

The SUNY Plattsburgh Institute for Ethics in Public Life presents  
“Are We Doing Civility Wrong?”

Apr. 1 (W) at 3:30 in person or on Zoom (see below)

Colleges and universities are finding it increasingly difficult to manage the tension created by their commitments to diversity and their commitments to free speech. As student bodies get more diverse, they also contain more diverse perspectives which may be offensive to other students. Civility standards are a way societies mediate this tension. Many colleges have tried to cultivate Lockean “civil charity,” among their students, a general good-will and regard for all, but have trouble making this work and resort to shutting down disfavored speech in response to conflict. Is this the right way to deal with this, or are we doing “civility” wrong?



Please join us for a discussion of this important topic. This forum is an opportunity for students, faculty, administrators, staff, alumni, and community members to come together and share their perspectives on this issue.

Join us in person in Hawkins 233 (the Institute offices) or  
on Zoom at <https://plattsburgh.zoom.us/j/88133280992>

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