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AG-GAG LAWS, LIES, AND THE FIRST AMENDMENT

In this talk, Professor Marceau will discuss the intersection of free speech and lies in constitutional doctrine. "Ag-gag" laws criminalize actions that include secret filming by whistleblowers of animal abuses on factory farms. Using the proliferation of ag-gag laws as an example, Professor Marceau will identify and discuss investigative deceptions as a category of high-value lies that ought to receive rigorous free speech protection because of their instrumental value to securing and disseminating information essential to a well-functioning democracy. He will also identify, more generally, the types of limits that may be imposed on lying consistent with the First Amendment



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