Steven Salaita

Uncivil Rites: Academic Freedom and the Silencing of Speech

Steven Salaita, Palestinian American author and scholar, was recruited by the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign’s Dept of American Indian Studies. In July 2014, just before classes started, Chancellor of UIUC Phyllis Wise “dehired” him because he posted tweets critical of Israel’s bombing of Gaza; the tone and language were deemed “uncivil.” Prof Salaita will speak at UNC-CH about academic freedom, uncivil speech and uncivil acts, and censorship.

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Professor Salaita’s visit is organized by Students for Justice in Palestine-UNC and UNC Concerned Faculty for Palestine. The event is co-sponsored by: Carolina Seminar on Rethinking Palestine/Israel, Institute for the Arts and Humanities, Dept of Romance Studies, Dept of Anthropology, Dept of Asian Studies, South Asia Faculty Working Group, Center for Global Initiatives, Carolina Asia Center, Dept of Sociology, & the Social and Economic Justice minor.