

Academic freedom for everyone

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I say Tom Flanagan should express himself publicly on child pornography and on anything else that matters to him (Professors Defend Flanagan's Views – *Globe and Mail*, 2 March). Letter writer Geoff Rytell (Flanagan Yardstick – 5 March) wonders whether I'd extend that right to Ernst Zundel, the Holocaust denier, when, unlike Mr. Flanagan, Mr. Zundel is not a professor.

Of course I would. If I had my way, not only would Canada be free of hate-speech laws, but all of us would enjoy the protection that academic freedom affords professors. Why not?