



**SECRETARY FOR ACADEMIC GOVERNANCE  
AD HOC COMMITTEE ON FREE SPEECH AND HATE SPEECH  
SELF-NOMINEE FORM**

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Year of Initial Appointment: 1991

**If placed on the final election ballot and elected, I agree to serve:** Yes

Save this completed document with the following file name format: **your last name\_nomination\_form**.

**Email completed nomination form to the Secretary for Academic Governance at [acadgov@msu.edu](mailto:acadgov@msu.edu) by March 4, 2024 6 pm EST.**

**Instructions for Nominee:** In one page or less, describe your reasons for seeking a nomination for the position on the Ad Hoc Committee on Free Speech and Hate Speech. These might include prior personal or professional experiences, special discipline-specific expertise, and/or representation of a specific community. This statement will be used to aid the faculty members of the Steering Committee in determining the *ad hoc* committee's membership.

**Nominee's Statement:**

Universities have traditionally been the home for open inquiry and the pursuit of truth. In recent years, this commitment has been less clear at many universities, with both sides of the political spectrum seeking to shut down some speech. Our classrooms and other campus forums should welcome people with diverse viewpoints, so that we can help our students develop the ability to engage in open inquiry and constructive disagreement.

I have long been interested in the debate on the line between speech that legitimately should be prohibited and speech that simply makes some uncomfortable, but should be protected.

I would be honored to serve on this committee.