

# THE McLELLAN PRIZES FOR ADVANCING FREE SPEECH & EXPRESSION

## 2025 DICK & ETHIE HAWORTH FREE SPEECH FELLOWSHIPS

As part of the Richard D. McLellan Prizes for Advancing Free Speech and Expression Program, the Russell Kirk Center is pleased to announce the establishment of the Dick & Ethie Haworth Free Speech Fellowships. Dick Haworth is chairman emeritus of Haworth, Inc., a privately held, family-owned office furniture manufacturer headquartered in Holland, Michigan, with locations around the world. The Haworths are also prominent philanthropists and institutional builders in higher education, economic and political freedom, and cancer treatment centers and related charities advocating for innovative medical therapies for children. It is an honor to count them as friends and exemplars of the Russell Kirk Center's freedom of speech program. **Inaugural Haworth Fellows are as follows:**



### **JOSIAH JONER** DICK & ETHIE HAWORTH FREE SPEECH FELLOW, 2024-2025



**Josiah Joner** studied economics at Stanford University, where he served as the 68th Editor-in-Chief of *The Stanford Review*. At Stanford, Josiah covered various issues of free speech on campus and documented many of the university's censorship efforts during the Covid pandemic. He has testified before Congress on protecting free speech in higher education and has appeared on major television and radio networks. For his Haworth Fellowship, Josiah is working on a project about free speech and censorship at Stanford and beyond.

### **PETER BONILLA** DICK & ETHIE HAWORTH FREE SPEECH FELLOW, 2025



**Peter Bonilla** is the Executive Director of the MIT Free Speech Alliance, an independent alumni organization promoting free speech, academic freedom, and viewpoint diversity at MIT. Previously, Peter was on the staff of the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression (FIRE), serving as its Vice President of Programs. For his Haworth Fellowship, Peter will edit and write *FIRE's Guide to Academic Freedom*, which is a resource that will provide practitioners with a historical and legal background on the fundamentals of academic freedom and its status in First Amendment law.

### **THOMAS MATTHEW VOZAR** DICK & ETHIE HAWORTH FREE SPEECH FELLOW, 2025



**Thomas Matthew Vozar** is an assistant professor of humanities at the University of Florida's Hamilton School for Classical and Civic Education, where he teaches courses on Great Books and Western civilization. His work includes *Milton, Longinus, and the Sublime in the Seventeenth Century* (Oxford University Press, 2023), which received the Milton Society of America's James Holly Hanford Book Award; and *Isaac Barrow's On the Turkish Religion: A Latin Poem on Islam from Ottoman Istanbul* (Bloomsbury, 2026). For his Haworth Fellowship, Dr. Vozar will advance his research and writing for a book entitled, *Liberty to Know: Areopagitica, the First Amendment, and the Anglo-American Free Speech Tradition*. That work will examine how John Milton's famous defense of a free press emerged and how it helped shape the modern free speech tradition in Britain and America.