

THE DELIBERATIVE CITIZEN

Δ Monthly Newsletter from the DCI



April 2026 Edition

Welcome to our April edition of *The Deliberative Citizen*! Below we've got some exciting updates about our new national Deliberative Citizenship Network (DCN) and three new staff positions that we are hiring for to support the work of the DCI and DCN. This newsletter also spotlights the new "Davidson Deliberates" radio show and podcast developed by several of our DCI Fellows. You can also read some great blog posts by our Fellows about the value of deliberation in STEM, sports commentary as an example of respectful disagreement, a constructive conversation about immigration, and implications of unresolved disagreements after conversations have ended. Check it all out below!

News



An Invitation to Join the Deliberative Citizenship Network (DCN)

The DCI is excited to invite colleges and universities from across the country to join our new Deliberative Citizenship Network, a great opportunity to expand civil discourse on campus and connect with others doing similar work. Check out the invitation below!

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Watch an Informational Webinar about the Deliberative Citizenship Network (DCN)

DCI Faculty Director Graham Bullock recently hosted an information webinar about the new Deliberative Citizenship Network (DCN). He discussed the purpose and design of the network, how it builds on the work of the DCI, and how higher education institutions can apply. To learn more, check out the recording of the webinar at the link below.

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Applications Open for New DCI/DCN Staff Positions

To support the DCI's work and the implementation of our new national Deliberative Citizenship Network (DCN), we are hiring a Program Director, Assistant Director for Civil Discourse Programs, and Assistant Director for Training Programs. Learn more about these opportunities below.

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Upcoming Programs



DCI Fellows Deliberation Projects

Each Spring, DCI Fellows write deliberation guides on a topic of their choosing and host corresponding events on that topic. Keep an eye on our social media pages to see upcoming events organized, hosted, and facilitated by our Fellows!

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Spotlight



Introducing the "Davidson Deliberates" Radio Show and Podcast

Davidson Deliberates is a new podcast & radio show dedicated to exemplifying the DCI's deliberative spirit by modeling robust and constructive engagement with contentious issues. The show airs from 1 pm-2 pm on Tuesdays on WALT 1610. Click below to listen to previous episodes!

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Student Insights

DCI Fellow Blog Series

The Value of Deliberation In STEM



Sharon Song '28

The Value of Deliberation In STEM

A biology and genomics major, DCI Fellow Sharon Song '28 initially found deliberation to be unsettling and in tension with her scientific training. But then she discovered both the value of deliberating and its relevance to science.

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DCI Fellow Blog Series

Sports Commentary as an Example of Unity Rather than Division



Bolling Lewis '28

Sports Commentary as an Example of Unity Rather than Division

Many of us believe we just aren't capable of constructive deliberation about highly contested topics. But as DCI Fellow Bolling Lewis '28 asserts, sports commentators demonstrate everyday that we are indeed able to respectfully disagree with each other.

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DCI Fellow Blog Series

Robust Deliberative Discourse on Immigration



Oliver Genovese '28

Robust Deliberative Discourse on Immigration

Immigration is one of those issues that many of us shy away from discussing openly. DCI Fellow Oliver Genovese '28 shares how the D Team he facilitated this fall was nevertheless able to constructively engage with this topic, as emotional and nuanced as it is.

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DCI Fellow Blog Series

What It Feels Like to Sit with Unresolved Disagreement



Saffron March '27

What It Feels Like to Sit with Unresolved Disagreement

Sometimes we end a discussion about an important topic with unresolved disagreements. DCI Fellow Saffron March '27 shares how she has learned that accepting such disagreement is not a failure but is instead often a feature of robust deliberation.

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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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