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Presentation Abstract

Title: Patriotism, Pandemic and Precarity: How the Alt-Right and White Nationalist Movement Used the Pandemic

Keywords: Pandemic, Patriotism, Precarity, Alt-Right, White Supremacy, White Nationalism

Presenter, Workshop Coordinator: Dr. Art Jipson, University of Dayton

Proposal: 90-minute Interactive Workshop

Abstract: This workshop will explore how the so-called Alt-Right and White Nationalist movement used conspiracy theories around the origin and challenge of the Covid-19 Pandemic to recruit members, advance their causes, and create social and cultural discord in an effort to create legitimacy for their racist and white supremacist attacks on community. After a discussion of the current state of the Alt-Right and White Nationalist movement, the workshop will interrogate the various online tools used by these groups to attack and dismantle community and human rights initiatives. The workshop concludes with an interactive activity that helps participants explore how these efforts undermine human rights can be effectively countered in a manner that builds healthy communities.