

DOMESTIC TERRORISM In-Person Event & Live Streaming Nationally

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Hosted by **We Are Many - United Against Hate** (WAM - UAH) & its **Student-Led Chapters** • McFarland High School • Dodgeville High School • Deerfield Middle/High School • Baraboo High School

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2022 8:30am-1:00pm CST

MCFARLAND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER McFarland High School, McFarland, WI 53558



Moderator: Josh Kaul, Wisconsin Attorney General

- 8:30 am Welcoming remarks Governor Tony Evers (invited)
- 8:40 am McFarland Welcome Dr. Wayne Anderson, District Administrator
- 8:50 am Purpose Masood Akhtar, Founder, We Are Many-United Against Hate
- 9:00 am Keynote: National Strategy for Countering Domestic Terrorism Thomas E. Brzozowski, U.S. Department of Justice
- 10:00 am WAM-UAH Student Ambassador Board Panel McFarland; Dodgeville; Deerfield; Baraboo Moderator: Jeff Jacobson, Liaison between WAM-UAH & student chapters
- 10:30 am Domestic Terrorism Panel Daryl Johnson, Subject Matter Expert - Domestic Terrorism Professor Brian Levin, Subject Matter Expert - Hate Crimes
- 11:05 am Former Hate Group Members Panel Jesse Morton, former Al Qaeda Recruiter; TM Garret, former KKK Leader Derek Barsaleau, former White Nationalist; Ryan Lo'Ree, former Neo-Nazi
- 12:15 pm Wrap-up and concluding remarks Josh Kaul
- 12:30 pm Book signing: "Hateland: A long, hard look at America's extremist heart" Daryl Johnson
- 1:00 pm Lunch: students and speakers

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT: We are a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization of common people — urban and rural, spiritual and secular — seeking equal protection for all, united against hate, bigotry, and racism.

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JOSH KAUL, attorney general of wisconsin

Josh Kaul was sworn in as Wisconsin's 45th Attorney General on January 7, 2019. Josh's top priority is public safety. Under his leadership, the Wisconsin Department of Justice has worked to combat the opioid epidemic and the increasing use of meth in Wisconsin, to make our schools and communities safer from gun violence, and to pass legislation designed to prevent Wisconsin from having another backlog of untested sexual assault kits. Josh is also committed to fighting for clean and safe drinking water and against climate

change and to protecting the rights of Wisconsinites.

Josh served as a federal prosecutor in Baltimore, where he prosecuted murderers, gang members, and drug traffickers. After moving back home to Wisconsin, he worked to protect our right to vote, going to court to challenge restrictions on voting.

Josh grew up in Oshkosh and Fond du Lac. He went to college at Yale, majoring in history and economics and graduating with honors. He then attended Stanford Law School, where he served as President of the Stanford Law Review.

Josh lives in Madison with his wife, Lindsey, and their two sons, Simon and Henry.

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THOMAS E. BRZOZOWSKI, COUNSEL FOR DOMESTIC TERRORISM, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Thomas E. Brzozowski currently serves as the Counsel for Domestic Terrorism in the National Security Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. Tom received his Bachelor of Arts in International Relations from the College of William & Mary in 1996, after which he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Tom spent three years as an artillery officer at Fort Bragg, North Carolina before he was selected to attend William & Mary Law School under the auspices of the U.S. Army Funded Legal Education Program. After law school, Tom spent six years in Europe serving as an officer



in the U.S. Army JAG Corps. He then left active duty and clerked for Judge Stanley Birch, Jr. at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit in Atlanta, Georgia. Prior to taking up his present position, Tom was an Assistant General Counsel in the FBI's Office of General Counsel. Tom holds a Master of Laws degree in National Security Law from the Georgetown University Law Center and a Master's degree in security studies from the U.S. Army War College. He also is an adjunct professor at the George Washington University Law School and continues to serve as a JAG officer in the U.S. Army Reserves.

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DARYL JOHNSON, (SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT -DOMESTIC TERRORISM)

Daryl Johnson is one of the foremost experts on domestic extremist groups in the US. Beginning his career as a civilian in the US Army, Johnson has held a number of government positions, most recently as senior analyst at the Department of Homeland Security. He is currently the founder of DT Analytics, a private consulting firm for law enforcement. He is also regularly cited, featured, or quoted in media covering domestic extremist groups in the US, including the

New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, Newsweek, National Public Radio, MSNBC, CNN, and NBC Nightly News, among many others. He is the author of "Hateland: A Long, Hard Look at America's Extremist Heart" (Prometheus Books, 2019) and "Right-Wing Resurgence: How a Domestic Terrorism Threat Is Being Ignored" (Rowman & Littlefield, 2012). Johnson is also a freelance writer for various media and civil rights organizations. In 2012, he testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee on hate crimes and the threat of domestic extremism.



PROFESSOR BRIAN LEVIN, (SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT - HATE CRIMES)

Criminologist and civil rights attorney Brian Levin is a professor of criminal justice and founding director of the Center for the Study of Hate & Extremism at California State University, San Bernardino. He is the 2020 recipient of the annual Wang Family Excellence Award for outstanding scholarship in the entire CSU system – the largest in the nation.

Previously, Professor Levin served as Associate Director-Legal Affairs of the Southern Poverty Law Center's Klanwatch / Militia Task Force in Montgomery, Al.; as a corporate litigator and a New York City Police Officer in the 1980s. Mr. Levin is a graduate of Stanford Law School, where he was awarded the Block Civil Liberties Award. He received his bachelor's degree with multiple honors in American History from the University of Pennsylvania.

A prominent analyst on hate and extremism worldwide, Levin has presented influential Supreme Court briefs and Congressional testimony and is frequently interviewed on TV and in newspapers. He has also given presentations to the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Anti-Semitism, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, among others.



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JESSE MORTON, (FORMER AL QAEDA RECRUITER)

Jesse Morton was once a jihadist propagandist (then known as Younes Abdullah Muhammad) who ran Revolution Muslim, a New York City-based organization active in the 2000s and connected to a number of terrorism cases. He connected al-Qaeda's ideology and transformed it for America, creating English language propaganda and collaborating with the most notorious jihadist preachers of that era. Morton deradicalized in 2011 and has worked since then to become a leading commentator, researcher and interventionist on jihadist, farright and far-left extremism and reciprocal radicalization.

In 2018, Morton launched Parallel Networks, an organization he co-founded with Mitch Silber, the former NYPD official that monitored and ultimately incarcerated him. The initiative works to prevent and counter violent extremism and has been supported by the Counter Extremism Project. Parallel Networks consults on domestic and international projects with a particular concentration on the



reintegration and rehabilitation of extremist offenders, foreign terrorist fighters and family members and those susceptible to radicalization in prison settings. Morton also leads Parallel Networks' LightUponLight.Online project, a Counter Extremism Project subsidiary that has created an off and online ecosystem of holistic P/CVE programming that utilizes a unique transdisciplinary approach to combat polarization, hate and violent extremism in the American ambit. Light Upon Light programming works holistically to offer an antithetical sense of identity, purpose, and community to that which extremists offer their recruits.

Over past years, Jesse has served as a deradicalization interventionist in an array of capacities and has worked to pull over 100 individuals from an array of movements and ideologies out of extremism. He holds a bachelor's degree in human service and master's in international relations, Middle East studies and nonprofit management from Columbia University. He has published and presented at New America Foundation, the Institute for Strategic Dialogue, United States Institute for Peace, Alliance for Peacebuilding, the Antidefamation League (ADL), CTC Sentinel, Lawfare, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, New York Times, New York Post and other outlets. Morton was included in Foreign Policy Magazine's 2017 'Global Thinkers' listing, holds certificate licensure in substance-abuse and mental health counseling, is widely read in Islamic theology and has lectured at Imam Muhammad ibn Saud University in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia and Sunderland University in Casablanca, Morocco.



TM GARRET,

(GERMAN-BORN FORMER NEO-NAZI AND KKK LEADER)

TM Garret Schmid (born Achim Schmid) and publicly known as TM Garret, is a German-American Public Speaker, Human Rights Activist, Consultant, Author, Extremism Researcher, Interfaith Activist and founder of C.H.A.NG.E, a non-profit organization which engages in anti-racism and anti-violence campaigns, food drives, inter-faith work as well as an EXIT program which helps individuals leave extremist groups and ERASING THE HATE, a nationwide tattoo campaign that covers up racist and hate tattoos for free. He is also the organizer of the Memphis Peace Conference in 2018 and founder of "Share a Meal Pledge." Before he started engaging in Civil Rights work, TM Garret was a White Supremacist in leading roles in Europe and the USA. He left this lifestyle and ideology for good in 2003.

Garret works closely with the Jewish as well as the Black Community. He is a campus speaker against antisemitism for the Simon Wiesenthal Center and a member of the NAACP. He is also a US ambassador for EXIT Germany and an honorary board member of "We Are Many-United Against Hate."

TM Garret has lectured at Harvard, Cornell, Dartmouth, Boston Law School, Vanderbilt, Hotchkiss, Pomona and many other schools and universities. In 2019 he spoke at the Illinois State Capitol in Springfield on behalf of the Simon Wiesenthal Center as well as the City Hall in New York City. He was featured on ABC, NBC, CNN, Fox, C-SPAN's Washington Journal, VICE and VOX as well as the New York Magazine, The Guardian, Huffington Post, Haaretz, the Jerusalem Post and many other international major TV stations and outlets.

He is a radio personality and currently hosts ERASING THE HATE, a talk show on WKRA 92.7 FM The Change in Holly Springs, MS together with Pastor Ray Johnson. The show is syndicated on iHeart Radio, iTunes, Spotify, PlayerFM and many other platforms.

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DEREK BARSALEAU, (A FORMER WHITE NATIONALIST)

I am a long-time activist, although admittedly, I have not always been on this side of the fence. 20 years ago, I was a recruiter for the National Socialists of America as well as a member of the National Alliance and World Church of the Creator; all very large white nationalist groups at the time. I served as a liaison for numerous local groups up and down the East Coast from Boston, MA to Tampa Bay, FL where I expanded recruitment efforts with help of the internet and personal interactions.

In late 2001, I enlisted into the United States Army where a life-changing event planted a seed of doubt regarding everything I held to be true at the time. Near death, my life was saved at the last moment by my Black battle buddy. A person who was well aware of the beliefs I held. In that moment though, he was able to look past my twisted ideology and treat me as his brother in arms; an American just as he was. Stubbornly, I still held on to these beliefs for a few more years, but never totally disregarded the doubt that was planted, participating in neo-Nazi rallies as recent as 2004.

As I found myself lost for several years, I fell out of activism entirely as I began a search for who I truly was. An encounter with the person, who is now my wife, proved to be exactly what I needed, along with the birth of my 3 oldest children. My focus began to change from what I was reading in statistics and headlines to asking myself the hard question of "why?"

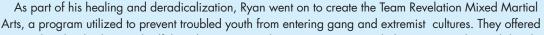
With the sudden rise of the now rebranded "alt-right" in 2016, coinciding with the rise of the Black Lives Matter movement, I found myself at a crossroads, mentally. It was here that I decided to use my organizational skills to form the Wisconsin Progressive Alliance. This group was dedicated to being the central hub for all progressive groups across the state of Wisconsin to combat social injustice, corruption in politics and racism. We have organized over two dozen state rallies, and marches, across the state in response to events happening all over the country. We also became a model for other organizations to follow including several Indivisible groups across the country. With the backing of the AFL-CIO and a few state and national legislators, the WPA were major drivers in the Blue Wave of 2018.

I left the WPA shortly after the mid-term elections to focus more on local issues, and my family life. This is when I met Laura at The Unity Project when she asked me to do a presentation with Dr. Ozalle Thoms regarding my experience with white nationalism. Since that time, I have made myself available, in as many ways as possible, to make Fort Atkinson a better place for all.

Through further debates and conversations with people, my wife included (we weren't always on the same page when it came to racial issues), I have continued to grow and have become even more dedicated to the cause for equality. I can honestly say I am more dedicated to this cause than I ever was towards the previous. I strongly believe that the path forward is together, through unity.

RYAN LO'REE, (FORMER NEO-NAZI)

Ryan Lo'Ree is as an Interventionist and Program Specialist, and is involved in producing ICSVE counter narrative content. Ryan was once a rightwing extremist with the Rollingwood Skins, a Michigan-based offshoot of the largest Nazi movement in the United States. While in the organization, he moved up the ranks quickly to become Vice President. In his role, he was responsible for mainstreaming hate groups on social media. To finance these efforts, Ryan found himself in trouble with the law. After Ryan's incarceration, he went through a process of transformation and healing centered around trauma associated with sexual, physical and mental abuse he endured from male family members.



mentorship, leadership, and self-discipline training. The program's success led to a partnership with local juvenile probation offices in Genesee and Shiawassee County. The program would go on to keep over 100 children from entering the school to prison pipeline. Ryan would later enter the political arena where he ran for County Commissioner going after political corruption, racial and environmental justice in his hometown. Ryan has now helped to organize hundreds of justice rallies across the country, and his research has been centered around environmental impacts and their links to violent extremism. Ryan has also helped to pull dozens of former extremists out of hate groups in Michigan where he had the assistance of several organizations around the country and state. Ryan has helped to pass policy and proclamations in Flint and surrounding areas. He brings his knowledge and expertise to organizations around the world combating polarization, structural injustice, racism, hate, and violent extremism.

