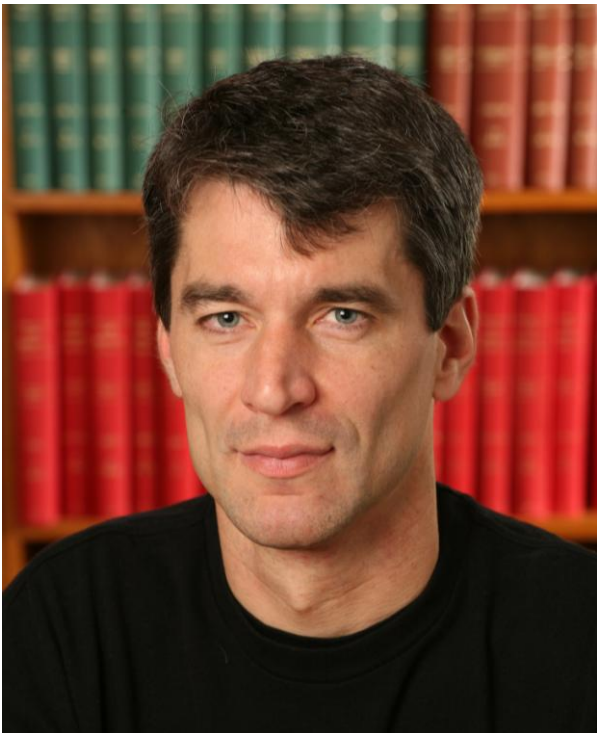




The Sixth Annual QUFA Lecture on Academic Freedom



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“Herding Cats and Avoiding Catfights: Academic Freedom and the Deep Structure of the University”

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Academic freedom is a feature of the deep structure of the university.
It is an incident of the separation of powers between its constituent parts.

Within the university, who decides what?

Without a principled answer to this question, the university can become a conflicted environment in which academic freedom is threatened from inside and outside, and teaching and research are not genuinely the top priorities.

In the absence of a central organizing idea, governing the university can feel like herding cats —and cats, of course, are not meant to be herded.