

## Civility and Free Expression A Colorado Conversation



*"Colorado is known for its collaborative and non-partisan approach to problem-solving. Businesses tell us they are attracted to Colorado because of our highly-educated workforce, quality of life and approach to tackling tough issues. In a time when more people are disenchanted with political bickering, Coloradans must develop strategies for working together and use those strategies to move forward."*

Governor John Hickenlooper

After a year living in a battleground state, can Coloradans find our way back to civility? Difficult and divisive problems will still be with us, and moving forward to find solutions to those problems will require conversation among citizens with a range of viewpoints. The Center for Education in Law and Democracy (CELD) invites you to join us in opening up civil conversation about some of Colorado's tough issues. The conversation offers an opportunity for discussion with people with varied perspectives.

**December 6, 2012 • Baerresen Ballroom, Tivoli Center • 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

5:00	Registration
5:30	Light Dinner
6:00	Overview and Table Introductions
6:20	What Is Civility? Discussion moderated by Buie Seawell, Professor, Business Ethics and Legal Studies, University of Denver
7:00	Colorado Dilemmas—Table conversation about an issue of your choice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In-state tuition for undocumented students</li><li>• Impact of guns on free speech in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century</li><li>• Current education reform efforts</li><li>• Means testing for Social Security</li><li>• Decriminalizing drug laws</li><li>• Colorado's future and TABOR</li><li>• Racial disparities</li></ul>
7:45	Closing and Next Steps: What can citizens and associations do to create spaces and opportunities for deliberation on tough issues?
8:00	Adjourn

**Logistics:** Covered parking is available for \$6 in the Tivoli Parking Garage near 9<sup>th</sup> Street off Auraria Parkway. Campus map: <http://www.ahed.edu/campusmaps/maps.htm>

**Cost:** This free event is open to the public, but preregistration is required and space is limited. To register: complete online registration here. **For more information, contact Barbara Miller at 303 -778-0756 or [miller@lawanddemocracy.org](mailto:miller@lawanddemocracy.org).**

### Host Organizations

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