

3B—Academic Freedom, Neutrality, and “Civil” Discourse: The Case of Stephen Salaita at the University of Illinois

You Can't Be Neutral on a Moving Booktruck: The Salaita Decision and What It Says About Academic Librarians, K.R. Roberto (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign).

What would academic freedom in library spaces look like? How do we incorporate a critical and anti-oppressive framework into the work that we do? In this presentation, I plan to examine the Steven Salaita incident in order to explore the history of intellectual and academic freedoms in academic librarianship, and to identify ways that move beyond neutrality.