

PUBLICATIONS & MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

Bibliography

Here is the updated and expanded bibliography for **Dr. Allison Matulli**, incorporating her new media appearances, interviews, and op-eds alongside existing records. Dr. Allison Matulli is a prominent national voice and frequent contributor to major media outlets, where she provides expert commentary on the First Amendment, legal literacy, intersection of AI and the First Amendment, and educational equity.

Books


- ***WE ARE FREE: Our First Amendment Rights***. Illustrated by Edel Rodriguez. Rise x Penguin Workshop, forthcoming September 29, 2026. [Link](#)
- *Distinction: Kirkus Starred Review; Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection*. [Link](#)
- ***Your Freedom, Your Power: A Kid's Guide to the First Amendment***. With Clelia Castro-Malaspina; illustrated by Carmelle Kendall. Hachette Book Group (Running Press Kids), 2023. [Link](#)
- *Read America List: To commemorate the 250 years founding of the United States, the New York Public Library compiled a list of top 250 notable books for all ages*. [Link](#)
- *Distinction: Booklist Starred Review; Chicago Public Library's "Best of the Best" 2023; Junior Library Guild Selection*.
- ***I Am Because We Are***. Disney Press, forthcoming.
- ***I Am A Patriot***. Disney Press, forthcoming.
- ***Plessy: A Shoemaker Makes His Mark***. CSI Publishing, 2016.

Scholarly Work

- ***Free speech and digital citizenship: A qualitative case study***. St. Thomas University, ProQuest One Academic, 2026 (Doctoral Dissertation). [Link](#)
- ***The Freedom Library: Stories That Shout***. Pending Project Proposal/Archive of Protest and Play, 2027.

Featured News & Media

- **FIU News**: "FIU a Top 5 producer of Fulbright Scholars," February 2024. [Link](#)
- **PantherNow**: "Celebrating Black women in law," May 16, 2024. [Link](#)
- **FIU News**: "Scholar earns 'triple Fulbright'" (FIU's first Global Fulbright Scholar), August 28, 2023. [Link](#)
- **Freedom Forum**: Author Profile and First Amendment Fellowship Contributions. [Link](#)
- **NOTUS**: "The Crackdown on Speech After Charlie Kirk's Death Is Alarming First Amendment Groups," 2024. [Link](#)

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- **Culture Stew Podcast, MSM Global Consulting:** "Reframing Civic Engagement for Children & Caregivers: A Conversation with Allison Matulli." [Link](#)
 - **The Daily Texan:** "'That fear is always there': Navigating being an international student under increasing social media surveillance," June 2025. [Link](#)

Interviews & Multimedia

- **WLRN - The Florida Roundup:** "Free speech and consequences," December 12, 2025. [Link](#)
- **WUSF :** "Why 'online speech is messy' when it comes to the First Amendment," December 15, 2025. [Link](#)
- **Tobago Updates:** Interview on Global Fulbright Research and the "One World, One Voice" project. [Link](#)
- **WLRN / WUSF:** "LGBTQ Youth Learn About Using The Law To Create Equity," July 2017. [Link](#)

Op-Eds & Articles

- **Miami Herald:** "Your freedom, your future: Why civic literacy belongs in childhood," 2025. [Link](#)
- **Miami Herald:** "Kids have First Amendment rights, too. Encourage them to use them and speak up!", September 2023. [Link](#)
- **Reverb.com:** "The LUCK Acronym: A New Look at Distance Learning," August 2020. [Link](#)
- **Education Week:** "Opinion: Why I Showed My Young Children the Video of George Floyd's Death," July 2, 2020. [Link](#)
- **Today.com:** "Study up: 10 things teachers wish parents knew about testing," July 2020. [Link](#)

Magazines & Editorial Work

- **Know Your Rights: A Little Lawyers Magazine.** Editor, 2017–2020.
- **Specialized Issues:** Sept-Oct 2018 (Anti-Bullying). [Link](#)
- Oct-Nov 2018 (Voting Month Focus). [Link](#)

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"Free is a word that comes with great power." — **Dr. Allison Matulli**

Fellow for the First Amendment • Global Fulbright Scholar • Author • Educator

Dr. Allison Matulli is a premier national voice on civic literacy who serves as a **Fellow for the First Amendment** at the Freedom Forum. As a **Lecturer at Howard University** and the founder of **The Little Lawyers**, she empowers a new generation of "conscious kids" to recognize that their voices are the enduring heartbeat of American civic identity. Her debut children's picture book *WE ARE FREE* (Penguin RISE, out September 29, 2026), already has a Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection and just received a **starred review from Kirkus**—a rare and prestigious industry honor reserved for works of exceptional merit. In this book, Dr. Matulli profoundly reminds us all, young kids and grown-ups alike, that "free is a word that comes with great power."



1. CORE EXPERTISE

- **Constitutional Literacy:** Translating complex legal principles into empowering youth narratives.
- **Global Speech Rights:** Pioneering research on international freedom of expression across three continents.
- **AI + Tech Integrity:** Leading the ethical integration of Generative AI in higher education.
- **Curriculum Innovation:** Designing justice-centered, interdisciplinary learning environments.

2. LITERARY IMPACT & PRAISE

WE ARE FREE: Our First Amendment Rights (Penguin RISE, 2026)

- **Recipient of a Starred Review from *Kirkus Reviews***
"An impressive distillation of an essential American virtue... [t]his work will inspire civic curiosity in even young children while reminding caregivers of rights worth fighting for and celebrating." — **Kirkus (Starred Review)**
- **Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection**
Your Freedom, Your Power (Hachette, 2023)
- **Starred Review from *Booklist***
- **Chicago Public Library's "Best of the Best"** (2023)

3. GLOBAL LEADERSHIP & INNOVATION

- **First-Ever Global Fulbright Scholar at FIU:** Awarded by the U.S. Department of State to conduct the landmark "One World, One Voice" study in Colombia, Italy, and Trinidad and Tobago.
- **AI Pioneer:** Selected for the inaugural **Google Career Launchpad Generative AI Leader** cohort; developer of the "AI + Tech Integrity" framework.
- **Academic Excellence:** Holds a **Juris Doctor** from Howard University and recently defended her **Ed.D. dissertation** (4.0 GPA) on free speech and digital citizenship.

4. KEY SPEAKING TOPICS

- **Raising Conscious Kids:** How to bridge the gap between legal rigor and youth empowerment.
- **The Future of Free Speech:** Navigating digital citizenship and student voice in a tech-driven world.
- **Ubuntu in Education:** Building cultures of equity, accountability, and collective civic power.

5. CONNECT

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This one-pager is designed for media outlets, event organizers, and partners to provide a high-impact overview of **Dr. Allison Matulli's** work at the intersection of law, education, and innovation.

