

Brian Levin, Nationally Known Expert on Terrorism and Hate Crimes, to Speak at Hughes Center Event

Former Stockton Faculty Member Is Now Professor at Cal State in San Bernardino, City Where Terrorists Killed 14, Injured 22 in 2015

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Galloway, NJ - The William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy is sponsoring a free, public speech on **Monday, March 21** by Brian Levin, a nationally known expert on hate crimes and terrorism from California State University San Bernardino. Levin has been sought out by numerous media throughout his career, and even more so since the December 2015 terrorist shootings in San Bernardino that left 14 dead and 22 injured.

Levin's speech, "Hate Crimes and Terrorism: Danger at Home and Abroad," will be held at 6 p.m. in the Campus Center Theatre on Stockton University's Galloway campus, 101 Vera King Farris Drive.

Levin is a professor and director of the Center for the Study of Hate & Extremism at Cal State. He was formerly an associate professor at Stockton, and a former New York police officer.

"As the son of a Nazi-era POW and grandson of immigrants from totalitarian regimes, I have the same appreciation that most Americans share for the special gift that our system of civil, yet uncensored, discourse has given to the world," Levin states on the center's website.

Levin has appeared at TEDx and on every American broadcast and cable news network, including on 60 Minutes, Dateline NBC, The Today Show, Good Morning America, the O'Reilly Factor, AC 360 and Hardball.

Recently, Levin was trying to interview a Klan leader when violence broke out at a KKK rally in Anaheim: <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-klan-rally-in-anaheim-erupts-in-violence-one-man-stabbed-20160227-story.html>

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He has been called the “Jewish Batman:” <http://www.timesofisrael.com/meet-the-jewish-batman-who-saved-the-kkk-from-a-california-mob/>

Many of his interviews can be found on his Twitter feed: @proflevin.

Levin’s biography lists him as a court-certified expert on extremism in both the United States and the United Kingdom and has testified before Congress. He has also consulted for state and federal agencies including the FBI and Department of Homeland Security, as well as for universities and civil rights groups.

Prior to entering academia, Levin served as associate director-Legal Affairs of the Southern Poverty Law Center's Klanwatch/Militia Task Force in Montgomery, Ala., and as a corporate litigator for the law firm of Irell & Manella. He served as a New York City police officer in Harlem and Washington Heights during the 1980s.

He is the author, co-author and editor of various books, scholarly articles, training manuals and studies on extremism and hate crime. He has written various “friend of the court” briefs for U.S. Supreme Court cases, including in the landmark case of Wisconsin v. Mitchell, where he presented criminological data establishing the severity and characteristics of hate crime.

“The Hughes Center is proud to provide this opportunity to the Stockton community and the public-at-large to hear from an academic expert and someone whose research drew him into an example of real world hate crimes,” said Daniel J. Douglas, director of the Hughes Center, which is sponsoring this event.

About the Hughes Center

The William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy (stockton.edu/hughescenter) at Stockton University serves as a catalyst for research, analysis and innovative policy solutions on the economic, social and cultural issues facing New Jersey, and promotes the civic life of New Jersey through engagement, education and research. The Center is named for William J. Hughes, whose distinguished career includes service in the U.S. House of Representatives, Ambassador to Panama and as a Distinguished Visiting Professor at Stockton. The Hughes Center can be found at facebook.com/StocktonHughesCenter and can be followed on [Twitter@hughescenter](https://twitter.com/hughescenter).

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