



**Tuesday,
FEBRUARY 6
Allen Theatre
5:30-7:00 p.m.**

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**Introduction by
Dr. Kent Wilkinson**

Professor/Director, Harris Institute for Hispanic
and International Communication

Host

Dr. Erik Bucy

Formby Regents Professor of Strategic Communication

Invited Guests:

Dr. Brie Sherwin

TTU Associate Professor of Law

Brandon Formby

The Texas Tribune Urban Affairs Reporter

Don Richards

Richards, Elder & Gibson, PLLC

Tom Williams

Haynes Boone, LLP

Civil Counterpoints: A Campus Conversation Series aims to stimulate thoughtful and respectful dialogue on volatile contemporary issues among members of the Texas Tech community. The series offers the university community opportunities to hear experts in the field tackle difficult topics through the engaged dialogues we encourage in the classroom, the lab, our hallways, and other forums. The series strives to highlight the diversity of research, creative endeavors and critical analysis on campus, and to demonstrate the possibilities for meaningful collaboration across disciplines, perspectives, and expertise in a respectful environment. Among the hallmarks of a vibrant and engaged university is the safeguarding of academic freedom, a principle that protects our ability to explore, discuss, investigate, and challenge one another's ideas intellectually and courteously.

In addition to Drs. Bucy and Wilkinson, faculty organizers include Dr. Jamie Bologna (CASNER), Dr. Sean Cunningham (History), Dr. Michael Sanfrancisco (Honors) and Dr. Aliza Wong (Honors)

The Honors College, College of Media & Communication, Office of the President and Student Union & Activities provided support for this evening's program.

Reception to follow in the courtyard west of the Allen Theater after the program