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## **October 19th Public Forum To Examine The Fascist Threat and Effective Resistance in the Era of Donald Trump**

**With Scholars: Yale University Professor of Philosophy Jason Stanley and  
University of Connecticut Director of American Studies Christopher Vials**

With a formal impeachment inquiry now underway in the U.S. House of Representatives, the nation is in the midst of a constitutional crisis as President Trump says he will not cooperate with the impeachment investigation. Democracy, the rule of law and the integrity of the U.S. Constitution itself are under threat. How did we get here?

Two noted scholars will examine the underpinnings of the fascist threat in America today at a public forum titled, "**The Fascist Threat and Effective Resistance in the Era of Donald Trump,**" on **Saturday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> in New Haven, CT.**

- **Jason Stanley**, Yale University Jacob Urowsky Professor of Philosophy, is author of "How Fascism Works: The Politics of Us and Them" and "How Propaganda Works." His talk will focus on "**Draining the Swamp: On Fascist Rhetoric**"
- **Christopher Vials**, director of American Studies at University of Connecticut, Storrs is author of "Haunted by Hitler: Liberals, the Left and the Fight Against Fascism in the United States." He is co-editor along with Bill Mullen of, "The U.S. Antifascism Reader," to be published by Verso in January 2020. Vials will address "**The History and Dynamics of American Fascism.**"

The event, sponsored by the Connecticut-based, nationally syndicated weekly radio program Between The Lines Radio Newsmagazine, will be held from 12:30-3:30 p.m. at the Parish House of the United Church on the Green, 323 Temple St., New Haven, CT. Suggested contribution \$10. For tickets and information, visit [www.BTLonline.org](http://www.BTLonline.org) or call (203) 268-8446. Free parking is located at Lot 51 on Temple Street just before the intersection of Temple and Elm Streets and also at 60 Wall Street, behind the Parish House (accessed only from Temple and Wall Street intersection – turn left at the yellow blinking crosswalk).

Stanley's and Vials' talks will be followed by an audience Q&A, a reception with light refreshments and book signings by both authors.



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According to Stanley, fascist culture is about creating enemies based on race or ethnic identity — the belief that "we deserve dignity and superiority" and that sharing equality is "losing our dignity and superiority." He says that Trump's supporters know he is lying and they believe he has to "thumb his nose" at the corrupt establishment because he is "winning for the team."

"Between The Lines," a half-hour radio newsmagazine celebrated its 28th anniversary in 2019, was founded at WPKN Radio in Bridgeport, CT in the lead-up to the 1991 Persian Gulf war to probe the causes and conduct of the conflict that other media outlets failed to cover. Between The Lines continued production after the conclusion of the Gulf War, but with a broader focus: providing a platform for journalists, activists and spokespersons from progressive organizations generally ignored or marginalized by the corporate media.

Over the last 25 years the program, which is now heard on more than 60 radio stations across the U.S. and abroad, has covered a wide range of issues including: the ongoing U.S. wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, drone warfare, international grassroots resistance to corporate-led globalization and free trade economic policies; growing income inequality in the U.S.; efforts to repair America's health care system; challenges to voter suppression, activism addressing climate change and post-9/11 assaults on the U.S. Constitution, Geneva Conventions and other international treaties. The program's website <http://btlonline.org> features audio files/podcasts of current and archived shows, links to related articles, interview transcripts and a list of radio stations and podcast platforms that broadcast the show.

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