

To: Joy Beatty, Chair, SACUA, 2019-2020

From: Michael Atzmon and Gary Krenz, Co-Chairs, Davis, Markert, Nickerson Academic Freedom Lecture Committee

Subject: Report on Activities of Committee Name for 2019-2020

Members: Michael Atzmon, Marcy Epstein, Paul Fossum, Gary Krenz, Faith Sparr, Stefan Szymanski, John Traynor, Silke-Maria Weineck, Caitlin Wells.

SACUA Liaison: None

Meeting Dates: 8/8/19, 10/23/19

Summary:

The 29<sup>th</sup> Academic Freedom Lecture was delivered by Hank Reichman, Hank Reichman, Chair of the American Association of University Professors Committee A on Academic Freedom and Tenure, Professor Emeritus of History at California State University, East Bay.

For the 30<sup>th</sup> Davis, Markert Nickerson Academic Freedom Lecture, the DMN Committee has decided to hold a panel discussion. Four distinguished scholars have agreed to participate as panelists:

- 1) [Nadje Al-Ali](#), Robert Family Professor of International Studies, Professor of Anthropology and Middle East Studies, Brown University ([nadje\\_al-ali@brown.edu](mailto:nadje_al-ali@brown.edu)).
- 2) [Susan Benesch](#), Faculty associate at Harvard and adjunct professor at American University. Director of the [Dangerous Speech Project](#) ([susan@dangerousspeech.org](mailto:susan@dangerousspeech.org)).
- 3) [Michael Bérubé](#), Edwin Erle Sparks Professor of Literature, Pennsylvania State University ([mfb12@psu.edu](mailto:mfb12@psu.edu)).
- 4) [Jan Gross](#), Norman B. Tomlinson '16 and '48 Professor of War and Society, Emeritus; Professor of History, Emeritus, Princeton University ([jtgross@princeton.edu](mailto:jtgross@princeton.edu)).

University of Michigan Associate Professor of History [Melanie Tanielian](#), whose research interests include [academic freedom](#), will serve as [panel moderator](#).

The event was originally scheduled for October 2020. Because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, it was rescheduled to February 16, 2021.

Topics to be continued or carried forward to next year are:

The next lecture will likely take place in Fall 2022. Because of the uncertainty associated with the CIVOD-19 pandemic, planning has been put on hold for the time being.