



F.O.C.U.S. ON “CIVIL DISCOURSE”

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 7:30 A.M. – 8:45 A.M.

Over the last year many citizens in the Greater Central New York Region expressed a deepening concern for the uncivil behavior and disrespect witnessed at so many local public forums, community meetings, at our sporting events and on the streets of our city, towns and villages. In recognizing that this growing concern is a serious challenge to the strength and fellowship of our community, F.O.C.U.S. joined in partnership with Syracuse University’s Maxwell School PARCC program, the Campbell Institute, and CNYSpeaks to develop community standards of discourse to ensure all are heard, all are respectful in their voice and that the issues facing our community and nation can be discussed in a civil and just manner.

We invite individuals and organizations, public and private, to join our conversation, to share ideas and concerns, to move beyond our, at times, passionate differences and in the end improve the manner in which each citizens voice is heard.

WHEN: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 7:30 TO 8:45 A.M.

WHERE: F.O.C.U.S., CITY HALL COMMONS, 201 E. Washington St. 1st floor

PRESENTERS:

DR. TINA NABATCHI, Assistant Professor of Public Administration and Faculty Research Associate at the Program for the Advancement of Research on Conflict and Collaboration (PARCC). Her research interests include public management, public policy, and law particularly in relation to citizen engagement, collaborative governance, and conflict resolution.

GREG MUNNO, founder of CNYSpeaks AT THE Post Standard newspaper, recently formed a partnership with Syracuse University Maxwell School. Through Greg’s efforts, the project attracted thousands of participants who offered over 10,000 ideas for improving Syracuse. He recently earned an Executive Master’s of Public Administration along with a Certificate of Advanced Study in Conflict Resolution.

MISSION of CIVIL DISCOURSE WORKING GROUP:

Bring Back Civility, a project focusing on public discourse, is to strengthen our community’s capacity to ensure that respect-based norms for individual and group behavior are known and voluntarily adhered to at public events of any and every kind throughout our region.

This is an interactive session – come prepared to share your ideas

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

“A Sustainable Community requires linking together economic vitality, social equity, and environmental stewardship”.