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Nationally Known Journalism Professor to Speak on First Amendment Rights

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"The Culture of the First Amendment," its rights and responsibilities, will be the topic of the fourth annual [Jean Everitt Journalism Lecture Series](#).

Dr. Brian Steffen will speak at 5 p.m., Thursday, April 4 in McMurran 114 on the Christopher Newport University campus. He is chair of Communication & Media Studies and Director of Student Media at Simpson College, Iowa.

A long-time adviser to student journalists, Steffen believes that "journalism skills are essential to life." He is the recipient of several regional and national teaching awards.

"I'm a passionate believer in the values of the First Amendment and the potential for journalism to nourish a democratic culture," Steffen says.

His talk will also focus on the "responsibilities we all have—institutions, schools, businesses, individuals—in protecting the speech we loathe, the thought that we hate."

The talk is open to the campus community and public.