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Understanding Hate: Pathways in and out of the far-right movement in Canada

Edmonton – Brad Galloway always goes quiet when looks at the photos that show him how he once used to be: posing with fellow skinheads, head shaved, arm raised in the Nazi salute and covered with racist inspired tattoos.

Galloway was a fixture in Canada’s far-right movement, first with the Toronto skinhead movement and then as the national leader of Volksfront. Formed by former U.S. prison inmates, Volksfront was the most active neo-Nazi group on the west coast. He attended meetings in Washington and Oregon, and recruited new members online.

But then he did something unexpected: he walked away.

The change came after he became a husband and father. He began to think about the orthodox Jewish doctor who’d once saved his life, and the Jamaican man he’d worked with, and liked. He began to doubt his previous beliefs and asked himself if he could indoctrinate his daughter into racist ideals. He decided he could not and left the movement.

Today, Galloway is a criminology student at the University of the Fraser Valley. He has worked on major research papers on youth radicalization and volunteers with an organization that helps them quit extremism. MacEwan University invites you to join Galloway as he discusses the impact of the far-right movement in Canada, and encourages a stronger appreciation for diversity and inclusion.

“The purpose of this presentation is to understand the impact and influence of the far-right movement in Canada, says Irfan Chaudhry, director, Office of Human Rights, MacEwan University. “The intended outcome of the presentation is for the audience to leave with a better understanding of far-right extremism, in the hopes of encouraging a stronger value and appreciation for diversity and inclusion.”

When: Thursday, September 27
Time: 5 - 6:30 p.m.
Where: CN Lecture Theatre, 5-142 (Building five, room 142)

This is a free lecture that is open to the public.

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