



**ILLINOIS AAUP
SPRING CONFERENCE
Saturday, April 5, 2025**

Robert M. Healey Center • Conference Center
500 Oakmont Lane • Westmont, Illinois

Conference Theme: Academic Freedom

8:00 A.M. – 8:30 A.M.	Coffee and Rolls
8:30 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.	Board Meeting
9:00 A.M. – 9:15 A.M.	Break
9:15 A.M. – 9:45 A.M.	Legislative Report: Proposed Illinois SB 2202 Academic Freedom in Illinois, Professor Ribhi Salhi, Political Science Department, Harper College, Palatine, IL and Troy Swanson, Local 1600 Cook County College Teachers Union, Legislative Chair and Library Department Chair, Moraine Valley Community College, Palos Hts., Illinois
9:45 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.	Break
10:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.	<u>Presentation</u> : “Academic Freedom: From Professional Norm to First Amendment Right,” Professor David M. Rabban, University of Texas Law School, former General Counsel and Committee A Chair, AAUP
11:00 A.M. – 11:15 A.M.	Break
11:15 A.M. – 12:15 P.M.	<u>Panel Discussion</u> : “Academic Freedom and Free Speech at Universities”: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professor Rabban• Rima Kapitan, Esq. Kapitan Goma Law P.C., Chicago, IL• Diana Vallera, Photography Department, President of CFAC, Columbia Faculty Union, Columbia College, Chicago, IL• Professor Ribhi Salhi• John K. Wilson, Academe Blog for the AAUP
12:15 P.M. – 1:15 P.M.	Lunch and Discussion
1:30 P.M.	Adjourn

Register: The Conference is open to all educators without charge.

To register, please contact the Secretary of the Illinois Conference at:
diana@studioera2.com by **April 1, 2025**

Driving Directions to Robert M. Healey Center

From Milwaukee or the North:

Merge onto I-94 E. Keep left at the fork to stay on I-94 E. Keep right at the fork to continue on I-294 S, follow signs for Indiana - O'Hare. Take exit 31A to merge onto I-88 W toward Aurora. Take the IL-83 S exit. Keep right at the fork to continue on Exit 137 and merge onto IL-83 S. Turn right onto Oakmont Lane.

From the West:

Merge onto I-88 E. Take exit 136 to Midwest Rd. Turn right onto Midwest Rd. Turn right onto W 22nd St. Use the right 2 lanes to turn right onto IL-83 S. Turn right onto Oakmont Ln.

OR:

From Union Station take the Burlington Northern Santa Fe line (BNSF) to the Westmont station and Uber or taxi to 500 Oakmont Lane, Westmont, Illinois.

Parking:

There is a free parking lot surrounding the Robert M. Healey Center location. All attendees must park at the rear of the building, west side and also enter at the rear of the building, west side.



