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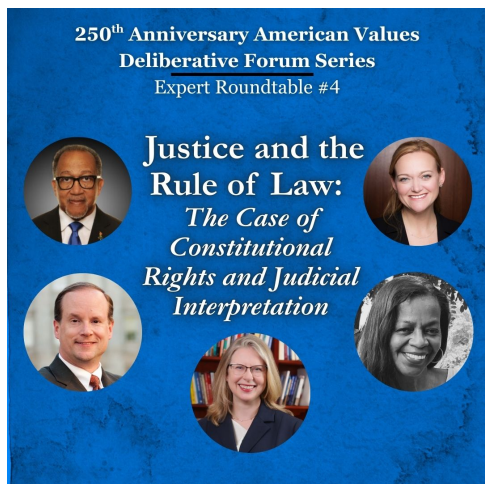
Δ Monthly Newsletter from the DCI



March 2026 Edition

Lots of news and posts in this edition of *The Deliberative Citizen*! Check out the stories below about the DCI in Charlotte news outlets, info about our upcoming Expert Roundtable on March 24, spotlights on three of our recent events, and lots of interesting blog posts by our DCI student and faculty fellows.

Upcoming Programs



Duke University to Host Fourth Expert Roundtable in the American Values Deliberative Forum Series

This roundtable discussion brings together four leading voices to grapple with the principles of justice and the rule of law, core American values that often complement each other but also have exposed deep tensions during moments of national change. They will look in particular at how these values play out in the context of constitutional rights and judicial interpretation. Attend in person at Duke, watch online, or join our Watch Party in Hance Auditorium - March 24 at 6 pm!

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News



Charlotte Optimist Story Highlights the Work of the DCI

An article in the *Charlotte Optimist* spotlighted the DCI, Martin Institute, two DCI Fellows, Casey Scheiner '28 and Isabella Neri '27, community member & DCI Co-Convener Jay Malick, and DCI Faculty Director Graham Bullock.

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DCI's \$4 Million Grant Featured in Queen City News Segment

The DCI was featured in a story by Queen City News published about our recent \$4 million dollar grant to create a new Deliberative Citizenship Network of schools across the country. Watch the segment below featuring Connor Hines and Graham Bullock.

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Spotlight



Liberty, General Welfare, and Social Safety Nets: A Night of Deliberation at Davidson

Check out the recap and recording of the DCI's recent Roundtable on Liberty, General Welfare, and Social Safety Nets moderated by Prof. Dan Layman & featuring experts from the Cato Institute, Duke University, UNC Chapel Hill, and West Virginia University.

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Event Re-Cap: Campus Conversation on Civic Discourse in the Wake of Political Violence

This Fall, four DCI Fellows hosted a Campus Conversation entitled, “Civic Discourse in the Wake of Political Violence: How Can We Foster the Campus Culture We Want to Have?” They presented a set of aspirational commitments for participants to discuss.

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DCI Hosts Young European Leaders on State Department Visit

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This past August, a group of 10 European leaders hosted by International House came to Davidson to learn about deliberation from the DCI. Senior Fellow Casey Scheiner '28 shares his experience facilitating their discussion about defending democracy.

Student Insights



Strangers Deliberate, Families Argue: Why Civility is Easier with Those You Don't Know

Talking about politics with friends & family can be nerve-racking, can't it? DCI Fellow Camryn Friedman explores why engaging with strangers can be easier, and offers suggestions for leaning more into these conversations with people who are close to us.

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DCI Fellow Blog Series

Would You Rather



Savannah Dowtin '28

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Ever play “Would You Rather?” DCI Fellow Savannah Dowtin '28 explores how this fun game is a great opportunity to practice the deliberative dispositions that allow us to constructively discuss contentious issues facing our society.

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DCI Fellow Blog Series

The Art of Neutrality: What I Learned About Staying Unbiased as a Facilitator



Nikita Aleksii '28

The Art of Neutrality: What I Learned About Staying Unbiased as a Facilitator

What does it mean to be a neutral facilitator? DCI Fellow Nikita Aleksii '28 discusses how important and challenging genuine neutrality is, as it requires constant self-awareness and restraint, empathy without alignment, and structure without direction.

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A Call to Include Deliberation in Secondary Curriculum Standards



Abigail Barkley '29

A Call to Include Deliberation in Secondary Curriculum Standards

Deliberation should be a core component of high school education, DCI Fellow Abigail Barkley '29 asserts in her recent blog post. Providing young people with training in & examples of productive discourse will help them both inside & outside the classroom.

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DCI Fellow Blog Series

Winning vs. Problem-Solving



Ceyda Yesillik '28

Winning vs. Problem-Solving

DCI Fellow Ceyda Yesillik '28 explores the differences between debate & deliberation, arguing that one is about winning arguments while the other is about solving problems. They both are important, but Ceyda suggests more deliberating could go a long way.

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Faculty Insights

DeeP Collaborative Series



Sally Bullock
Davidson College

Teaching Students to Navigate Public Health's Toughest Conversations

Davidson Prof. Sally Bullock shares how her public health students' participation in DCI D Team deliberations about opioids, COVID, & healthcare helped them learn how to navigate conversations about some of the most contentious topics in their field.

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DeeP Collaborative Series



José Manuel Batista
UNC Charlotte

Deliberative Dialogue: A Lesson on Assumptions

DeeP Collaborative Member Professor Jose Batista, Associate Professor of Spanish at UNC Charlotte, used role-playing and micro-deliberations to foster civil deliberation in his Spanish American Civilization and Culture...in Spanish!

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Contribute to the Deliberative Citizenship Initiative!

If you like what the DCI has been doing to support more productive public discourse at Davidson – in the classroom, across campus, and in the community – then we encourage you to make a financial contribution to the initiative. Simply click on the link below, select Other under “I want to support” and type in “Deliberative Citizenship Initiative,” and proceed from there. Any amount would help us continue to do the work of bringing people together to discuss the challenging and contentious topics facing our society.

[Give a Gift to the DCI](#)

The Deliberative Citizenship Initiative is Now Part of the Institute for Public Good!

The DCI has joined Davidson College's new Institute for Public Good. The goal of the institute is to foster academic and intellectual collaboration that equips students to address society's challenges and emerge as ethical public leaders, and it will do so across five main program areas. Click the link below to learn more!

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