



NAME OF EVENT: Defending Immigrant Speech

DATE | TIME | LOCATION: November 19, 2025 | 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. | Virtual

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

From detaining student protesters to threatening to deport rival politicians, President Trump has weaponized the immigration system to suppress dissent. In this event, Professor Alina Das and advocate Ramya Krishnan will discuss how these attacks chill speech across the board, examine the unique challenges of defending free speech in the immigration context and describe how lawyers can resist efforts to silence non-citizens and citizens alike.

SPEAKERS' NAMES AND BIOS:

Alina Das, James Weldon Johnson Professor and co-director of the Immigrant Rights Clinic at New York University

Ramya Krishnan, senior staff attorney at the Knight First Amendment Institute and a lecturer in law at Columbia Law School.

Taonga Leslie, Director of Policy and Program for Racial Justice, American Constitution Society

AGENDA OF PROGRAM:

- Welcome & Introduction (5 mins)
- Moderated Conversation (40 mins)
- Q&A (15 min)

READING MATERIALS:

- *Reno v. AADC*, 525 U.S. 471 (1999)
- *Harisiades v. Shaughnessy*, 342 U.S. 580 (1952)
- *American Association of University Professors v. Rubio*, [Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law](#), 1:25-cv-10685-WGY (D. Mass, Sept. 30, 2025)
- Alina Das, *Immigration Detention and Dissent: The Role of the First Amendment on the Road to Abolition*, 56 Geo. L. Rev. 1433 (2022)
- Alina Das, *Deportation and Dissent: Protecting the Voices of the Immigrant Rights Movement*, 65 New York Law School Law Review 225 (2020-2021)
- Michael Kagan, *When Immigrants Speak: The Precarious Status of Non-Citizen Speech Under the First Amendment*, 57 Boston College Law Review 1237 (2016)

- Jennifer Lee Koh, *Executive Discretion and First Amendment Constraints on the Deportation State*, 56 Georgia L. Rev. 1473 (2022)
- Quinta Jurecic, *The Third Red Scare*, The Atlantic (November 10, 2025)