The 2016 election and its aftermath has exacerbated a political climate that was already inimical to academic freedom. We have recently seen legislative and gubernatorial attacks on individual faculty members, course offerings, governing boards, the institution of tenure, and, generally, the institutional autonomy of colleges and universities. Websites such as Professor Watchlist are monitoring activities of faculty members and denouncing departures from what they view as acceptable. These activities have led to targeted harassment of faculty members. This presentation provides an overview of the concept of academic freedom, recent attacks on academic freedom, and how you can defend academic freedom.

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**12:30 to 2 p.m.**

**Woody Tanger Auditorium**

**Brooklyn College Library**

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