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## Updates

The Office of the Provost is pleased to announce new permanent and interim appointments.

- **College of Fine Arts Update**  
University of Arizona College of Fine Arts Dean and Vice President for the Arts, Andy Schulz, has **announced his plans** to step down from both roles on **June 30, 2025**, when his current administrative contract ends. Following an administrative leave in the 2025-26 academic year to complete a research project on Islamic art and culture in Spain, Schulz intends to return to teaching as a faculty member in art history. Information regarding the search for the next Dean of Fine Arts is forthcoming.
- **In Community Event**  
From Oct. 7-11, the university is [hosting several "In Community" events](#) designed to help students, faculty and staff care for themselves and each other.
- **PIF Workshop**
  - Held on October 4, 2024. 60 employees attended the workshop to talk about submission requirements, the review process, and funding priorities. If you would like to serve as a PIF reviewer you can complete intake form you can contact Nina Bates at [Ninaari@arizona.edu](mailto:Ninaari@arizona.edu).
- **Strategic Priority Faculty Initiative**
  - SPFI hiring funds are available for faculty hires. Applications are due December 15, 2024. If you have questions, please contact Faculty Affairs.
- **Putting Freedom of Expression into Practice on Campus: Conversation Series**
  - Free Speech in Polarized Times: Healthy Discourse in the Classroom
  - October 21, 2024. ILC 120.  
Facilitator:
    - Keith Allred, Executive Director, National Institute for Civil Discourse, DC Center for Outreach and Collaboration, University of Arizona ([keithallred@arizona.edu](mailto:keithallred@arizona.edu))Speakers:
    - Rachel Wahl, Associate Professor, Director of the Social Foundations of Education Program, Department of Educational Leadership, Foundations

and Policy, School of Education and Human Development, University of Virginia ([rlw4ck@virginia.edu](mailto:rlw4ck@virginia.edu))

- Tim Shaffer, Director of Civic Engagement and Deliberative Democracy, Principal Research Specialist, National Institute for Civil Discourse ([tshaffer@arizona.edu](mailto:tshaffer@arizona.edu))

- Navigating Academic Freedom and Free Speech on Campus: Legal Perspectives
- October 28, 2024. ILC 120

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Speakers:

- Clay Calvert, Professor Emeritus, University of Florida, Nonresident Senior Fellow, American Enterprise Institute ([ccalvert@jou.ufl.edu](mailto:ccalvert@jou.ufl.edu))
- Alex Morey, Vice President of Campus Advocacy, Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression (FIRE) ([alex@thefire.org](mailto:alex@thefire.org))