

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT ERIC K. WARD



Eric K. Ward is a nationally-recognized expert on the relationship between authoritarian movements, hate violence, and preserving inclusive democracy. Eric brings over 30 years of leadership in community organizing and philanthropy to his roles as Western States Center's Executive Director and Senior Fellow with Southern Poverty Law Center and Race

Forward. Since Eric took the helm in 2017, Western States Center has become a national hub for innovative responses to white nationalism, antisemitism, and structural inequality, towards a world where everyone can live, love, work, and worship free from bigotry and fear.

In his 30+ year civil rights career, Eric has worked with community groups, government and business leaders, human rights advocates, and philanthropy as an organizer, director, program officer, consultant, and board member. Currently Co-Chair for The Proteus Fund, Eric is a member of the Pop Culture Collaborative's Pluralist Visionaries Program and the recipient of the Peabody-Facebook Futures Media Award. Eric is in high demand as a speaker and media source and is the author of multiple written works credited with key narrative shifts, including "Skin in the Game: How Antisemitism Animates White Nationalism." He has been quoted in The New Yorker, New York Times, Los Angeles Times, Washington Post, ESPN, NPR, BBC, Rolling Stone and numerous other media outlets, and regularly publishes on Medium and The Oregon Way blog. Eric is working on a forthcoming documentary about whiteness and race in America and is an aspiring singer-songwriter under the name of Bulldog Shadow.

Race Forward

Race Forward is a national, nonprofit organization that brings systemic analysis and an innovative approach to complex race issues to help people take effective action toward racial equity. Race Forward imagines a just, multiracial, democratic society, free from oppression and exploitation, in which people of color thrive with power and purpose. Their mission is to catalyze movement building for racial justice. In partnership with communities, organizations, and sectors, they build strategies to advance racial justice in our policies, institutions, and culture.

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<https://www.raceforward.org/about/staff/eric-ward>

Western States Center

For the past four years, democratic practice and institutions have been threatened, disinformation has been spread widely, and authoritarian groups have seen support on a national scale. The momentum behind these organizations won't disappear—and the Western State Center will continue to monitor them and work with communities to stop them.

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<https://www.westernstatescenter.org/leadership>

The Ford Foundation

The Ford Foundation believes in the inherent dignity of all people. But around the world, too many people are excluded from the political, economic, and social institutions that shape their lives. Across eight decades, their mission has been to reduce poverty and injustice, strengthen democratic values, promote international cooperation, and advance human achievement.

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Southern Law Poverty Center

The Southern Law Poverty Center (SPLC) is a catalyst for racial justice in the South and beyond, working in partnership with communities to dismantle white supremacy, strengthen intersectional movements, and advance the human rights of all people. Their lawsuits have toppled institutional racism and stamped out remnants of Jim Crow segregation; destroyed some of the nation's most violent white supremacist groups; and protected the civil rights of children, women, the disabled, immigrants and migrant workers, the LGBTQ community, prisoners, and many others who faced discrimination, abuse or exploitation.

[Southern Poverty Law Center \(splcenter.org\)](#)

<https://www.splcenter.org/search?keyword=eric+ward>

Key Presentations of Eric K. Ward

- Conference on Racism and Antisemitism, hosted by the Hannah Arendt Center/Bard College on October 10-11, 2019.

[Bard College \(totalwebcasting.com\)](http://totalwebcasting.com)

- Confronting Neo-Nazism and Antisemitism of the Extreme Right Conference by The Global Forum for Combating Antisemitism on Mar 28, 2018.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e5z9oPUMfDk&t=36s>

Key Writings of Eric K. Ward

- Ward, E., 2017. "Skin in the Game: How Antisemitism Animates White Nationalism."
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