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Contact: Danielle Lepping, Librarian
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Re: Humanities Washington Speaker to Present “Civil Conversation in an Angry Age”
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At what point does a conversation become a battle? Why do some opinions inflame our emotions, leading to anger, fights, and even the end of relationships with family and friends? Humanities Washington speaker David E. Smith takes a deep look at those moments when civility breaks down in his presentation *Civil Conversation in an Angry Age*. Smith will present at the Port Angeles Main Library on Tuesday, February 26 at 6:30pm, and again at the Sequim Branch Library on Wednesday, February 27 at 6:30pm.

By mapping the structure of how we converse, and digging into the root causes of both civility and incivility, Smith explores how we can have meaningful, respectful conversations on notoriously difficult topics like politics, religion, and morality. In our increasingly polarized political environment, Smith provides participants with the tools needed to embark upon more thoughtful, fruitful discussions.

About the Speaker

David Smith holds a PhD in religious studies from Temple University. For the past decade, he has held roles as a lecturer, assistant professor, and associate professor of philosophy and

religious studies. He currently teaches at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Washington and frequently gives lectures in libraries, community centers, and retirement centers.

About Humanities Washington

Humanities Washington sparks conversation and critical thinking using story as a catalyst, nurturing thoughtful and engaged communities across the state. Speakers Bureau is one of Humanities Washington's oldest and most popular programs. A roster of 31 cultural experts and scholars provides low-cost, high-quality public presentations across the state, encouraging audiences to think, learn and engage in conversation. For more about Speakers Bureau, visit www.humanities.org/programs/speakers.

More Information

This program is generously funded by Humanities Washington, the Port Angeles Friends of the Library, and Friends of Sequim Library.

For additional information about this program, visit www.nols.org and select "Events," call 360.417.8500, or send an email to discover@nols.org. The Port Angeles Main Library is located at 2210 South Peabody Street. The Sequim Branch Library is located at 630 North Sequim Avenue.





“Civil Conversation in an Angry Age” will be presented at the Port Angeles and Sequim Libraries.

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