

COUNTRY SQUIRES PRESENTATION FOR MARCH 11, 2021

THE RISE OF THE NAZIS: LESSONS FOR DEMOCRACY

Presented by Tom White

Within six months of becoming the German Chancellor Hitler was able to outlaw or abolish all rival parties, suspend civil rights, eliminate judicial oversight and set aside the constitution, ruling by decree backed by paramilitary violence and militarism. In tracing this explosive rise of the Nazi State Tom will explore what lessons might be learned from Hitler's assault on democracy.

Tom White is the Coordinator of Educational Outreach at the Cohen Center for Holocaust Studies at Keene State College. He taught at Keene High School for 16 years before receiving a Fellowship to create his current position. Tom serves on the Board of Directors of the Association of Holocaust Organizations. He received NEA New Hampshire's Champion of Human and Civil Rights Award in 2009 and in 2015 was named a Peace Ambassador by the Center for Peacebuilding from Bosnia and Herzegovina. He also served as observer and facilitator in the Global Raphael Lemkin Seminar for Genocide Prevention at the Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation.