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Teaching Student Expelled, Erasing the Hate

Wednesday, May 11, 2005

By Scott Norvell

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The **New York Sun** says a grad student was deemed unfit to teach and kicked out of his program after he expressed skepticism about multicultural education and support for corporal punishment in the classroom.

With the backing of the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, Scott McConnell is now suing **Le Moyne College** ([search](#)) of Syracuse, N.Y., for violation of his First Amendment rights.

As part of a class devoted to promoting "inclusive classrooms," McConnell wrote a paper saying: "I do not feel that multicultural education has a philosophical place or standing in an American classroom, especially one that I will teach. I also feel that corporal punishment has a place in the classroom and should be implemented when needed."

He got an A on the paper, but it was forwarded to the director of the graduate education program, **Cathy Leogrande** ([search](#)), who subsequently expelled him from the Master's program.

"I have grave concerns regarding the mismatch between your personal beliefs regarding teaching and learning and the Le Moyne College program goals," Leogrande said.

Erase That Hate

Activists at Ithaca College in New York were upset about the student paper's lack of coverage of an anti-racism rally so they did the only sensible thing — they stole hundreds of copies of the paper and threw them away.

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