

*"It is an affront to treat falsehood with complacency."* Thomas Paine

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## WHAT CAMPUS CONSERVATIVES CAN LEARN FROM ALBERT EINSTEIN

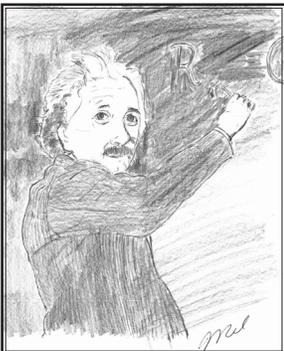
*By Malcolm A. Kline*

Here's a hint: It's more than  
 $E=MC^2$

**R**ecently on the academe blog maintained by the American Association of University Professors (AAUP), Hank Reichman ran some thoughts on academic freedom that Albert Einstein delivered more than half a century ago. If Reichman's hope in doing so was to provide comfort to progressives, the ironic effect is that, although they may have been the target audience in the 1950s, modern-day conservatives, particularly in the academy, are more likely to identify with Einstein's observations.

"The threat to academic freedom in our time must be seen in the fact that, because of the alleged external danger to our country, freedom of teaching, mutual exchange of opinions and freedom of press and other media of communication are encroached upon or obstructed," Einstein stated. "This is done by creating a situation in which people feel their economic positions endangered."

"Consequently, more and more people avoid expressing their opinion freely, even in their private social life." Other than the "alleged external danger to our country" which progressives never cared much about, the rest of Einstein's bill of particulars fits those on the right, especially that dwindling conservative cadre in the Ivory tower. I talked to one poor chap who fit that description very recently.



"This is a state of affairs which a democratic government cannot survive in the long run," Einstein predicted.

Also worthy of note is Einstein's advice for "resistance" to such trends. "The strength of the Constitution lies entirely in the determination of each citizen to defend it," he averred. "Only if every single citizen feels duty bound to do his share in this defense are the constitutional rights secure."

"Thus, a duty is imposed on everyone which no one must evade, notwithstanding risks and dangers for him and his family."

# Director's Corner

By Malcolm A. Kline, Executive Director of AIA



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*Please remember AIA in your will.*

Dear Reader,

We hope that you are having a great summer. We spent at least one day of ours at Georgetown's law school, attending part of a conference on "The Color of Surveillance: Government Monitoring of Illegal Immigrants." From what we've seen, the Georgetown University Law School is nowhere near as conservative or traditional as the Hoya's undergraduate campus, the latter of which frequently hosts productions of *The Vagina Monologues*.

From William Treanor, the dean of Georgetown Law, we learned that "social justice is a bedrock of the Georgetown University Law School." Really? We thought it was law.

Alvaro M. Bedoya, who ascended to the Georgetown Law Center on Privacy and Technology from a berth in the office of Senator Al Franken, D-Minnesota, says he invited three officials from the Trump Administration's Department of Homeland Security to the conference but they declined the invitation. Had the trio appeared, they would have been outnumbered by 17 professors from nine universities, even before adding in the representatives of groups such as CAIR, the ACLU and the National Lawyers Guild who also took up speaking time.

Of course, conservatives would be lucky to get three spots on the faculty of most universities so, by academic standards, this breakdown was more than fair.

All the best,

Mal Kline,  
Executive Director

# Time for "How Now Brown Cow" Studies

By Malcolm A. Kline



**G**enerations of us who learned that rhyme never dreamed that brown bovines had a direct connection to chocolate milk. “Seven percent of all American adults believe that chocolate milk comes from brown cows, according to a nationally representative online survey commissioned by the Innovation Center of U.S. Dairy,” Caitlin Dewey reported in *The Washington Post*. “If you do the math, that works out to 16.4 million misinformed, milk-drinking people.”

“The equivalent of the population of Pennsylvania (and then some!) does not know that chocolate milk is milk, cocoa and sugar.” Could the confusion stem from their education? Dewey offers this tantalizing tidbit. “When one team of researchers interviewed fourth-, fifth- and sixth-graders at an urban California school, they found that more than half of them didn’t know pickles were cucumbers, or that onions and lettuce were plants,” she writes. “Four in 10 didn’t know that hamburgers came from cows.”

“And 3 in 10 didn’t know that cheese is made from milk.” Let’s hope they figure it out before they get their college degrees. If they don’t get a handle on it, they could always major in gender studies.

Perhaps we’ll meet some of them at the Modern Language Association.

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## Students Learn about “B\*\*\*\* Planet”

**A**t what point does a graphic novel become pornographic? The English Departments that assign them don’t seem to care. “For example, Ursinus College assigns the widely acclaimed and controversial *Fun Home* by Alison Bechdel in undergraduate literature courses,” Shannon Watkins, a policy associate at the James G. Martin Center for Academic Renewal writes. “Bechdel’s graphic novel is written as memoir, and discusses her experiences growing up in a dysfunctional family.”

“The reader follows Bechdel as she learns about her father’s homosexuality and her lesbianism.”

“Another graphic novel, *Bitch Planet* by Kelly Sue DeConnick, also is a popular choice on university syllabi and has been described as an ‘intersectionally feminist text.’ The book is about ‘a woman’s failure to comply with her patriarchal overlords.’”

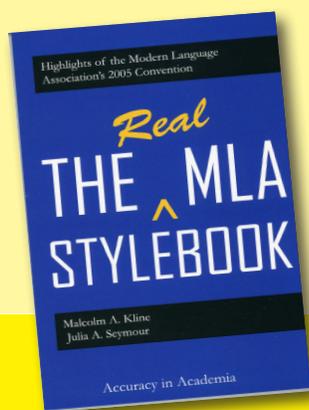
“Of course, there is nothing inherently wrong with reading about these topics or with discussing them,” Watkins avers. “But what is particularly concerning about assigning these politically charged books is that it seems to be part of a larger push to rid the university of its traditional focus, and to push a social justice agenda.”

Ya think? How did we miss these tomes at the Modern Language Association? Perhaps they blended in too well with the scenery.

## Hope that you had a safe and Happy Fourth of July



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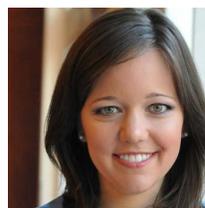
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