

Rising Out of Hatred by Eli Saslow created an engaging discussion Wednesday night at the LLC book club. The book chronicles the transformation of Derek Black from avid supporter of the white nationalist movement to disavowing the movement entirely. Derek was the young, influential heir apparent of the white supremacists. He had been groomed for leadership in the movement from early childhood by his father, former KKK grand wizard and his godfather, David Duke.

Derek was befriended by a religious and racially diverse group while a student at a small liberal college in Florida. There he began to question the science, history and prejudices of his white supremacist views and embrace other cultures. Derek's turmoil was illustrated in his effort to promote white nationalist views on his father's radio program and at the same time blend in with his new culturally diverse friends. The club discussion expanded to how we as liberals respond to friends and family members with prejudicial views.

Everything considered it was a worthwhile book to read and share.