Navigating censorship: Workers at the front line

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Frontline workers increasingly find themselves embroiled in very public debates and controversies focused on censorship. In recent years challenges to intellectual freedom, speech censorship, calls to ban books, constraints on academic curricula, and the regulation of social media participation have intensified. These demands originate from a multitude of sources, including citizens, elected officials and government agencies. While these restrictions are hotly contested in the policy arena, it is those on the frontlines - librarians, teachers, health care providers, social workers and many other public and nonprofit, and even for-profit, employees – that must navigate this censorship in their day-to-day work. Placing employees front and center requires attention to the impact of such constraints on frontline workers. How do these essential workers navigate this quagmire while serving constituents, maintaining their professional values and working towards their organizational mission?

This panel will explore how censorship and restrictions on intellectual freedom manifest in organizations and professions and what this means for public and nonprofit workers. Questions and audience discussion to follow. This session is open to all AOM conference attendees.

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