



The Crimes of the Wehrmacht and the Alt-Right in American Reenacting

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**Thursday, February 16th, 2017 | 1-2:30 PM
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This talk will combine the scholarly history of the crimes of the German military with the disturbing trend of alt-right attitudes in the community of reenactors who choose to portray German units. While focusing on the ways in which the German military were deeply complicit in the Holocaust, this presentation will conclude with a brief analysis of the some of the ways in which this history is rejected by those in the reenacting community.

Dr. Waitman Wade Beorn is an historian of the Holocaust, modern German history, and genocide. He is currently a Lecturer in the Corcoran Department of History at the University of Virginia. He is also a consultant and content writer for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Dr. Beorn was previously the Executive Director of the Virginia Holocaust Museum in Richmond, Va. He was also the inaugural Louis and Frances Blumkin Professor of Holocaust and Genocide Studies and assistant professor of History at the University of Nebraska- Omaha.

He also serves as a consultant to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum particularly in their programs aimed at military personnel. He has co-written a training module in ethical military decision-making for ROTC cadets based on his research. He also works as a content writer for the museum's online educational materials. Dr. Beorn has worked since 2007 with the Museum of Jewish Heritage's American Service Academy Program, leading discussions on the German Army and the Holocaust.

Light refreshments will be served.

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