

Statement on the Protection and Defense of Academic Freedom and Freedom of Expression for Communication Scholars

In keeping with its Credo for Free and Responsible Communication in a Democratic Society, its Credo for Ethical Communication, and its Credo for Free and Responsible Use of Electronic Communication:

The National Communication Association recognizes that many of its members and many scholars (nationally and internationally) are confronting increased harassment, surveillance, and threats on the basis of their political expressions and identities, both inside and extramural to the academic classroom.

The National Communication Association, therefore, joins with other advocacy organizations in affirming the academic freedom and the freedom of expression for all faculty members, students, and staff, regardless of tenure status or employment context.

The National Communication Association also affirms the principle that scholarship and teaching are fundamentally interrelated with political and activist engagement in communities and affirms the rights of faculty members, students, and staff to engage in extramural political discourse.

The National Communication Association urges administrations, governing boards, and faculties, individually and collectively, to speak out clearly and forcefully to defend academic freedom, to protect freedom of expression, and to condemn targeted harassment and intimidation of faculty members, students, and staff.

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