

LPC Teaching Institute Dinner Gathering  
Thursday Sept. 25, 2025  
Canton Village, Livermore / 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM

## Academic Freedom in the Time of AI, Misinformation, and the Current Political Climate

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### AGENDA

5:30 - 5:45

- Arrivals / Sign-In
- Order Drinks (No-Host Bar)

5:45 - 6:35 Opening Activity and Dinner

- Introductions
- Group Activity / Icebreaker (Frances)
- Dinner and Socializing

6:35 - 7:20 Presenters: Dani Blatter, Joanna T. Jen, Felipe Ponce

1. Academic Freedom - CLPCCD District Statement, BP4030, LPC Website - TI Team
2. Discussion on the challenges posed to academic freedom by:
  - a. Artificial Intelligence - **Dani & Joanna** (e.g. reducing AI usage in the classroom, academic dishonesty, risks posed by big data and data collection, loss of teacher "control" over information/content and/or unreliable content, reduced critical thinking skills, etc.)
  - b. Misinformation and/or Disinformation - **Joanna** (e.g. erosion of the stability of facts, undermining of credibility, etc.)
  - c. The Current Political Climate - **Felipe, Dani & Joanna** (e.g. DEI efforts, political interference, cuts to funding, self-censorship, online harassment, etc.)

7:20-7:30 Break and Group Photo

7:30 - 8:10: Workshop - presenters and TI facilitators lead discussions at different tables

- **Table 1:** How to discourage **AI misuse** in the classroom. First, each participant writes down some strategies that have worked for them. Then they write down some ways in which they still struggle with AI misuse. Then they share ideas with their breakout group.
- **Table 2:** Problems and solutions for handling **misinformation and disinformation** (classroom discussions and debates, assignments and research/sources, student behavior, etc.)
- **Table 3:** Fostering a healthy classroom environment (and self care) in the current **political climate** (DEI, recent events, political conflicts, funding, etc.)
- Tables share-out practical strategies / recommended action items

8:15 - 8:30: Closing Remarks and Surveys

### LPC Teaching Institute

Since Spring 2017, the LPC Teaching Institute (TI), has been led by a team of LPC faculty members who organize and invite full and part-time faculty members to gather once a semester at an off-campus site, share a meal, and discuss best practices. The TI encourages a spirit of innovation, support, and community amongst LPC teachers, giving participants an opportunity to engage in interdisciplinary discussions on effective teaching methods and strategies that will support the needs of all students across the curriculum. To learn more and see topics / resources from past meetings: <https://www.laspositascollege.edu/gv/pdc/ti.php>