



U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Public Briefing:
*Antisemitism on America's College and University Campuses: Current Conditions and the
Federal Response*

Thursday, February 19, 2026 | Washington, DC

Expert Panels: 10:15 am – 4:45 pm EDT *

AGENDA

Introductory Remarks: 10:00 am - 10:15 am

Panel 1: Antisemitism, Free Speech, and Civil Rights Law in Higher Education: 10:15 – 11:25 am

- Eugene Volokh, Thomas M. Siebel Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution (Stanford) & Gary T. Schwartz Distinguished Professor of Law Emeritus (and Distinguished Research Professor) at UCLA School of Law
- Mark Goldfeder, CEO, National Jewish Advocacy Center & Assistant Clinical Professor of Law, Touro Law School
- Benjamin Eidelson, Professor of Law, Harvard University
- Carly Gammill, Director of Legal Policy & Litigation, StandWithUs Saidoff Law
- Michael C. Dorf, Robert S. Stevens Professor of Law, Cornell Law School
- Genevieve Lakier, Professor of Law, University of Chicago Law School

Break: 11:25 – 11:35 am

Panel 2: Policy in Practice: Implementing Title VI to Address Campus Antisemitism: 11:35 am – 12:45 pm

- Craig Trainor, Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Former Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Civil Rights, Department of Education
- Mathew Nosanchuk, Former Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of Education
- Beth Gellman-Ber, Partner, Evergreen Education Solutions & Former Regional Director, Philadelphia Office, Office for Civil Rights, Department of Education
- Linda Mangel, Former Enforcement Director, Office for Civil Rights, Department of Education

- Gregory Dolin, Senior Counsel, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice
- Alyssa Lareau, Former Attorney for the Federal Coordination and Compliance Section, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice

Lunch: 12:45 – 2:15 pm

Panel 3: Campus Life and Antisemitism: Student and Institutional Perspectives: 2:15 - 3:25 pm

- Tova Kaplan, Student, Harvard University
- Seth Oranburg, Professor of Law, University of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce School of Law
- Sarah Silverman, Student, Harvard University
- Adira Fogelman, Student, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
- Ellie Sweet, Student, American University

Break: 3:25 pm - 3:35 pm

Panel 4: Building Inclusive and Secure Campuses: Policy, Advocacy, and Practice: 3:35 pm - 4:45 pm

- Amy Spitalnick, CEO, Jewish Council for Public Affairs
- Kenneth Marcus, Founder, Chairman, and CEO, Louis D. Brandeis Center
- Erin Beiner, J Street U Director, J Street
- Yasmeen Ohebsion, Founder and CEO, Our Campus United
- Kevin Rachlin, Vice President for Government Relations and Washington Director, The Nexus Project

Closing Remarks: 4:45 – 4:55 pm

Adjourn Meeting.*

** End time subject to change*

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