

## Free Speech and the College Campus

Dr. Joni Hersch
Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2024
6 p.m.
Stonecipher Lecture Hall Room 113
Wings Up Way (W 8th St)

free and open to the public



Join us as we celebrate the 20th Annual Nolan Fowler Constitution Day with guest speaker Dr. Joni Hersch.

Joni Hersch is an economist who works in the areas of employment discrimination and empirical law and economics. She has published numerous articles in leading peer-reviewed journals and law reviews.

Professor Hersch's research focuses on the influence of

gender, race, national origin, skin color and family background on labor market outcomes, higher education and inequality. Her research has received international media attention and has been featured in publications such as the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, Vox, The Boston Globe, The Atlantic, and the L.A. Times.

Hersch joined Vanderbilt Law School as a Professor of Law and Economics in 2006, with secondary appointments in the Department of Economics and the Owen Graduate School of Management. That same year, she and W. Kip Viscusi co-founded Vanderbilt's Ph.D. Program in Law and Economics. She is a research fellow with IZA Institute for Labor Economics and was co-editor of the peer-reviewed IZA Journal of Labor Economics from 2015 through 2018. She also serves as associate editor of the Review of Economics of the Household. She is the author of Sex Discrimination in the Labor Market (Foundations and Trends in Microeconomics, 2006) and co-editor of Emerging Labor Market Institutions for the Twenty-First Century (University of Chicago, 2004).

Before joining Vanderbilt's faculty, Hersch was Lecturer in law and adjunct law professor and Co-Director of the Program on Empirical Legal Studies at Harvard Law School. She was a Professor of Economics at the University of Wyoming from 1989 to 1999 and has been a visiting professor of economics at Northwestern, Caltech, Duke, and Harvard.

## About Nolan Fowler Constitution Day

Dr. Nolan Fowler (1913-2008) was a faculty member in the history department at Tennessee Tech from 1962 until his retirement in 1979. Dr. Fowler taught courses in constitutional law and had a passion for teaching the U.S. Constitution to students. In 2005, Dr. Fowler committed

\$150,000 to create the Nolan Fowler Endowment for Constitutional Development at Tennessee Tech. The Federal Government mandates that all educational institutions that receive federal funds hold an annual Constitution Day on or around Sept. 17. Dr. Fowler's legacy has ensured that Tennessee Tech's annual observance of Constitution Day reflects his love and commitment to education and allows for the program to bring in exceptional, nationally renowned speakers.

Nolan Fowler held a Ph.D. and an M.A. from the University of Kentucky and a B.S. from Marshall University. He previously taught at Morehead State University, where he coached track and cross-country and instituted that program. He led the Morehead team to conference championships in 1955 and 1956. Dr. Fowler was the National Junior AAU 56-pound weight throwing champion in 1943 and placed in five U.S. championship throws. In 1974 he was nominated for Outstanding Faculty of the Year at Tech and in 2001 he was inducted into the OVC Hall of Fame.