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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE TO ADDRESS ACADEMIC FREEDOM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, SUNDAY, JUNE 15- MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2008

The American Freedom Alliance, a think tank and activist network based in Los Angeles, will host an international conference on academic freedom titled *How Free Is the University?* on Sunday, June 15 and Monday, June 16, 2008 at the Davidson Executive Conference Center, at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. The conference will feature a host of international and domestic academics, journalists, government leaders and commentators who will address indoctrination, intimidation and ideology in the classroom, the influence of foreign funding on University policy and the processes for influencing change in today's academic environment. Scholar **Victor Davis Hanson**, radio talk show hosts **Dennis Prager** and **Hugh Hewitt** and commentators **Daniel Pipes** and **David Horowitz** will be among the thirty-five international participants. The conference will begin at 9:00 am on Sunday, June 15 and will conclude at 1:00 am on Monday, June 16.

The cost of attendance is \$250, which includes all meals and admission to the Los Angeles premiere of *Indoctrinate U.* – a feature documentary about the failures of academic institutions around the United States to meet the standards of academic freedom established by academics themselves 95 years ago. Davidson Executive Conference Center is located at 3415 So. Figueroa St. Los Angeles CA 90089. Parking is available in Parking Structure D.

More information can be found at the Conference website:

<http://www.americanfreedomalliance.org/microsite/howfree/brochure.htm>.

The conference will also unveil, for the first time, a study conducted by the Institute for Jewish & Community Research, which conducted a two year long survey of academics around the United States, detailing academic attitudes to religion, politics and social issues.

“ The goal of the conference is not to condemn or embarrass current University administrations; nor is to demonize current professors ,” said the conference organizer Avi Davis, “ but it is to squarely address the dangers to academic freedom that exist in our society and offer concrete and viable means to address the shortfalls.”

The American Freedom Alliance is an organization which unites individuals and communities who share a concern about the threats to freedom and liberty in the United States. The Alliance’s programs, publications, conferences and websites develop tools and strategies to counter the growing influence of ideologies and movements that threaten freedom and deny the sanctity of the personal conscience. For further information on the American Freedom Alliance, visit www.americanfreedomalliance.org

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NOTE TO PRESS: Key participants in the Conference, including Thor Halvorssen, producer of *Indoctrinate U.* and Gary Tobin, Director of the Institute for Jewish and Community Research and keynote speaker Victor Davis Hanson will be available for interview. Please call the AFA office for interview opportunities.