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## New Scholarly Resource on Freedom of Expression Launched

*“Books for Understanding” Provides Guide to Scholarship on the Freedoms Protected in the First Amendment*

NEW YORK (October 18, 2010) – The freedom of expression enshrined in the First Amendment of the United States Constitution underpins the rights to self-governance understood around the world: the rights of free speech and dissent politically and religiously, the need for a free press, and the right to petition one’s government for redress of grievances.

The latest Books for Understanding bibliographic resource from the Association of American University Presses (AAUP) provides a guide to these freedoms from their ancient and enlightenment roots to how they play out in the culture wars of today.

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Featuring more than 100 titles from 30 AAUP member presses, *Books for Understanding: Freedom of Expression and the First Amendment* includes such works as:

- *From the Palmer Raids to the Patriot Act: A History of Free Speech in America* by Chris Finan (Beacon Press, 2007);
- *Can God and Caesar Coexist? Balancing Religious Freedom and International Law* by Robert F. Drinan, S.J. (Yale University Press, 2005);
- *Virtual Freedom: Net Neutrality and Free Speech in the Internet Age* by Dawn C. Nunziato (Stanford University Press, 2009).

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