



THE RISE OF

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Antisemitism.

Despite it being a deeply important issue, particularly within Jewish communities, nearly half of all Americans do not know what antisemitism is. One in four Americans (25%) say they have heard of it but don't know what it means and one in five (21%) say they have never heard the word.

Sometimes called "the longest hatred," antisemitism has persisted in many forms for over two thousand years. In modern time, scholars continue to debate how antisemitism is even defined.

The Rise of Antisemitism from the Left and the Right program will highlight the increasing presence of antisemitism, its sources, varying viewpoints within the Jewish community as well as important history, examples and definitions related to antisemitism.



Moderator

ETHAN KATZ

Associate Professor, Department of History and the Center for Jewish Studies, UC Berkeley

Ethan Katz was educated at Amherst College (B.A., History & French, 2002) and the University of Wisconsin-Madison (M.A., History, 2005; PhD, History, 2009). Since the fall of 2018, he has been associate professor of History and Jewish Studies at the University of California-Berkeley, where he is also the chair of the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Jewish Life and Campus Climate.

Since the spring of 2019, he has been the co-founder and co-director of the Antisemitism Education Initiative at Berkeley. This effort, which has received national attention, brings together administrators, faculty, and leaders of the campus Jewish community to create a sustained program to combat antisemitism.

As part of the initiative, Katz and his colleagues created a training film, "Antisemitism in Our Midst: Past and Present," which has been widely acclaimed and is being adopted by educators across the country. Katz is also currently the co-chair of a Task Force of the Association for Jewish Studies on Antisemitism and Academic Freedom.

Panelists



CONGRESSMAN TED DEUTCH

Congressman Deutch represents Florida's 22nd district, home to communities in northern Broward County and southeastern Palm Beach County in South Florida. Now serving his seventh term in the 117th Congress, he is the Chairman of the House Ethics Committee, a senior member of the House Judiciary Committee, and a senior member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, on which he serves as the Chairman of the Middle East, North Africa, and Global Counterterrorism Subcommittee.

Ted's priorities in the 117th Congress include promoting economic opportunity in South Florida, reducing the influence of big money in our elections, gun violence prevention, fighting for full equality for all, and advancing the security interests of the United States, Israel, and our allies.



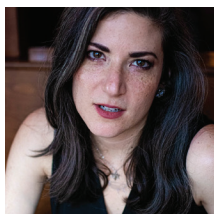
JONATHAN JUDAKEN

Jonathan is the Spence L. Wilson Chair in the Humanities at Rhodes College. He has published more than 60 academic articles on the history of existentialism, anti-Semitism, racism, and post-Holocaust French Jewish thought. He has written, edited, or co-edited 6 books. He is the author of *Jean-Paul Sartre and the Jewish Question* (2006) and most recently co-editor of *The Albert Memmi Reader* (2020). He also curated two important recent academic discussions of anti-Semitism, a special issue of *Jewish History* (with Ethan Katz) on "Jews and Muslims in France Before and After *Charlie Hebdo* and *Hyper Cacher*" (September 2018) and the roundtable in the *American Historical Review* titled, "Rethinking Anti-Semitism" (October 2018). He is currently completing a monograph entitled, *Critical Theories of Anti-Semitism: Confronting Modernity and Modern Judeophobia*. He has published journalistic and op-ed articles on these issues in *Ha'aretz*, *Inside Higher Ed*, the *Huffington Post*, *Tablet*, *Tikkun* and the *Forward*.



YAVILAH MCCOY

Yavilah is the CEO of DIMENSIONS, Inc. in Boston. She has spent the past 20 years working extensively in multi-faith communities and partnering specifically with the Jewish community to engage issues of diversity, equity and inclusion. Yavilah is an educator, activist and spiritual teacher. She is a Jewish woman and a person of color and has designed numerous tools and methods that enable students and educators to be better citizens of the world through exploring differences and reaching for tangible solutions in allied engagement. Yavilah brings a wealth of wisdom and brings a wealth of wisdom and experience in DEI consulting, non-profit management, philanthropy and engagement to this project and has worked with numerous partners to build strong, healthy organizations with measurable commitments to racial justice, equity and anti-oppression strategies.



BATYA UNGAR-SARGON

Batya is an award-winning journalist. Her work has appeared in the New York Times, the Washington Post, and Foreign Policy. She has served as the opinion editor of the Forward, and is now the deputy opinion editor of Newsweek, as well as the co-host of Newsweek's podcast, "The Debate." She has a PhD from Berkeley.



ERIC WARD

Eric is a nationally-recognized expert on the relationship between authoritarian movements, hate violence, and preserving inclusive democracy. Eric brings over 30 years of leadership in community organizing and philanthropy to his roles as Western States Center's Executive Director and Senior Fellow with Southern Poverty Law Center and Race Forward. Since Eric took the helm in 2017, Western States Center has become a national hub for innovative responses to white nationalism, antisemitism, and structural inequality, towards a world where everyone can live, love, work, and worship free from bigotry and fear. In his 30+ year civil rights career, Eric has worked with community groups, government and business leaders, human rights advocates, and philanthropy as an organizer, director, program officer, consultant, and board member.



Roving Reporter

VICKY DIAZ-CAMACHO

Community reporter-Flatland KC and project manager for curiousKC – a journalism-focused public engagement series housed at Flatland KC.

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The Facts Are Important!

At American Public Square, we believe that everyone is entitled to their own opinion, but facts matter and we must agree on them so we start from a common place of understanding.

With generous support from the William T. Kemper Foundation, we have prepared and distributed a Fact Sheet for tonight's program. Our panelists have reviewed and agreed to these facts and our Roving Reporter and live Fact Checkers will be on hand to maintain factual integrity during the program.

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Civility Tools.

We use the **"CIVILITY TOOLS"** described below at American Public Square events to ensure conversations are substantive, respectful, and based on facts.



MODERATED DISCUSSIONS. APS events are moderated by an objective facilitator who ensures each panelist is given due time to represent their position. Questions are tough but fair, and allow free flow of conversation.



FACT SHEETS. APS compiles a fact sheet in advance of each panel. This is reviewed beforehand by the panelists and distributed to the audience, which ensures the discussion begins from a "common well" of information.



CIVILITY BELLS. These are made available for the audience to ring when panelists wade into false, overly dramatic or hyper-emotional territory. When a bell rings, the speaker must stop talking.



FACT-CHECKERS. Our programs feature real-time fact checkers to confirm the validity of comments made during the program. Audience members are encouraged to submit specific fact checks throughout the discussion.



ROVING REPORTER. Our Roving Reporter, usually a representative from a credible local media outlet, is engaged during the program to gather and curate audience questions.



NO APPLAUSE. APS has a rule that no applause is allowed during a program except at the beginning and end of the event. This ensures perspective is not swayed one way or another in the midst of the discussion.



SO WHAT, NOW WHAT. At the end of each event, panelists are given the opportunity to make closing statements in the form of answers to these questions. This allows our experts to restate their position on the topic at hand in a way that is actionable for the audience.

About American Public Square at Jewell.

AT AMERICAN PUBLIC SQUARE we believe that the foundation of a strong democracy is in differing opinions, diverse viewpoints, and well-reasoned arguments. That is what our programs are all about. We bring together high-quality panelists to have civil, fact-based conversations on the most important and divisive issues in our community and our country. In doing so, we demonstrate that disagreement does not have to equal disunion. Those who participate in and attend our programs agree to be respectful and to abide by our basic rules of civility.

APS' Academic Home: William Jewell College.

In alignment with the ideals set forth by American Public Square, APS' academic partner, William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri, seeks to educate their community to ask reflective questions, apply critical thought, and act with purpose.

Together, APS and William Jewell College offer joint programming, deliver educational opportunities, and foster civic engagement.

Upcoming Events

Evening
AT THE SQUARE
2021

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5
6:30PM C.T.**

Sponsorships and tickets are available now!

americanpublicsquare.org/events/eas2021

Our Program Committee.

**We would like to thank the following members
of our Program Committee for their support in developing
a robust APS programming plan:**

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**Special thanks also goes to our APS volunteers
whose commitment to our organization ensures that this
and every program runs smoothly!**

EVENING AT THE SQUARE

HONORARY CO-CHAIRS: Stacy & Bill Pratt and Ann & Bob Regnier

FOUNDER'S CIVILITY AWARD RECIPIENTS:

Peggy Dunn and Mary Bloch

FEATURED GUESTS: Professor Robert Putnam and Shaylyn Romney Garrett, authors of, "The Upswing: How America Came Together a Century Ago and How We Can Do It Again," which delivers a call to action about improving the tone and quality of civil discourse.

Become A Member.

WHY BECOME A MEMBER? While most of our events are free, putting them together is not! Gathering panelists, finding venues, and making sure the community knows about our upcoming programs takes time and resources. As a nonprofit, we rely on our Members to help create these events. If you like what we do and think conversations like this one are important, consider stopping by our membership booth to sign up today!

STUDENT | \$25

- 1 Annual Membership
- Priority Registration
- Access to Member-Only Events
- APS decal/tumbler
- William Jewell programs/ services discounts
- Monthly members-only newsletter
- Membership card

Ensures that our “Civility Toolkit” is available to students and the community.

INDIVIDUAL | \$120

- Propose changing to \$120/y (\$10/month)
- Auto-renew option: \$120 locked in perpetuity
- 1 annual membership
- Priority registration
- Access to member-only events
- APS decal/tumbler
- Monthly members-only newsletter
- Membership card

Makes possible the production of virtual programming so that people across the country can access events and resources.

PARTNER | \$250

- 2 Annual Memberships
- Priority Registration
- Access to Member-Only Events
- Annual Report Listing
- Monthly members-only newsletter
- Membership card

Allows APS to produce one “Cocktails & Politics” event featuring an in-depth conversation with a high-profile guest and, of course, a signature cocktail.

PATRON | \$500

- 2 annual memberships
- Priority registration
- Access to member-only events
- Recognition in annual report
- Discounted Evening At the Square tickets
- Recognition on APS website
- Access to William Jewell programs/services
- Monthly members-only newsletter
- Membership card

Enables APS to produce our weekly podcast, Both Sides, where we pair hot topics with cool discussion.

MOVEMENT LEADER | \$1000

- 4 Annual Memberships
- Priority Registration
- Access to Member-Only Events
- Annual Report Listing
- Discounted Evening at the Square tickets
- Access to William Jewell programs/services
- Recognition on APS website
- Discounted or complimentary Newsweek/ KC Star subscription
- "Cocktails & Politics" recipe book and 2 APS cocktail glasses
- Monthly members-only newsletter
- Membership card

Engages one high school class for one year, teaching civility tools and how to research and produce their own event focused on an issue that is important to them.

CORPORATE CIVILITY CHAMPION | \$2500

- 6 annual memberships
- Priority registration
- Access to member-only events
- Recognition in annual report
- 2 tickets to Evening at the Square
- Access to William Jewell programs/services
- Recognition on APS website
- Discounted or complimentary Newsweek/KC Star subscription
- "Cocktails & Politics" recipe book and 2 APS cocktail glasses
- Monthly members-only newsletter
- Membership card

Provides support for one Signature Event that features expert panelists from across the political spectrum.



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