"Not Who We Are"

The January 6 Insurrection

and the Post-Truth Politics of Denial

Recovering Truth: Religion, Journalism and Democracy in a Post-Truth Era

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Kathleen Belew specializes in the recent history of the United States, examining the long aftermath of warfare. She focuses on the broad themes of the history of the present, looking at conservatism, race, gender, violence, and the meaning of war. Her book "Bring the War Home: The White Power Movement and Paramilitary America" explores how white power activists wrought a cohesive social movement through a common story about warfare and its weapons, uniforms, and technologies. Her latest book, "A Field Guide to White Supremacy," connects the dots between current events and the deep, violent roots of white supremacy in this country.

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Many Americans who witnessed the events of January 6, 2021 voiced a reaction that quickly took hold across a political spectrum: "This is not who we are." But such a view ignores the long history of racist vigilante violence that has shaped America since its founding. This event will examine January 6 in the context of the organized white power movement that began percolating into mainstream American politics well before the 2016 election of Donald J. Trump. Knowing and understanding our history, historian Kathleen Belew contends, is the only path to a more democratic future.



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