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Wyoming Advisory Committee to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights Announces Public Meeting on Hate Crimes

The Wyoming Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will convene a public meeting – via webinar – to discuss hate crimes. This webinar will focus on the federal, state and local, and legislative history of hate crime laws. Members of the public will be invited to speak during an open comment session.

EVENT: Wyoming Advisory Committee Public Meeting: Hate Crimes

WHEN: Thursday, August 29, 2019, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. MDT, via webinar

WHERE: **Audio:** (866) 740-1260; Access Code: 7550833
Visual: <https://cc.readytalk.com/r/dj5cec7timor&eom>

AGENDA:

Panel Presentations and Question & Answer: 12:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

- Jack McDevitt, Director, Northeastern University, Institute on Race and Justice
- Brian Levin, Director, California State University San Bernardino, Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism; co-presenting with Lisa Nakashima, Legal Fellow

Open Public Comment: 1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Meeting materials and presentations will be available before and after the event at <https://bit.ly/2Si1giC>. This is the first public meeting exploring this topic; the next meeting will take place November 1, 2019 in Casper. Please contact Ana Victoria Fortes of the Commission's the Western Regional Office (information above) for more details.

Committee Chair Robert Byrd said, "Currently, Wyoming is one of five states that do not have a hate crime law. We hope our events will bring attention to this topic and ensure that all communities feel welcomed in the Equality State."

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