

*The 2009-2010 Teaching American History Historian Lecture Series*

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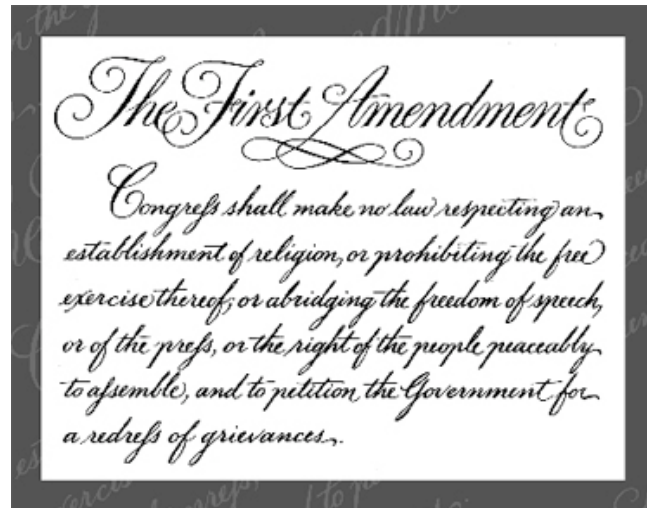
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CUNY Graduate Center

**How Activists Have Shaped History  
...And Are Still Doing So**

**Professor Nadine Strossen**

Professor of Law, New York Law School  
Former President, American Civil Liberties Union



New York Law Professor and former President of the American Civil Liberties Union, Nadine Strossen, will lead a discussion on the essential role that engaged, concerned citizens have played in breathing life into the Constitution's abstract ideals, translating them into actual rights for real people in their everyday lives. The general focus will be on civil liberties and the ACLU, starting with its founding in the period surrounding World War I, and drawing the many analogies to our ongoing "post-911" era, when national security/military concerns also are threatening rights of individuals and minority groups. One specific focus will be on teachers, students, and other members of the public school community, who historically have played major roles in the development of constitutional rights and constitutional law, and who continue to do so, in diverse areas ranging from racial desegregation, to the First Amendment freedoms of speech/religion/conscience, to due process of law. Participants will receive "The Courage of Their Convictions" by Peter Irons, materials, and refreshments.

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