

## **Program Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes May 8, 2018**

Present: Celeste Soles, Herschell Soles, Roger Warner, Paul Roland, Per Fagereng, Karen James, John Shuck, Delphine Criscenzo, Erin Yanke, Danielle Parks, Reggae Bob Hamilton

Facilitator - Roger Warner

Note taker - Erin Yanke

Time Keeper - Delphine Criscenzo

### **Introductions**

### **Meeting Guidelines**

#### **Public Comment**

- Description of how public comment works at board level (Del and John)
- Herschell - good idea to hear from someone who is being banished from the station. Had unprecedented banishment. I thought the advisory board would be a sounding board from the committee, but we were bypassed.

### **Staff Reports (30 Minutes / 10 minutes each)**

#### Zelos

- Special Programming - Radio Free Palestine 70th anniversary of the ongoing Palestinian Nakbah.

#### Derric

#### Erin

- Membership Drive
  - All Programmer Meetings were successful part of the drive, had about 2/3rds of programmers show up
  - Drive did not meet goal, had first part of a debrief at staff meeting, identifying things that can be improved, and what went well
- Training
  - Beloved Community Training - it was great, looking forward to implementing ideas that were brought up. Made a plan to get more people attending, it is mandatory for all on air hosts, and for receptionists, news volunteers, and staff and board
  - Volgistics - increase in use of volgistics, all training sign up will happen on this platform by June. Also volunteer tracking and reminder emails/texts are possible with this software.
- Hack on Saturday April 29th
  - Taking all of Jenkins time. Security was breached when we didn't do a drupal update within 24 hours of the update, and hackers were on it!
  - The hack is still affecting us, there is some script still on the site that Jenka is trying to identify. We've been asked not to upload audio or program episodes until Jenka lets us know

- Been communicating with programmers to let them know that, although we thought we'd fixed the issue, that it is still ongoing and a menace. Asking for patience and understanding.
- Partnerships
  - NAYA - year long leadership training program starting in the summer will be heavily involved here, as well as a career exploration field trip for a workshop
  - Roosevelt High School - helped their media class with podcasting
  - This week the kids from King School Museum of Contemporary Art are coming for a tour and recording project
- Outreach
  - Past - Open Signal panel about archiving with Becky and Marti
  - Future - Planning listening sessions and meetings in Corvallis and in Hood River in August or September
  - Grassroots Radio Conference in Portland in October, organizational meetings are happening. If you have workshop proposals to teach, or that you want to see, the link is [here](#)
    - [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe85IUBS7j4s7a9cmhz0WC-D-r\\_DeKG0cUARmr1i9nLJQfwirw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe85IUBS7j4s7a9cmhz0WC-D-r_DeKG0cUARmr1i9nLJQfwirw/viewform)
- Other Things
  - 50th Anniversary party is June 3rd, with a Pedalpalooza ride leaving from KBOO at noon to get to the OHS at 1 for the Birthday Cake Potluck.

## **Board Report (10 minutes)**

### Danielle

- Starting a conflict resolution process with John Shuck, getting community resources lined up for that from Resolutions NW or Community Mediation (based in Vancouver)
  - Following Conflict Resolution Policy #5 - since the conflict is with Statin manager and involves a board member, that's why we are going to outside mediation.
- Busy with Spring Membership Drive
- 4 Open Board Positions
  - Danielle will send Erin information, Erin will make an on air promo

## **General**

- Programmer Survey (20 Minutes)
  - PAC Members questions from last month
    - What are we looking to find out about our programmers?
    - As part of the Strategic Plan, we have the desire to expand programming opportunities for several groups - POC, Women, Youth, People with disabilities, Transfolks - how will we do this?
    - If we are going to make more time for groups, how does that happen?
    - Are we rethinking programming schedule?

- Ideas and thoughts for how to use the second stream?
  - what would be a process that would feel fair and healthy about changes.
  - If we are going to change the schedule, how do you want this to happen?  
Do you want to be involved?do you want PAC to lead?
- Erin - past questions from meetings and past surveys
    - Should KBOO have more mainstream programming if it would increase listenership?
    - If national programming increased listenership should we add that to the schedule at the expense of local programming
    - Describe the types of shows that do not increase listenership by that KBOO needs to have on the air
    - Should KBOO's music or public affairs be more uniform if it would increase listenership? Should some types of music or public affairs be eliminated?
    - What communities should be served with air time on KBOO?
    - KBOO Broadcasts 70% music/30% public affairs. Should this change? If so, how and when?
    - What types of programming do you think would increase listenership?
    - What are the strongest shows or types of shows on the air?
    - What are the weakest types of shows on KBOO?
    - Are there any show that you think do not meet community needs? What are they?
    - How should KBOO's programming be used to serve non-English speaking communities
    - Should KBOO increase, decrease, or keep the same, Spanish programming?
    - Should KBOO sunset programs? After how many years?
    - How can we address current issues to a broader audience?
    - If you are a programmer, do you work to promote your or program? KBOO in general? How?
      - What kind of feedback do you get?
    - Should the program committee have more authority to make program changes? Should it be strictly advisory? Should there be a program committee at all?
    - Should the board be involved in setting programming changes or setting goals?
    - Should there be an appeals process for programmers if their show is taken off the air or changed?
      - how?
    - Any last thoughts on how to promote KBOO and increase listenership?

Paul - lot of questions, need time to think about it.

Roger - speaking for myself - Should KBOO increase, decrease, or keep the same, Spanish programming? - hard to ask and answer - how do we increase that type of programming? Who do we ask? Programmers? Community?

Del - Was this just for programmers?

Erin - listener meetings also happened, but couldn't find the answers before the meeting

Roger - confirms that they happened

Del - listeners is next step. We need to assess the programming because of strategic plan, and want to set up a process? Sunset program question gets to it

Roger - I don't think this committee has answered

Del - I don't think that's the right questions "If kboo were to sunset programs, what is a process that would feel right to you?"

Roger - only way people sunset programs is they move away or pass away.

Del - if our plan is to make more space in the current program grid, we are going to have to have a hard conversation about how to rotate... how can we get input from programmers about the process?

Danielle - Like what (del said) about rotating

- Brainstorm more questions

John - to what extent is this topic never covered on mainstream media and to what extent is that important in the decision of kboo to have the show on the air?

Roger - do you as a programmer use social media to get out your program get the word out, etc? What kind of social media do you use?

Del - what makes you open an email? How can KBOO staff communicate better with you?

Del - how did these questions come about

Roger - PAC - part of meetings were brainstorming these questions

Paul - how does your program contribute to the overthrow of the established order?

John - and the wars, how does it end the wars?

- **NEXT MEETING**

- Go over all past questions and consolidate for new survey
- Make timeline for survey

- Karen James - Prison Pipeline (10 minutes)

Karen - representing PP Collective - read letter:

5/8/2018

I am here on behalf of the Prison Pipeline Collective to discuss production issues we're experiencing at KBOO. PPC hosts strive for excellence in programming as required by KBOO and we feel improvements in these areas would greatly assist hosts in achieving this goal.

- Noisy production rooms

While interviewing, we have experienced very loud wall-vibrating bands, barking dogs, very loud conversations in the hallways. During these incidents we must stop our interview and leave the production room to handle the situation. On one occasion, when a host voiced their concern to a KBOO staff person, they were told "Well, tah's KBOO!"

A noise during interviews is very disruptive and distracting to the interviewee and the noise is picked up and recorded on the audio rendering the audio unusable

We understand that KBOO is aware of these issues but urge a greater effort toward resolving this issue.

- Issues with scheduling rooms

Having scheduled a production room in advance, upon arriving to conduct our interview, we were told the production room was being used for a live band and that a live band takes precedence over any previous reservation of Production room #1

We all appreciate live music at kboo but, if this is the case, we suggest that kboo block out the room on the schedule as is done in production room #2 for the KBOO evening news

Called in requests to schedule a production room do not always make it on to the schedule

- Reeving and picking up field recording equipment

This is always an issue

(end of letter)

Danielle - clarify

Karen - bought my own, since it's not professional or reliable.

KARen - we wanted to voice our concerns. New production room is virtually useless because it is noisy

JOhn - what would it take to soundproof it better? Is it possible? I guess that's an engineering question.

Del - Karen - most of feedback go directly to staff, committee can't do anything but be aware. Pooling resources. Communication - room use, being quiet in hallway, I can directly ask staff to make signs, put in the programmer email, communicate that. Tech issues - fixing power supply in Prod 1 to stop the buzzing. Appreciate the solution you brought, and can bring forward. Go to station manager or program director, if you feel we don't have adequate responses to the PAC (for program director) or the board members who make up the station manager support team (for station manager) to hold staff accountable and help with implementation. Live music gets priority, but there should be a call if there is a room change, clarifying expectation around room communication is something that I can help lead.

Karen - other times we've come to the committee, Board said it wasn't the place for you. Our Public Affairs director we have no contact with them

Del - that's feedback for me, cause I am the person that can help make things change.

Karen - how do we move forward

Del - will bring them to the staff members that are responsible. Will you email the collective members and copy me so that I can respond to all. Let people know the program directors are responsible first, and then come to me. I can't know what I don't know  
(added time)

Paul - Those notes from Prod 3 to be quiet don't work - too small.

Del - stop looking at signs

Paul - some form of repercussion or direct feedback to the people who are doing that. Important thing

Celeste - sign up all the time? Can there be a sign that goes up WHILE the recording happens?  
People are not seeing the light

Del - question for programmer survey - what would be fair pay out for interrupting an interview?  
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Paul - warning

Del - what is a way we can be accountable when we interrupt each other recordings

Reggae Bob - that would add professionalism

Del - who gives the warning? Who is warning police?

RB - if i'm nominated...

KAren - usually staff making the noise

Del - come to me

Roger - with 3 production rooms, 3 levels of things going on at the same time. We have too many things overlapped. What Erin and Del and the staff need to do is manage what's going on. Make new signs, flashing red light, if you see the door closed move along. Programmer only has a certain amount of time to come to KBOO and work, have to have set time to do stuff

Del - we are committed to making changes.

- Del - Decision making Report on denying airtime to Kevin Barrett (20 Min)

## **KBOO MANAGER'S REPORT ABOUT THE DECISION TO NOT HAVE KEVIN BARRETT AS A GUEST ON KBOO**

### **TIMELINE and DECISION RATIONALE:**

- March 6th our social media team and John Shuck made Derric aware of some social media posts regarding a guest John planned on having on his show on March 9th
- Derric made Delphine aware right away. They discussed the information coming in, agreed Derric would do more research considering our [mission, vision, programming charter and KBOO values](#) as a lens.
- In the afternoon that day, Ani and Erin were made aware by community members of the debate happening on social media over the guest. They reached out to Delphine right away who let them know Derric was doing research.

- Erin, Ani and Delphine together called Derric. Derric explained that his research showed that Kevin Barrett (KB) is pushing an argument that stereotypes and vilifies people of the Jewish faith. For example, in a photoshopped image he tweeted, KB claims with sarcasm "The Jews do NOT control the Media" (<https://www.veteranstoday.com/2017/09/28/jews-do-not/>) accompanying an image of media company logo superposed with their owners faces. The connection KB seems to want to make is that these owners are also citizens of the state of Israel or of Jewish descent which furthers his theory that the State of Israel and Zionism is the root of fascism. (<http://americanfreepress.net/antifa-left-wing-fascism/>) The issue KBOO staff had with his rhetoric is that it generalizes and stereotypes the "Jewish" experience in very inflammatory ways.
- With this information in mind and previous feedback KBOO management has received through our Beloved Community initiative from community members at KBOO about feeling at times ostracized for their faith/origins by other KBOO community members, management made the decision not to allow KB on the air.
- The team agreed Derric would call John to tell him and invite him to have another guest on, perhaps someone like Alexander Reid Ross who pointed to some of the issues with KB's approach.
- Derric called John. They made a different plan about the show.
- Delphine called John on Wednesday to explain the decision and also had a in person conversation with John a few days later.
- Delphine drafted a public response and shared it with staff and the folks who had inquired about the issue. (See response below)
- Posted response in KBOO's volunteer group
- Emailed response to all who reached out
- Posted public statement on website:

#### **SOURCES CONSIDERED BY STAFF:**

<https://www.veteranstoday.com/2013/04/22/holocaust-history-denial-a-clear-and-present-danger/>

<https://www.veteranstoday.com/2017/10/25/harvey-weinsteins-disgrace-a-major-event-in-the-culture-war-kevin-barrett-interviews-peter-myers/>

<https://www.veteranstoday.com/2017/09/28/jews-do-not/>

[https://youtu.be/ZjheYzfu\\_I8?t=1739](https://youtu.be/ZjheYzfu_I8?t=1739)

[https://youtu.be/ZjheYzfu\\_I8?t=1987](https://youtu.be/ZjheYzfu_I8?t=1987)

[https://youtu.be/ZjheYzfu\\_I8?t=2143](https://youtu.be/ZjheYzfu_I8?t=2143)

<https://www.veteranstoday.com/2017/10/25/harvey-weinsteins-disgrace-a-major-event-in-the-culture-war-kevin-barrett-interviews-peter-myers/>

<https://www.politicalresearch.org/2017/10/23/kevin-barrett-repackaging-antisemitism/>

<https://www.adl.org/blog/kevin-barrett-promotes-new-book-claiming-israel-behind-paris-attacks>

<http://americanfreepress.net/antifa-left-wing-fascism/>

## **RATIONALE FOR DECISION:**

KBOO is not a first amendment radio station. KBOO's mission does not guarantee access to the air waves to everyone. Instead, we are dedicated to "providing programming to unserved or underserved groups." That might seem broad, so KBOO also has a set of core values that include the concepts of community, progressive perspective, emotional maturity, diversity, leadership and creativity.

- **Community:** local, accessible, empowering, welcoming, inclusive, participatory, involved
- **Progressive Perspective:** questioning, vital, uncensored, controversial, activist resource, educational, journalistic integrity, reflecting justice, peace, sustainability and democracy.
- **Emotional Maturity:** respectful, honest, fair, positive, peaceful, non-violent, engaging, open
- **Diversity:** valuing, embracing, bridging, listening, understanding, giving voice
- **Leadership:** bold, exploring, independent, cutting edge, responsible, excellence
- **Creativity:** eclectic, traditional to experimental, idiosyncratic, innovative, iconoclastic, evolving, compelling

Though our core value of progressive perspective mentions "uncensored" and "controversial", this same core value also emphasizes the importance of "reflecting justice". The possible impact of some of KB's speech on our listeners was too great.

Furthermore, the decision was made by KBOO's program staff in accordance with [KBOO policy# 6](#) (<https://kboo.fm/policies>) and after consulting with KBOO's management. It is extremely rare for KBOO staff to intervene in volunteer programming in this way. The role of KBOO's program staff is not only to develop overall standards for broadcast and podcast, but it is first and foremost to ensure KBOO's programming is aligned with [our mission and programming charter](#). As explained above, KBOO's staff evaluated that Kevin Barrett's speeches, writing, and other publicly available material are diametrically opposed to KBOO's values.



On March 26th, 2018 KB published a blog post on American Free Press (<http://americanfreepress.net/antifa-left-wing-fascism/>) discussing the issues with KBOO not allowing him on the air. He concludes his post by saying:

“As an American loyal to our Constitution, and to our history as a tolerant “melting pot” of different cultures, religions, and worldviews, I am strongly opposed to most aspects of fascism. I loathe intolerance, authoritarianism, censorship, racism, extreme nationalism, militarism, and scapegoating. But I do think some fascists, such as America’s greatest 20<sup>th</sup>-century poet, Ezra Pound, were right in their critique of usury and their support for overthrowing the dictatorship of the international bankers. And I think much of the so-called alt-right consists of patriotic Americans—not fascists—who are gradually waking up to oppose the global Zionist dictatorship in the making sometimes known as the New World Order.”

This statement further solidified the decision of management.

## **PUBLIC RESPONSE TO KEVIN BARRETT AND ALL**

March 13th, 2018

Dear Community Members,

We truly appreciate the level of community input we have received following our decision to cancel Kevin Barrett’s appearance on The Beloved Community program produced by John Shuck last Friday. We stand with the decision we made.

It is a decision that was made by KBOO’s program staff in accordance with [KBOO policy# 6](https://kboo.fm/policies) (<https://kboo.fm/policies>) and after consulting with KBOO’s management. It is extremely rare for KBOO staff to intervene in volunteer programming in this way. The role of KBOO’s program staff is not only to develop overall standards for broadcast and podcast, but it is first and foremost to ensure KBOO’s programming is aligned with [our mission and programming charter](#). KBOO’s staff evaluated that Kevin Barrett’s speeches, writing, and other publicly available material are diametrically opposed to KBOO’s values.

To be clear, KBOO is independent and this decision was made by staff who have ethical integrity and not as a response to any type of pressure. At this point, we would like for the folks who are questioning KBOO’s decision making process, policies and leadership to explore their identities and that of the people who are entrusted by KBOO’s current policies and members to make these decisions.

KBOO values community input and we heard the arguments all of you brought forward. Thank you for your feedback. We stand with the decision we made last Friday.

Thank you

Best,

Delphine Criscenzo  
Station Manager

### **LEARNINGS:**

- We needed to have more public statements to keep people informed of our decision and reinforce our rationale for transparency but also to further the dialogue and encourage more debate off the air
- The staff person in charge of overseeing communications and messaging for KBOO should also be involved from the get go and throughout to ensure proper communication happened.

### **POSSIBLE NEXT STEPS:**

- For folks who disagree with the decision that was made and the process used by staff, they can suggest a policy change to replace or expand on Policy # 6 to be presented to the Program Advisory Committee for input and then taken to the Personnel and Governance committee to be formatted into a KBOO policy. The Personnel committee will then present a motion for the board to pass the new policy.
- Conflict resolution needs to happen with John Shuck and KB. A process is already under way led by the Executive Committee/Station Manager Support Team following KBOO's conflict resolution Policy # 5
- People can share their input about this report by taking this survey until May 31st: <https://goo.gl/forms/9SndVQhqapdDEjzD3> or access a paper copy at KBOO 20 SE 8th Ave.

Paul - qualifying question - after team agreed Derric would call John - they made a different plan about the show - makes me not understand what happened

Del - derric called - made a suggestion to have another guest, and they made another plan about the show.

**John Shuck Presentation** - (when JS emails it to EY, we will revise the meeting minutes and repost with the full report)

(notes were done my best, but it went fast. Please email me if you have corrections -program@kboo.org)

Doesn't think it's about him, but about KBOO and programming and what it wants on the air, will hand out hopes for KBOO.

Invited Kevin Barrett to be on the air, knew his books, invited to conferences by Muslims who are interested in ending the wars, lost politician at University of Wisconsin, called conspiracy theorist, people who had Richard Gage, issues of 9/11 said KBOO is the place to go. Felt Kevin

had something to say, topic was going to be islamophobia since the rise of 9/11 as fostered by zionism.

Had him, episode program, had issues, got smear email that Erin forwarded from Rose City Antifa (quotes it) awful things, how could anyone know that? To me, this is a smear campaign that is done for anyone who has criticism of israel. Common smearing. Figured the staff would see through it and not do it. I told Derric in the morning, got a call later - various emails in here - Erin, gave the right response, host is responsible for guest and topic - lot of emails back and forth.

Derric called me about 3:30 on Thursdays , gave his research,  
I Said kevin was my guest  
Derric and John conversation (can't keep up)

Didn't agree with myth in an academic setting.

Charge of antisemitism hit me as a surprise that KBOO staff would cave in, Derric was apologetic in tone but was not going to change his mind

Cut to the chase - tried to email staff - tone "let's work this out" - letter came out without a conversation with me or Kevin Barrett - if you want to accuse the person let them defend themselves when the accusation is made. Humanitarian.

Can read all that stuff. We obviously disagree about what kind of person KB is, points out false flags and is an expert on false flags - syria - issues are important for me to talk about. When so much is at stake banning is not the way to go. Political.

My hope:

My life will go on as it is, I was a little humiliated, I wasn't trusted, my career dealing with these kinds of things, also hurtful in regards to how KB was treated, he's a human being. All for forgiveness. I'd be happy if re

- Clarification regarding program decisions
- On air debate between Alexander Reid Ross and Kevin Barrett and fascism
- Educational shows on israel lobby
- Programming regarding 9/11 research - happy to host a show on that topic, or be part of a collective
- If someone wants to accuse someone of doing something bad should be able to defend themselves

Conclusion - I'm about ending the war, first casualty of war is truth. (quotes from blog)  
Alternative media should be a place that provides this platform. I believe we need his point of view. Lively debate is the heard of democracy

## Discussion

Del - John - feel like #1 and #5 are policy changes, so change or expand policy, right now policy gives staff the ability to do what it did, doesn't have before or after

John - not just me, anyone can have your show taken from you

Del - yes, has to come through a policy change

John - #5 is human decency

Celeste - thought that's what we did. Personally I wanted to hear the show and was disappointed that it was canceled for a "Pre-Crime". Have a way to end the program or hit the mute. I feel he was judged unfairly.

Del - if you want that change, needs to be policy

Celeste - feels policy was swindled

Per- wants to see #3, people being accused of being anti semitic when they are anti zionist. I'm all for #3.

Paul - I have a process point - Del has to go, set some time, a lot of people feel it's an important discussion

Del - continue on the survey - paper copies will be available. Then PAC can look at it, publicly,. We can share our own feedback, but can also take in the public

Paul - 20 minutes may not be enough, but maybe a forum

Del - organize a forum.

Paul - can we continue right now?

Del - what is the role of PAC? If you want to agree... role of PAC is what can we do different next time - make suggestions about policy. Keeping this discussion here and now is staff is being attacked, what do you feel is wrong about the decision was made? Right now I'm hearing that a black man and 2 white women

Herschell - i was upset too - not sure who complained

Del - process check - agreed to follow the guidelines. If you want to organize another meeting, this is it, we agreed to follow guidelines and end meeting

Paul - feels like you are unilaterally ending the meeting

Del - still over time. Explain why I'm unilaterally ending the meeting. I have to go. Only voting members can make that moment and go. If we agreed the meeting is going to follow a certain agenda then it's problematic to me

### **Herschell makes add time motion**

Herschell - I made a motion to add time, no second?

Del - Staff can't vote, roger is a member, reggae bob is a member  
(silence)

Herschell - we can look at it again next meeting - look at feedback

Del - if you want us to make a decision different next time, then help us figure out how. Help us change the tools. Let's not make up tools as we go, let's not make up a process

Karen - if you are collecting feedback , will KBOO staff change the policy?

Del - clarification on how decisions. Discuss how it was made, transparency. I want us to keep to time, agenda, and stay accountable to each other.

Reggae Bob - usually at the end of the meeting we'll say all the subjects we are done, anything left, I have one or two, if i don't get my questions in ,that's okay  
Del - if you want to have time on the agenda, please email them  
Reggae Bob - leaving show, finishing through the month of May.

Meeting ends 7:45

John Shuck Presentation Documents - Added May 30, 2018

My hope for KBOO. I would be happy if all this hullabaloo resulted in the following.

- 1) Clarification regarding programming decisions. This seems logical to me: KBOO staff and management should trust hosts in terms of producing shows that conform to FCC guidelines and KBOO's program charter. If a complaint is made about a show after it has aired and staff think the complaint has possible merit, then staff should talk to the host first and then bring the complaint to the Programming Advisory Committee for evaluation and advice on how to proceed.
- 2) On-air debate between Alexander Reid Ross and Kevin Barrett about fascism.
- 3) Perhaps a few educational shows analyzing the Israel Lobby, smear campaigns, and accusations of anti-semitism, white supremacy, conspiracy theories, and holocaust denial. What do these terms mean? In what sense do they have validity and in what sense are they name-calling and character assassination in order to ban and censor unpopular political views?
- 4) Programming regarding 9/11 research, state crimes against democracy, the so-called "global war on terror" and Islamophobia. I would be happy to host a show on those topics or be part of a collective bringing important voices to the conversation (such as Dr. Barrett and others) and to hear voices others bring.
- 5) Whether people are guests, hosts, volunteers, members or whoever, it seems consistent with a beloved community that if someone wants to accuse someone of doing something bad, then that person should be allowed to defend herself or himself in front of the accuser before a judgment is made about that person.

Conclusion:

I am about ending the wars. The first casualty of war is truth. We need to be searchers for truth. As I wrote on my blog:

Did Assad really gas people on April 7th 2018? Could this be a false flag? If we don't like those questions, then we do not need alternative media. We turn on our televisions, eat our salty chips and watch the wars of aggression and human suffering escalate while the mainstream media reads the cue cards. One might make the modest case that it would be good for us to hear an alternate point of view especially when so much is at stake. Banning and censoring are only done when those who ban and censor have something to hide and when the facts call into question the narrative provided by those who control the media. Banning and censoring are not done by those who seek truth. Those who seek truth welcome debate. They welcome a variety of points of view and say, "Let's discuss. Present your case. I will present mine." Alternative media such as community radio should be a place that provides this platform. Dr. Kevin Barrett is an expert in helping us understand false flags. We need his point of view, not because I think

his view is "the truth." Agree or disagree, he has important information to share. An open sharing of information and a lively debate about it is the heart of a democracy.

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Kevin Barrett Time-line

I met Kevin Barrett at a Roots of Conflict conference that was sponsored by KBOO at Portland State University on February 3rd.<sup>i</sup> Previous to the conference I had read his 2007 book, Truth Jihad: My Epic Struggle Against the 9/11 Big Lie. Following the conference, I was intrigued by his intellect, guts, and insight into political and spiritual issues, in particular, the roots of Islamophobia.

I purchased and read his essays and contributions to the following books, Orlando False Flag: The Clash of Histories, ANOTHER French False Flag? Bloody Tracks from Paris to San Bernardino, and We Are NOT Charlie Hebdo: Free Thinkers Question the French 9/11, and 9/11 and American Empire: Christians, Jews and Muslims Speak Out v. 2. I also watched several episodes of his show, False Flag Weekly News, and read a few of his columns on Veterans Today.

I say all of this because I knew who I was getting when I asked him to be on my show. This does not mean I agree with everything he says, but I wanted to hear him talk about Islamophobia and its causes, especially as it relates to 9/11. I know also that this would be an important point of view for KBOO listeners and for Portland to hear.

Certainly, anyone who provides a critique of the official story of 9/11 will be controversial. That is why I am a volunteer and board member at KBOO and produce my weekly podcast here. KBOO welcomes controversial points of view. Check out KBOO's "Core Values"<sup>ii</sup>

Progressive Perspective: questioning, vital, uncensored, controversial, activist resource, educational, journalistic integrity, reflecting justice, peace, sustainability and democracy.

...and KBOO's Vision Statement:

KBOO commits to providing an inclusive, empowering atmosphere to decolonize mass consciousness with humility and integrity, making a lasting and evolving impact on our communities.

...and KBOO's Programming Charter:

KBOO news and public affairs programming shall place an emphasis on providing a forum for unpopular, controversial, or neglected perspectives on important local, national, and international issues, reflecting KBOO's values of peace, justice, democracy, human rights, multiculturalism, environmentalism, freedom of expression, and social change.

Knowing that this is what KBOO is about, I had no doubts that having Kevin Barrett on my show would be in perfect alignment with KBOO's values. It was at a KBOO sponsored event that I met Richard Gage of Architects and Engineers for 9/11 Truth speak at PSU. I also heard Richard Gage on KBOO's Presswatch. Those within the 9/11 Truth Movement in Portland are grateful that KBOO promotes their events and provides airtime. Further, I have had guests on Beloved Community<sup>iii</sup> such as Les Jamieson and David Chandler who were critical of the official story of 9/11. On my weekly show Progressive Spiritiv that airs on a dozen stations regularly each week and that I have produced weekly for over six years, I am presenting a series on 9/11<sup>v</sup> with the most important leaders of this movement. So far I have interviewed David Ray Griffin, Graeme

MacQueen, Fran Shure, Niels Harrit, David Chandler, and Richard Gage. I have an upcoming interview with Elizabeth Woodward of the 9/11 Consensus Panel. I am fairly well-versed on this topic and know how to distinguish viewpoints that are evidence-based vs. those that are not. To be clear, I invited Kevin Barrett on the Beloved Community show because of my own alignment with KBOO values. I have a record of success that anyone can see by reviewing my radio shows over the past six years.

Kevin Barrett is also a Muslim and a scholar of Islam. He is Ph.D. Arabist-Islamologist. He is a leading critic of the "Global War on Terror" that is based on Islamophobia. That is why he was invited (twice!) to present at the Roots of Conflict Conference that was organized by Muslims. My show is not afraid to address issues of religion and spirituality especially as they relate to global politics. Yet another reason why I feel that Kevin Barrett is an obviously good choice to have as a guest on KBOO.

Timeline:

Tuesday March 6th. I sent an email to Erin Yanke (Program Director) and Derric Crooks (AM News Director) that I had created an "episode" and an audio promo for the March 9th show. I received favorable responses from both Erin and Derric. The promo aired through the week and the episode was on the website from early Tuesday until it was removed by station management Thursday evening. I promoted the show heavily on Facebook and Twitter and the episode received 96 views and 8 facebook "likes" before it was removed.

Wednesday March 7th. I received an email from Erin that she had received from a group that calls itself Rose City Antifa. No individual name was connected with the email, although the email was addressed to "Erin" indicating that whoever sent the email possibly knew her personally. The email was entitled: "Stop Kevin Barrett from polluting the airwaves with anti-semitism."

It included this text:

Greetings Erin,

We are writing you today to discuss a guest set to appear on the Progressive Spirit program on the 9th. Kevin Barrett has a history of Holocaust denial and conspiracy theory mongering in relation to 9/11. He uses his conversion to Islam and his status as an academic to obscure troubling views that are a smokescreen for virulent antisemitism. I would like for you peruse some links before allowing this individual to spread their demented views on your airways

It is obvious from the language and tone that this was a smear campaign. The links provided were mostly smear articles about Kevin, only two were written by Kevin himself and clearly show that "holocaust denial" and "antisemitism" had absolutely no grounding in fact. Erin forwarded the email to Ani (Volunteer Director), Derric and me, asking:

Just got this from Rose City Antifa... what should we do? -Erin

I wrote back to Erin, Derric and Ani: Hey Erin,

If I were you, I might say in response, "Thanks for your feedback. You can contact the host, John Shuck, with your concerns." Then give them my KBOO email.

Thanks!

John

P.S. Community radio if it is worth anything must always take the risk of offending people by offering points of view that upset their world view.

BTW, Kevin is not anti-semitic, but he is critical. of zionism. I think there are many who produce shows at KBOO who fit that description. Also the official story about 9/11 is very likely false. Presenting that evidence should also be available to community radio. Kevin writes important stuff about deep state politics. He backs it up.

Thanks for your commitment to freedom of the press.

John

Erin then wrote back to me and to the Rose City Antifa group: Thanks for the information. I'll be reading it later tonight.

In general, KBOO doesn't book guests for our hosts, so I've added John Shuck to the email.

Take care -Erin Yanke

Erin, in my opinion, made the correct response here. The host is responsible for the guest and topic, not the staff. I also responded to the Rose City Antifa group and copied Erin:

Thank you for your email. You are welcome to call in as we will take calls. I think the discussion with Dr. Barrett will be an enlightening one. We will be discussing his most recent article:

Islamophobia: Neocon-Zionist PR Campaign Bears Strange Fruit

<https://crescent.icit-digital.org/articles/islamophobia-neocon-zionist-pr-campaign-bears-strange-fruit>

The antisemitic accusation is common for all who resist zionism. In terms of "conspiracy theory mongering in relation to 9/11" I suggest a number of good books, beginning with the latest from David Ray Griffin, Bush and Cheney: How They Ruined America and the World. Kevin Barrett has a good one himself about his own personal story, "Truth Jihad, My Epic Struggle with the 9/11 Big Lie."

You can also catch my six-part series on 9/11. Start with this interview with Fran Shure: "Why Good People Become Silent or Worse about 9/11."

[https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/progressivespirit/episodes/2017-08-11T12\\_00\\_00-07\\_00](https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/progressivespirit/episodes/2017-08-11T12_00_00-07_00)

If you want to call names, call me out. I am a member of Religious Leaders for 9/11 Truth.

Primarily, because of Islamophobia.

"I think it is critically important for religious leaders to demand a complete and thorough investigation surrounding the events of 9/11/2001. 9/11 still is used as a pretext for continued so-called wars on terror and the demonization of Muslim people."

<http://r1911truth.org/index.php/members-statements/116-shuck-rev-john-a>

That is the focus of the discussion on Friday morning. Thanks to community radio, one of the few places left to share alternative narratives to those fed to us by the military industrial media complex.

Thanks for your work in telling truth with justice.

All the Best,

John

Then the Rose City Antifa group started bullying the station with phone calls, emails, and tweets, and perhaps other means of which I am not aware. I thought the staff would be experienced enough to see through an obvious smear campaign and not give in to these false, slanderous (even libelous) bullying tactics. I trusted that the staff would support me as a



volunteer program host against bullying or at least if they had questions, would contact me to discuss their concerns.

I never received any email or telephone call from any KBOO staff member until Derric phoned me around 3:30 pm on Thursday to tell me he and “staff” although he didn’t specify who, were canceling my interview. This was done over my objections. More on that below.

Thursday March 8th. On Thursday KBOO was the target of a “phone jam” to use the words of an Rose City Antifa member. In the appendix you will find screen shots of tweets again slandering my guest and me. Thinking that the staff might be under pressure, I sent them an email:

Hey Erin, Derric, and Ani,

I see by the tweets you are getting pressure from some folks about my guest tomorrow. If you are getting nervous, please talk to me 503-309-5346. I am completely comfortable with whatever might arise and take full responsibility for hosting him. I think you will find that Kevin will have some interesting and controversial things to say. I disagree with him on a number of points, but their characterization of him is misplaced.

Ani, regarding fundraising, I think it would be fun to have you and me (and maybe even Kevin) pitch it together! I'll introduce you and follow your lead. I will be in around 8.

With Appreciation,

John

I received no reply from any of the three staff members.

I finally received a call from Derric around 3:30 or so. He told me he had done some research and read some articles and had spent the day taking phone calls. He said the staff had as well. He didn’t like what he read about Kevin Barrett and wanted me to replace him with AR Ross, who had written some book about fascism. Derric even offered me a new copy of his book. I told Derric wasn’t interested in replacing Dr. Barrett with Mr. Ross. I told Derric that Ross was the one leading the campaign against Barrett and had tweeted nasty things about me. Besides, Dr. Barrett is my guest who KBOO had been promoting all week and this is nothing more than a smear campaign.

Then Derric said that one of the calls was from a Muslim who didn’t like Dr. Barrett. He also said that Dr. Barrett said the Anne Frank story was a myth and that he denied the holocaust. This in Derric’s mind, made Dr. Barrett anti-Semitic. He also didn’t like that Dr. Barrett has called into question the validity of some of the shooting events that have blamed Muslims. This is what we were going to talk about on the show, Dr. Barrett’s article, “Islamophobia: Neocon-Zionist PR Campaign Bears Strange Fruit.” You don’t have to agree with what Dr. Barrett says, but he backs it up. The research that Derric conducted appeared to be little more than the articles the antifa group had sent via email to Erin that were in turn forwarded to Derric. I knew the holocaust denial was nonsense. The Anne Frank thing I hadn’t heard about. After I saw what video Derric was looking at, it was clear that he didn’t understand how the word “myth” is used in an academic sense.

I could see nothing more in his objections to Dr. Barrett other than personal distaste for his views. I tried to explain to him that charges of anti-semitism are common to those critical of Zionism and of Israel’s abuses. I explained that my denomination, the Presbyterian Church (USA) was smeared by Zionists as anti-semitic for our divestment from American corporations

that profit from Israel's occupation of Palestine. The charge of anti-semitism is an old saw. This hit me as a total surprise that KBOO staff would cave in to this. Derric, while apologetic in tone, was not going to change his mind. I tried to give Derric the benefit of the doubt that he was pressured by the smear campaign.

I emailed Dr. Barrett: Well, shit. The antifa group got to the KBOO staff and the program director yanked tomorrow's episode. It was the holocaust denial charge and some video where he said you said that the Anne Frank story is a myth.

<https://www.veteranstoday.com/2017/06/20/bnai-ban/>

I will end up airing another pre-recorded show. I couldn't talk him out of it.

So, rather than work through KBOO, I would like to record an interview with you to play on my other show, if you would?

Sorry about this.

Dr. Barrett replied: I need the program director's phone number. Somebody is guilty of slander and I need to find out who. By canceling the show the program director is also a party to the slander.

I never said the Anne Frank story isn't true. I said it functions as a sacred story, which is what the word "myth" means in its academic sense.

I called Derric back and asked him to call or email Dr. Barrett. I also asked him to give me permission to give Dr. Barrett his number so Dr. Barrett could explain it to him. Derric gave me permission but Derric never called Dr. Barrett and never answered or returned any of the calls by Dr. Barrett or any of his emails. This action is beyond rude. It was completely disrespectful of me and of my guest. He accused Dr. Barrett of serious crimes and executed sentence (banishment from KBOO) without allowing my guest to defend himself. It showed a complete lack of trust in me and in my ability to host a show on controversial issues which I have done every week for over six years and in my writings and from my pulpit for over 25 years.

In a letter released a few days later and published two weeks later, the management claimed that they were not pressured. Yet they wasted no time that day tweeting to @Rosecityantifa thanking them for the communication and that they had cancelled Dr. Barrett. The accusations against Dr. Barrett were nothing more than what had already been provided by the antifa smear campaign. Later in the evening, my episode was removed from the website.

Friday March 9th. Derric was not in the station. I went on the air and told the audience that KBOO staff had cancelled by interview and I played a pre-recorded piece that would have aired at another time about the US Saudi Coalition. Ani was at the station and she told me that she, Derric, Erin, and station manager Del had made the decision collectively to cancel the show. Interestingly, just as the pre-recorded show was airing, a gentleman came to the station asking why the show was canceled. He said he had come to the station to make a donation in gratitude for airing Kevin Barrett and while driving to the station heard that it was canceled. He was a veteran. Upon hearing of the cancelation, he didn't make a donation.

That afternoon (1:08 pm) I emailed Erin, Derric, Ani, Del, and Dr. Barrett:

Dear Kevin, Erin (Program Director), Derric (AM News Director), Ani (Volunteer Coordinator), and Delphine (Station Manager),

I want to follow up on the decision made late yesterday afternoon regarding not allowing Kevin Barrett to be on my show. As I spoke with Ani this morning she said that the four of you had made that decision.

I would like to have some kind of conversation with you all about how these kinds of decisions get made at KBOO. I operated under the assumption that volunteer hosts are responsible for their own programming. How do we as a station support our volunteers when their programming choices are met with opposition from organized groups that have their own agendas? When the antifa group sent an email to Erin and she copied me, I was very clear that I would take responsibility for it. I responded to the antifa group. (For those who did not see my reply, I copied it at the end of this email). I wasn't consulted about the decision to forbid Kevin as a guest until it was made. One issue for me is who is to decide who is appropriate to be on the air at all and who decides that?

This leads to another discussion of what is free speech. What does it mean to say we exist to bring out voices not heard when voices are censored? I think that would be a great conversation to have at some point.

Related to both of the above is, and why I include Kevin in this email, is to ask, "Why?" Why and upon what evidence did you decide that Kevin Barrett is unfit for KBOO? Why was he not consulted and given the opportunity to explain himself?

Kevin's character has been maligned (check out the twitter feed from the Rose City Antifa group). By KBOO acquiescing to the wishes of this group, you have participated in this judgment of him. Of course, if it is your own judgment of whatever you might know about him, then I think each of you, or you as a group, should explain why Kevin Barrett is not allowed on KBOO's airwaves, and give him the chance to defend himself.

This decision has left some bad feelings and I believe has set a very bad precedent. I think we can remedy it. I think a great teaching moment for all of us would be to have that debate on air. Kevin and his critics. Isn't that kind of the point of the free press? How might we set something up like that?

Peace,  
John

I received this reply from Erin: Thanks John

As Derric, Ani, and Del are all out today, I just wanted to write to say yes, got the email.

We will not be all at KBOO until Tuesday, so won't have a chance to talk about this until then.

Thanks -Erin

Kevin replied to Erin, Derric, Del, Ani, and me: Dear Erin and KBOO staff,

I would be happy to discuss this with you on Tuesday. Please try to arrange a time. I can be reached at 608-583-2132.

What just happened at KBOO has happened to me on more than 100 occasions during the past 10 years: Gang-stalkers with a passionate attachment to Israel follow every move I make and try to stop my speaking engagements and media appearances. They have virtually always failed, because people do due diligence and discover the claims are baseless and in some cases libelous.

Please do due diligence! If you carefully read and think about the links sent by RCA you will discover that my work is, at the very least, interesting and defensible.

Best  
Kevin

Saturday March 10th. I followed with an email to Erin and everyone that I would be happy to meet on Tuesday. Erin replied: Sorry I was not clear: Staff folks won't all be in the same place at the same time until Tuesday to come up with a meeting time. I was just letting you know so that you didn't misunderstand why there was not communication.

Monday March 12th.

I sent an email just to Erin, Del, Ani, and Derric (not including Dr Barrett):

Hey KBOO Staff (this is just to the four of you),

Just want you to know that I am committed to a best possible outcome for all involved. I appreciate each of you very much and the work you do. There is not shoulda, woulda, coulda or blame or hard feelings. I have been on this ride many times before in regards to "campaigns" to silence viewpoints, sometimes my viewpoint, sometimes that of others. They can be very scary. When you have been through them, you learn how they work. As Kevin pointed out in a previous email, there have been many campaigns against him. I knew it was a smear campaign when I first saw the trigger words (antisemite, holocaust denier, conspiracy theorist). What I didn't know was the large number of people in the RCA campaign and how so many have a connection with KBOO in some way. It is important to me that Kevin not be considered an enemy (nor me for that matter) because we explore controversial and often taboo topics. I want to be able to do that at KBOO and not freak you all out. I don't want RCA members to be an enemy either, but I do want to call out this particular campaign tactic as unhealthy to a beloved community.

It is important for me that you know that my interest in having Kevin as a guest arose because I met him at a conference that was put on by Roots of Conflict. There is a connection there with the masjid across from my church. They invited me to moderate the discussion because of my interfaith work with them. This was the second conference that they had Kevin Barrett as a presenter. I was nervous about it at first as I knew he was outspoken about 9/11, but I said to myself, "These are the people my friends want me to hear. So I will." Islamophobia is real. Kevin has a defensible and interesting theory of how it arose and continues to do damage. Agree with theory. Don't agree. Or as Aristotle said, "The mark of an educated mind is to entertain a thought without accepting it." Just because I have him as a guest, does not mean I agree with him or that his views represent the station. Of course not! So, yes, I would like to allow him to defend himself and share his views. Maybe a debate. Maybe a show with him and another with someone who opposes his views. I am sure we could work out something?

Anyway, the point of this email is for me to ask you to tell me the process you want me to follow to reach a healthy, happy outcome.

Peace and Love,

John 503-309-5346

Delphine replied: Hi John,

Thanks so much for your note. As Erin explained it is not until tomorrow that the four of us will be at KBOO at the same time to have an opportunity to discuss how to move forward with this issue.

We appreciate your patience and understanding.

We also appreciate you so much as a community member and we value your perspectives and contributions!

Cheers,

Del

That was nice. I assumed I would be consulted and be able to meet with the staff and with Dr. Barrett to discuss this. That wasn't to be the case.

10:47 am Monday, I emailed Del, Erin, Derric and Ani:

Thanks Del for the reply!

I know you are all in a difficult spot. I didn't anticipate all of this and I am sorry that I am responsible in some measure for extra grief and work for you. I know we can work out the KBOO community stuff. I will not, of course, frame KBOO, staff, management, in a negative way. I am going to make a blog post on my own blog about this smear campaign and how destructive I think it is to people and to independent media.

It is all going to be good. I am in there with you.

I hear nothing further from staff in regards to meeting with me and/or with Dr. Barrett about the decision. I receive this on Tuesday at 5:13 pm from Del:

Hi John,

We got a chance to meet today and discussed the situation. We stand with our decision not to have Kevin on KBOO. I tried to call you to discuss this and left you a voicemail.

Please call me back anytime.

Here is the public message we will be sharing with folks.

Best, Del

I received no voicemail. She had the wrong number. I wrote back 6:51 pm:

Hi Del,

I didn't receive any phone message. You haven't published this yet have you. Please talk with me. My number is 503-309-5346. Did you talk to Kevin?

I can't imagine that line is true that Kevin's writings are diametrically opposed to KBOO's values. Before you post this can you please call me?

Finally, we talk on the phone and I tell her that it was wrong to make this decision without talking to me or to Dr. Barrett. No process, no discussion. Just a decision made by staff and management.

Wednesday, March 14th. Meanwhile, no contact between Derric and Dr. Barrett at all. I emailed Derric:

I am forwarding this to Kevin. I think you owe him a phone call, Derric, before you publish this. Nothing. After emailing the letter to Dr. Barrett, he replies to Derric and to me:

Derric,

This is completely unacceptable.

OBVIOUSLY when a prospective guest is facing opposition, you are obliged to hear that person's side of the story too!! Why has no-one contacted me? I even gave you my number last week and was under the impression that you had promised to call.

Yet now I am convicted of something (what?) in a KBOO kangaroo court without ever having had a chance to defend myself?

Do I have to fly out to Portland and occupy your offices to get a hearing?

How can you allow such a one-sided process?

Kevin

Finally, a response to Dr. Barrett from Del (Wednesday morning):

Dear Mr. Barrett,

Please find attached the public statement we have released to our community explaining our decision.

To be quit honest, I am only emailing you to honor my relationship with John Shuck. Please refrain from emailing myself or my staff from now on and please do not respond to this email. The email you send Derric Crooks regarding ,you coming to Portland to get a hearing is inappropriate and unprofessional and we will consider it harassment.

KBOO takes the concept of the Beloved Community popularized by Martin Luther King Jr and utilized by John Shuck to frame his show, very seriously and Kevin, your approach could not be further from what we are trying to accomplish at KBOO.

Best,

Delphine Criscenzo

To which Dr. Barrett replied: Dear Delphine,

I have every right to demand a discussion with people who have violated the spirit of the First Amendment. You chose to censor me at the last minute due to pressure from a fascist group that not only commits violence regularly, but embraces it as a philosophy.

I have been considering moving to Portland, and this certainly adds an incentive to those plans. In any case, I look forward to organizing in-person in-your-face opposition to the pro-violence fascists at KBOO who made this outrageous decision. Either a new pro-First Amendment board needs to be elected or your FCC license needs to be revoked; and the individuals responsible for making or validating libelous expressions including "anti-Semite" and "holocaust denier" should be prosecuted for libel. I am BCCing my lawyer.

Sincerely

Kevin Barrett

I talked with Derric again in person on Thursday, March 15th. The only new information he had about Dr. Barrett was his Twitter feed.viii Both Derric and Del didn't like an image that accompanied an article to which Dr. Barrett linked regarding Hollywood, American Jewry, and Israel. Both Derric and Del said the Star of David was the Jewish flag. I pointed out to them, that it is the flag of the nation-state of Israel. I tried to point out again that because Zionists have framed religion and politics in an ambiguous way, criticisms of Israel are labeled as anti-semitic. That is how that ended so far. What bugs me the most is the complete lack of respect shown by staff to my guest and to me by making decisions without even consulting me. What also bugs me is that I have requested several times a way in which I can review this process. I have been given none.

On April 13th, I met with Ani and submitted a request to use the conflict resolution process.

April 13th, 2018

From: John Shuck, Volunteer and Program Host

Submitted to: Ani Haines, Volunteer Coordinator

RE: Conflict Resolution Process regarding decision by staff and confirmed by management to cancel my March 9th interview with Dr. Kevin Barrett on the "Beloved Community."

I am following up on previous emails to staff and management (see below) requesting a process to review the decision made by staff and later confirmed by management to cancel my March 9th interview with Kevin Barrett.

Consider this an official request to review that decision as per policy #5.

I request the following:

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Final thoughts:

If KBOO is going to live into its core value of being a radio station with a "Progressive Perspective: questioning, vital, uncensored, controversial, activist resource, educational, journalistic integrity, reflecting justice, peace, sustainability and democracy" then we are going to need to trust our hosts to bring controversial guests to the airwaves and respond to disagreements with dialogue not censorship. I remain fully committed as I wrote in previous emails to a best possible outcome for all involved.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Friday, March 9th

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John 503-309-5346

From My Blog [www.shuckandjive.xyz](http://www.shuckandjive.xyz)

Friday, April 20, 2018

Why Portland Should Be Given a Chance to Hear Kevin Barrett

I am appealing the decision to cancel my March 9th interview with Kevin Barrett through the conflict

management process. A happy outcome for me would be a big party, a debate between Kevin Barrett

and Alexander Ross of Rose City Antifa who led the smear campaign against Dr. Barrett.

This same Alexander Ross is going to be on KBOO Friday, April 27th.

Interesting that KBOO staff thinks Ross is KBOO-ready when in fact he leads smear campaigns (hardly a Beloved Community value) and writes articles that have to be removed and apologized for because he smears reporters (such as Max Blumenthal) as anti-semites, white supremacists and what have you. He's a peach. But I see no reason to ban him or censor him from community radio. We should have a big party, a debate between Ross and Barrett. Bring out the cameras, the microphones, the band. Let's play Who's the fascist? It can be a KBOO fundraiser. I'm serious. On second thought, I think I will ban Ross. Ani and Lyn, I hereby declare as a volunteer interpreter of KBOO values that Ross cannot be on your show on Friday. He is banned from KBOO. I have declared it. So it has been said. So it shall be done. Alas, I have no power to ban. The keys to that kingdom belongeth not to me. Beyond those tiresome spats and more crucial to the future of humanity, Barrett and Ross or Barrett and anyone else could debate what is happening in Syria and to our collective souls. On my March 9th show, Dr. Barrett and I had planned on discussing false flags. A false flag is doing something bad and blaming it on an enemy to rouse up one's own population toward war or some other goal. False flags have been raised for this purpose throughout history. It is a preferred method for the elite to engage the masses in wars that are against their own interests. It is not always easy to determine what is and what is not a false flag. That is where Dr. Kevin Barrett, and others like him, have a crucial role in enabling humanity to be critical of official narratives. He even has a show specific to this topic, False Flag Weekly News. Did Assad really gas people on April 7th

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Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Analysis Of A Smear Campaign

UPDATE Saturday 10:40 am Kevin Barrett, on March 16th's False Flag Weekly News, talks about KBOO's decision. The issue is about

9/11. Rather than debate, those who defend the official story censor. The KBOO staff said the decision to cancel my interview at the last minute with Kevin Barrett was not due to "any type of pressure." KBOO Program Advisory Committee member Herschel Soles sees it differently. He writes: "I heard via a call to the station that there were threats of cutting funding and death threats which suggest there was some pressure."

-- UPDATE: Thursday 12:17 pm AR Ross, an antifa leader of the smear campaign I wrote about below, has had an article he wrote removed from the Southern Poverty Law Center's website. The campaign against Barrett isn't Mr. Ross's first go-around regarding name-calling in an attempt to silence journalists and activists who are opposing the military industrial complex. According to Kevin Gastola of Shadowproof:

It lumped anti-war or anti-imperialist journalism in with the work of fascists, who are allegedly part of a massive Russian conspiracy to create a multipolar world where the United States is no longer the greatest superpower.

This is the SPLC's "Explanation and Apology" for Ross's article (Emphasis mine).

On March 9, 2018, we posted an article on our Hatewatch blog entitled "The multipolar spin: how fascists operationalize left-wing resentment."

Shortly after its publication, we received complaints registered by or on behalf of several journalists mentioned in the article that it falsely described one or another of them as white supremacists, fascists, and/or anti-Semites, and falsely accused them of engaging in a conspiracy with the Putin regime to promote such views. Because neither we nor the article's author intended to make any such accusations, we took it down while we re-examined its contents.

That re-examination has caused us to conclude that, while the intent of the article, which we thought was clear at the time of publication, was to show only that individuals on the left share

some policy views with respect to multipolarism that are also held by the far right and/or appear on far-right media and conferences advocating them, the article did not make that point as clearly as it could or should have.

Accordingly, we have decided not to re-post it. In addition, we extend a sincere apology to those who believe they have been falsely described in it, including Max Blumenthal, Ben Norton, Tim Pool, Rania Khalek, and Brian Becker, and disclaim, as clearly as we can, any intention to suggest that any of them are white supremacists, fascists, and/or anti-Semites, that they hold such views, or that they are engaged in a conspiracy with the Russian government to promote such views or otherwise.

Meanwhile, KBOO's management has released a statement about canceling Kevin Barrett's appearance on my Friday show. When I spoke with them this morning, staff stated that the decision was not due to pressure. Morning news director, Derric Crooks, who was chiefly responsible for the decision, said he conducted his own research and helped draft the statement that said Barrett's "speeches, writing, and other publicly available material are diametrically opposed to KBOO's values."

Obviously, I disagree. Kevin is a well-researched scholar and academic and has sacrificed a great deal to point out some very uncomfortable truths about 9/11, Islamophobia, and Zionism which is exactly what we were going to talk about on my show. The important stuff. Uncovering uncomfortable truths is a KBOO value. -- UPDATE: Tuesday 5:59 pm. Kevin has declared a debate challenge with local antifa leader, AR Ross. --

TUESDAY, March 13th. 11:38 a.m. It has been an interesting series of events. Dr. Kevin Barrett was not on my monthly KBOO show, Beloved Community, last Friday, March 9th as scheduled. Dr. Barrett is a Muslim and an Arabic scholar. We were going to discuss his thoughts about Islamophobia and what drives it. Here is that story. I had planned to have him on my show for some time and it received on-line and on-air promotions. A couple of days before the show was to air, the Program Director sent me an email that had been sent to her, ""Stop Kevin Barrett from polluting the airwaves with anti-semitism...." I knew it was a smear campaign when I first saw the trigger words (antisemite, holocaust denier, conspiracy theorist). I didn't take this email too seriously as I myself have been a target of smear campaigns. I wrote back to the program director that I would take responsibility because Kevin was my guest. I thought that would be it. I even replied to the RCA (Rose City Antifa) email and invited them to call in on the live show. Then the smear campaign began in earnest. After a day's worth of libelous Twitter attacks, emails and phone calls to KBOO, the staff (for reasons I am not sure as I have yet to speak with them), called me and forbade me from interviewing him. I love the staff and I assume the best of them. My guess is that they panicked. Kevin offers his take on the bullying by RCA here (9:45) while speaking with Dr. John Andrew Morrow. By the way, Professor Morrow is an Islamic scholar, author and activist with The Covenants Initiative. I will be on a panel with him in Seattle April 28th for an interfaith event.

These are the Muslims who are 'peace through justice and truth' Muslims, not the Wahhabists. These covenants are about how to live together, how to coexist, Muslim and Christian. We keep saying, "Where are the peaceful Muslims?" Here they are. Do we really want to ban them from the airwaves?

My interest in having Kevin as a guest arose because I met him at a conference that was put on by Roots of Conflict. They invited me to moderate the discussion at Portland State on February 3rd (Co-Sponsored by KBOO), because of my interfaith work with the masjid across from my church. We have collaborated on the Ramadan Tent Project and shared birthday celebrations of prophets Mohammad and Jesus (Peace Be Upon Them). This was the second conference in which Roots of Conflict had Kevin Barrett as a presenter. Here is a summation of the first. I was nervous about it at first as I knew he was outspoken about 9/11, but I said to myself, "These are the people my friends want me to hear. So I will." My mind is opening. Islamophobia is real. Kevin has a defensible and interesting theory of how it arose and continues to do damage. Agree with his theory. Don't agree. Or as I quoted Aristotle at the beginning of the conference, "The mark of an educated mind is to entertain a thought without accepting it."

Anyway, on Friday morning I had to scramble on what to air in the place of my interview with Dr. Barrett. Luckily, I had prepared a special program for my syndicated show, Progressive Spirit, featuring presentations by Dr. Aisha Jumaan and Mohammad Al-Nimr that were presented at the Roots of Conflict event at Portland State. KBOO was going to air it another time, but I decided to air it then in place of my live interview with Dr. Barrett.

[BTW, please listen to this and share widely. Look up Dr. Aisha Jumaan about the Yemen Catastrophe that would not happen without U.S. support. And look up the story of Saudi Cleric, Nimr Al-Nimr who was executed by the Saudis for speaking out about their human rights abuses.]

The irony is that Dr. Barrett also spoke at that event! I asked KBOO to co-sponsor it which it did. Here is another irony. Sunday, I preached on Nicodemus. Nicodemus only appears in the Gospel of John and he appears three times. Nicodemus is a member of the Pharisees, the religious establishment. He is interested in Jesus and speaks with him about spiritual matters (chapter 3). Nicodemus also buys 75 pounds of spices to give Jesus a proper burial (chapter 19). In chapter 7, when Jesus is being maligned by religious leaders and their cops, Nicodemus comes to the defense of Jesus amidst a smear campaign.

Then the temple police went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, 'Why did you not arrest him?'

The police answered, 'Never has anyone spoken like this!'

Then the Pharisees replied, 'Surely you have not been deceived too, have you? Has any one of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, which does not know the law—they are accursed.'

Nicodemus, who had gone to Jesus before, and who was one of them, asked, 'Our law does not judge people without first giving them a hearing to find out what they are doing, does it?'

They replied, 'Surely you are not also from Galilee, are you? Search and you will see that no prophet is to arise from Galilee.'

Smear campaigns are at least as old as the Bible and still as deadly. Before condemning him, maybe we should follow the wisdom of Nicodemus and give Dr. Kevin Barrett a hearing. Those who don't like what he says can share their views too. KBOO station management should hear from you about this. As I wrote in my email to them:

It is important to me that Kevin not be considered an enemy (nor me for that matter) because we explore controversial and often taboo topics. I want to be able to do that at KBOO and not

freak you all out. I don't want RCA members to be an enemy either, but I do want to call out this particular campaign tactic as unhealthy to a beloved community.

Posted by John Shuck at 3/13/2018 11:38:00 AM

My hope for KBOO. I would be happy if all this hullabaloo resulted in the following.

1) Clarification regarding programming decisions. This seems logical to me: KBOO staff and management should trust hosts in terms of producing shows that conform to FCC guidelines and

KBOO's program charter. If a complaint is made about a show after it has aired and staff think the complaint has possible merit, then staff should talk to the host first and then bring the complaint to the Programming Advisory Committee for evaluation and advice on how to proceed.

2) On-air debate between Alexander Reid Ross and Kevin Barrett about fascism.

3) Perhaps a few educational shows analyzing the Israel Lobby, smear campaigns, and accusations

of anti-semitism, white supremacy, conspiracy theories, and holocaust denial. What do these terms mean? In what sense do they have validity and in what sense are they name-calling and character assassination in order to ban and censor unpopular political views?

4) Programming regarding 9/11 research, state crimes against democracy, the so-called "global war on terror" and Islamophobia. I would be happy to host a show on those topics or be part of a collective bringing important voices to the conversation (such as Dr. Barrett and others) and to hear voices others bring.

5) Whether people are guests, hosts, volunteers, members or whoever, it seems consistent with a beloved community that if someone wants to accuse someone of doing something bad, then that person should be allowed to defend herself or himself in front of the accuser before a judgment is made about that person.

Conclusion:

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