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Re: Neville Public Museum presents "Wisconsin's Free Speech Legacy: World War I Wisconsin and Political Dissent"

Green Bay, WI—The Neville Public Museum is pleased to announce that Timothy Shiell, professor and scholar at the University of Wisconsin—Stout, is holding a provocative discussion on the limits of free speech during World War I and today. The presentation, entitled "Wisconsin's Free Speech Legacy: World War I Wisconsin and Political Dissent" will be held at the Neville Public Museum on February 27th at 6:30. This free presentation is being held as part of the museum's new exhibit, *The Traitor State: Wisconsin in World War I*, and is open to the public.

The talk will address important free speech questions through major historical and contemporary Wisconsin cases involving national security, political protest, religious speech, and freedom of the press. This is a non-partisan presentation aimed at stimulating discussion about, and increasing knowledge of, our First Amendment right to free speech and its relationship to democracy and citizenship. Questions addressed will include: "Should citizens be allowed to publicly demonstrate against the government during a war?" "Should the press be required to get government approval for their stories?" and "Should teachers be allowed to promote religion in public schools?"

Timothy Shiell has been a professor of philosophy and a free speech scholar at the University of Wisconsin-Stout since 1992. He is the former director of the UW-Stout Center for Ethics as well as a Maybelle Ranney Price Professor and Reinhold and Borghild Dahlgren Professor. He has written a book (*Campus Hate Speech on Trial*, 1998) as well as articles and book reviews and has given numerous local, regional, and national talks on freedom of speech.

This free program is supported by the Wisconsin Humanities Council with funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the State of Wisconsin, and individual donors.

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