

# Spring 2026 Critical Conversations

## Social Media & Human Interaction

This panel will discuss how social media plays a role in our face-to-face human interactions. The event features professors Lisa Damour, Ben Mauk and JP Stephens.

Feb 3, 2026



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Lisa Damour



Ben Mauk



JP Stephens

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## Roles of Federal Judges

This panel will explore the professional and ethical roles and responsibilities of federal judges in the United States. The event features U.S. District Judge Phil Calabrese, professor of history and law Ken Ledford, and Senior U.S. District Judge Dan Polster.

March 4, 2026



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Phil Calabrese



Ken Ledford



Dan Polster



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