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Snell Library Book Talk — Why We Hate

On February 2nd at noon, Northeastern Professors Jack Levin and Gordana Rabrenovic will deliver a book talk in Snell Library, room 90 on their recently published work, *Why We Hate*.

Expressions of hate are trumpeted each evening on the news, from the mayhem unleashed by suicide bombers to the steadily increasing casualties in the Middle East and Iraq. And since September 11, Americans have repeatedly asked themselves, “Why do they hate us?” In this look at the most troubling aspect of human nature, Jack Levin and Gordana Rabrenovic seek to explain why hate exists and offer practical methods for creating a more peaceable society.

These experts reveal their new, original and sometimes surprising findings on conflict between groups and how to prevent it. They also consider the phenomena of anti-Americanism and anti-Semitism before and after September 11, in addition to anti-Muslim sentiments and “organized hate” in the form of white supremacist and civilian militia groups. Finally, in scrutinizing the many hot spots around the world where hate is an explosive issue, including Northern Ireland, Levin and Rabrenovic describe a series of inspiring situations that show surprising cooperation between ethnic groups who have transcended hate. They explain how such peaceful coexistence has been achieved and can be achieved elsewhere in the future.

About the Authors:

Jack Levin, Ph.D., is the Brudnick Professor of Sociology and Criminology at Northeastern University, as well as the Director of the Brudnick Center on Violence and Conflict. He is the author of many critically acclaimed books on criminology, including *Hate Crimes Revisited* (with J. McDevitt) and *The Violence of Hate*, and is frequently quoted in the national media. He often appears on national television, including *The Today Show*, *Oprah*, *The O’Reilly Factor*, *Larry King Live*, *20/20*, and *48 Hours*.

Gordana Rabrenovic, Ph.D., is Associate Professor of Sociology at Northeastern University and the Associate Director of the Brudnick Center on Violence and Conflict. She is the author of the book *Community Builders* and the co-editor of *Community Politics and Policy*.

This free event is part of the **Northeastern University Libraries Meet the Author Series**, which presents local and visiting authors to the NU community. This event will be held in Snell Library, Room 90, Northeastern University Campus, 360 Huntington Avenue. For more information or special needs assistance, please contact Maria Carpenter, 617-373-2821. The public is welcome. Seating is limited so please arrive early.

The NU Libraries, NU Department of Sociology and Anthropology and NU Bookstore are pleased to co-sponsor this event.

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