

Overview

The Richard D. McLellan Prizes at the Russell Kirk Center will help shape a national conversation on issues surrounding the durability and prospects for the American tradition of free speech and expression as guaranteed in the First Amendment of the U. S. Constitution's Bill of Rights.

An annual highlight of the program is the awarding of a \$50,000 prize that will recognize and encourage the best writing, creative works, actions, and new media communications in the area of Freedom of Speech and Expression. In addition, two outstanding writers will be awarded \$12,500 summer research grants to pursue projects that enhance our understanding and advocacy of Free Speech rights. Together they will support those making an exceptional case for the perennial wisdom and ongoing necessity of the American tradition of free speech.

