



RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)

And EDGEHILL LIFECARE COMMUNITY, STAMFORD

Invite you to a program October 19 at 11:00 a.m.

at First Presbyterian Church, 37 Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT

The program is also available on webinar: <https://bit.ly/30IBj21>

Alison Kibler, Ph.D.

“The Long History of Hate Speech”



Hate speech is making headlines. Again. Major professional sports teams abandon their racist mascots and adopt new names. Colleges and universities grapple with how to respond to racial epithets and anti-Semitic graffiti. Social media platforms remove political groups for violating their hate speech policies. These incidents have generated sharp debates about the value of free speech: Is free speech a rallying cry for white supremacists? Or is free speech a vehicle for progressive activism? History clearly shows that struggles over hate speech are nothing new. Hate speech has been a century-long rift in American politics because it pits two deeply held American values against each other: free speech and equality. In this talk, and in her book *Censoring Racial Ridicule*, Kibler explores the relationship between free

expression, democracy, and equality in America. She shows how, historically, the Irish, Jewish, and African American campaigns against racial ridicule in the early 20th century are at the roots of contemporary debates over hate speech.

M. Alison Kibler earned her BA from Brandeis University and her PhD from the University of Iowa. A professor in American Studies and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, she is the author of *Rank Ladies: Gender and Cultural Hierarchy in American Vaudeville, 1890-1930* and *Censoring Racial Ridicule: Irish, Jewish, and African American Struggles Over Race and Representation, 1890-1930*. She is currently writing a book about feminist television activism in the 1970s.

All attendees must show proof of complete vaccination at the door for admittance.

Next Week: October 26, Dr. Katie Takayasu, a Stamford Health integrative medicine physician, will speak on “**The Case for Plants in Diet**,” based on her book *Plants First: A Physician's Guide to Wellness Through a Plant-Forward Diet*.

The Greenwich Retired Men's Association offers a free Webinar program every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. For additional information see <http://www.greenwichrma.org> or contact us by email at info@greenwichrma.org.