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Nope. we will be circulating updated questions next week (and we shared that on the call).



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**From:** Brenda Pitcher <bpitcher@uci.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 7, 2021 2:43 PM  
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Oh gosh, I forgot to ask you about anything else Renee needs to prepare. Is there anything, maybe from today's call?



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Yep, that's correct! I'll likely send out the day 1 speaker links at the end of next week and the day 2 speaker links on Tuesday evening after the conclusion of day 1.

On Wed, Apr 7, 2021 at 5:11 PM Brenda Pitcher <bpitcher@uci.edu> wrote:

Courtney,

Is it OK to tell Renee DiResta's EA that you will be sending the Zoom link in the next week or so? I know you had the prep meeting today, so I wanted to check on the plan.



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Hi Brenda,

Checking in for the connection info for next week.

Also, any other details Renee needs to prepare.

Thank you,

Candace

On Mon, Mar 8, 2021 at 12:00 PM Brenda Pitcher <[bpitcher@uci.edu](mailto:bpitcher@uci.edu)> wrote:

Thank you Candace!

We will be in touch soon with the next steps.

Have a great rest of your day.

Kindest,  
Brenda



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Hi Brenda,

Please see the attached. The first paragraph works as Renee's short bio.

Thank you,

Candace

On Fri, Mar 5, 2021 at 4:21 PM Brenda Pitcher <[bpitcher@uci.edu](mailto:bpitcher@uci.edu)> wrote:

Dear Candace,

I am Brenda, Executive Assistant at the UC National Center for Free Speech and Civic Engagement. It is nice to "meet" you.

We are honored that Renee DiResta will participate in our upcoming [#SpeechMatters](#) conference.

When you have a moment, will you please provide a bio and headshot that we can use for the conference webpage?

I did take a look at <https://fsi.stanford.edu/people/renee-diresta> and <http://www.reneediresta.com/>, and since each has a different image and bio I thought I should check with you first.

I look forward to your reply.

Kind regards,  
Brenda

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**To:** Candace DeLeon <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Renee DiResta <[rdiresta@stanford.edu](mailto:rdiresta@stanford.edu)>; Brenda Pitcher <[bpitcher@uci.edu](mailto:bpitcher@uci.edu)>  
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Hi Candace,

Thanks so much. Right now, the conference is planned for 10-12.30 pm PST on both days. I am hoping to be finalize which panels are on which days in the near future.

Once that is set, each panel/moderator will have a prep call – likely in early April.

I appreciate your flexibility.

Best,  
Michelle



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Hi Michelle,

I have placed a hold on Renee's calendar for April 20th & 21st. When you know more details such as time and anything that Renee needs to prepare, please let me know.

Thank you,

Candace

On Mon, Feb 22, 2021 at 7:38 PM Renee DiResta <[rdiresta@stanford.edu](mailto:rdiresta@stanford.edu)> wrote:

Adding Candace to help with calendaring

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**From:** Michelle Deutchman <[m.deutchman@uci.edu](mailto:m.deutchman@uci.edu)>  
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**Subject:** RE: invitation to speak at upcoming UC National Center for Free Speech and Civic Engagement conference

That's wonderful! Are you currently free on both April 20 and 21<sup>st</sup> between 10-12 PST? Hoping to finalize which sessions are on which dates in the near future.

And thank you for the additional suggestions.

Best,  
Michelle



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That sounds good, happy to participate. News Literacy Project is great. Danielle Citron is also doing really interesting work in the space. Witness (Sam Gregory) as well, just as folks who are top of mind from recent research products. Berin Szoka, Mike Godwin, or Mike Masnick are also interesting from a more libertarian framing as a counterpoint, or Zach Graves from Lincoln Network.

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**Sent:** Monday, February 22, 2021 10:40 AM

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**Subject:** RE: invitation to speak at upcoming UC National Center for Free Speech and Civic Engagement conference

Dear Renee,

It will be a panel. I was imagining you would focus on disinformation, false narratives, fact v. fiction etc.

I was planning on reach out to someone from the News Literacy Project to focus on digital literacy but welcome any thoughts you have for additional speakers.

I hope you can join us,  
Michelle



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Hi Michelle,

Thank you for the invitation – so this would be a panel or a presentation? I am not a digital literacy expert, so if that is the topic you're looking to cover I can suggest a colleague.

Best,  
Renee

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**From:** Michelle Deutchman <[m.deutchman@uci.edu](mailto:m.deutchman@uci.edu)>  
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**To:** Renee DiResta <[rdiresta@stanford.edu](mailto:rdiresta@stanford.edu)>  
**Cc:** Michelle Deutchman <[m.deutchman@uci.edu](mailto:m.deutchman@uci.edu)>  
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Dear Ms. DiResta,

I hope this finds you well. I am the executive director of the [UC National Center for Free Speech and Civic Engagement](#), and I am writing to invite you to speak at our third annual [#Speech Matters](#) conference (virtual, of course).

This event will take place virtually on April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> from 10-12.30 PST. This year's conference will focus on "looking ahead" at the future of speech and civic engagement on campus.

An integral element of this conference will be discussion of the role of dis and misinformation as well as digital literacy, especially in higher education settings. Your expertise and insights on these issues would be a wonderful way to anchor the panel.

If you want to get a sense of the Center's programs and initiatives, please take a look at [2020 annual report](#). We have hosted programming on related topics such as [how the Biden administration should protect free speech and democracy in a digital world](#). On Tuesday, our Speech Spotlight Live focuses on, "[Is De-platforming the Answer? How to Fight Attacks on Democracy in the Digital Age](#)". At last year's conference we had over 200 in-person participants and over 400 live stream participants. Audience members consisted of students, staff, administration and faculty from universities around the country as well as representatives of higher education associations and Washington think tanks.

I appreciate your consideration, and look forward to hearing from you.

It would be a privilege to have you participate.

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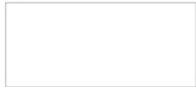
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I want to reiterate my thanks for your willingness to participate today. Feedback about the panel is so positive (no surprise), and I am grateful.

Please feel free to reply with resources you would like included in the follow up email and on the Center webpage that will house your panel's video (Ebonee—I know that you already put yours in the google doc).

I hope we all have an occasion to collaborate again.

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Hello Everyone. Looking forward to connecting in 10 minutes.

Just a reminder that I'd love for the panel to be an active conversation among the thee of you. So please do feel free to respond to each other without waiting to be called upon. I'll direct the conversation as need be and work in questions from the attendees. But don't hesitate to ask each other questions.

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On 4/15/21, 12:18 PM, "Brenda Pitcher" <[bpitcher@uci.edu](mailto:bpitcher@uci.edu)> wrote:

Renee, Ebonee and Alice

I am really excited about your upcoming panel. David, Jonathan and I re-worked the questions so they reflect our conversation. You will find them by scrolling to the bottom of this [document](#). Please review and add any changes.

Please also add links to resources section of the google document.

And – if comfortable, please share a cell phone number where you can be reached in case a backup means of communication is needed during the conference.

You will receive the individual link for your session later today. Please remember that another session will be ongoing when you enter the “zoom room” so please be muted and have your video turned off when you enter.

You are welcome to log in to Day 2 of the conference. BUT, in order to do that, you will need to [register](#) as an attendee.

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**Subject:** RE: Updated Questions for #SpeechMatters Disinformation Panel

I want to reiterate my thanks for your willingness to participate today. Feedback about the panel is so positive (no surprise), and I am grateful.

Please feel free to reply with resources you would like included in the follow up email and on the Center webpage that will house your panel's video (Ebonee—I know that you already put yours in the google doc).

I hope we all have an occasion to collaborate again.

Best regards,  
Michelle

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Hello Everyone. Looking forward to connecting in 10 minutes.

Just a reminder that I'd love for the panel to be an active conversation among the thee of you. So please do feel free to respond to each other without waiting to be called upon. I'll direct the conversation as need be and work in questions from the attendees. But don't hesitate to ask each other questions.

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On 4/15/21, 12:18 PM, "Brenda Pitcher" <[bpitcher@uci.edu](mailto:bpitcher@uci.edu)> wrote:

Renee, Ebonee and Alice

I am really excited about your upcoming panel. David, Jonathan and I re-worked the questions so they reflect our conversation. You will find them by scrolling to the bottom of this [document](#). Please review and add any changes.

Please also add links to resources section of the google document.

And – if comfortable, please share a cell phone number where you can be reached in case a backup means of communication is needed during the conference.

You will receive the individual link for your session later today. Please remember that another session will be ongoing when you enter the “zoom room” so please be muted and have your video turned off when you enter.

You are welcome to log in to Day 2 of the conference. BUT, in order to do that, you will need to [register](#) as an attendee.

Do not hesitate to let us know if you have any questions.

Best regards,  
Michelle