

Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar public lecture

Conspiracy & Democracy

by Prof. Russell Muirhead

Dartmouth College Dept of Government,
and New Hampshire House of Representatives

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Muirhead will discuss the "blizzard of conspiratorial concoctions" that grow out of almost every news story; how did the conspiracism start; what does it bode for our democracy?

With Nancy Rosenblum, Professor Muirhead is the author of *A Lot of People Are Saying: The New Conspiracism and the Assault on Democracy*, which examines the rise of conspiratorial thinking in American politics.

He is currently working on a new book, again with Rosenblum, entitled *Ungoverning*, about the current tendency to break down the capacity of government rather than to build it up. Previously, Muirhead has also written on parties, partisanship and polarization, as well as the moral meaning of the work ethic.

He lives in Hanover, NH with his family, and his hobbies include hiking, skiing, mountain biking, dog walking, and car repair.

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