

# **What Does the 1st Amendment Ask of Us?**

**Presenter: Dr. Meg Mott**

Pease Public Library and the Plymouth Historical Society are co-sponsoring a program that explores the dilemma of protecting freedom of speech even when it threatens to destroy the social fabric of our country. Dr. Meg Mott, an expert in constitutional law, will discuss what citizens need to do in order to preserve both freedom and the social fabric, looking at examples from history and current politics. The presentation will consider the constitutional arguments for and against hate speech codes and why the Supreme Court ruled against St. Paul's hate speech ordinance.

After twenty years of teaching political theory and constitutional law to college students in New Hampshire and Vermont, Meg Mott has taken her love of argument to the general public as the Constitution Wrangler. She has written in favor of due process for college students in the *Washington Post* and *Inside Higher Ed* and promotes debate in *Vermont Digger* and the *Brattleboro Reformer*. She lives on a goat farm in Putney, Vermont, where she is the Town Moderator.

Come join us for this virtual presentation on June 15 at 7 pm. The event is free and open to all. For more information and to register visit [peasepubliclibrary.org](http://peasepubliclibrary.org).

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