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### In the Field on Tuesday:

#### **The Lost Arts of Dialogue, Debate and Civil Discourse at the Old State House “Dissent or Treason: Political Discourse from the Civil War to Today”**

(Hartford, CT) – At Noon on Tuesday October 18, 2011, Connecticut Network’s Diane Smith will moderate a lively lunchtime discussion on civil discourse: the American history of oratory and persuasion, the current state of public conversation and what we can do today to encourage positive debate and dialogue. The panel will include radio personality Brad Davis, Everyday-Democracy Executive Director Martha McCoy and Museum of Connecticut History’s David Corrigan. This free lunchtime program is open to the public on Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> and will be recorded for telecast by CT-N. The program will also be available On Demand; details will follow in the network’s daily program schedule and on CT-N.com.

Our nation was built on the idea of free speech. It was the right to speak freely - to disagree - that brought on some of the biggest, most significant changes in our history and defined our ideals of “government by the people.” However, the true search for common ground on contentious, even polarizing issues throughout history has often made those democratic ideals seem elusive at best. As our nation gets bigger, our population more diverse and the problems to solve more challenging, how do we *really* put differences aside and work together?

Throughout 2011, the Old State House will have a variety of lunchtime lectures and other special events and programming. Visit the online calendar on [www.ctoldstatehouse.org](http://www.ctoldstatehouse.org) for more information.

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