'White Genocide for Christmas' Drexel professor resigns

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A Drexel University professor who asked for "White Genocide" for Christmas last year is finally resigning. George Ciccariello-Maher, now a former professor from Drexel, has a history of controversial tweets targeting conservatives and white people.

"All I want for Christmas is White Genocide," he tweeted, followed up by, "To clarify: When the whites were massacred during the Haitian Revolution, that was a good thing indeed."

In addition to targeting white people and conservatives, Ciccariello-Maher has also made controversial posts about soldiers.

Some guy gave up his first class seat for a uniformed soldier. People are thanking him. I'm trying not to vomit or yell about Mosul.

- George Ciccariello-Maher (@ciccmaher) March 26, 2017

Ciccariello-Maher even went as far as blaming the "white supremacist patriarchy" for the Las Vegas shooting, going on to say that shootings are caused by white people and men who "don't get what they want."

It's the white supremacist patriarchy, stupid.

George Ciccariello-Maher (@ciccmaher) October 2, 2017

White people and men are told that they are entitled to everything. This is what happens when they don't get what they want.

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Incredibly, Drexel University's decision to put the professor on leave for the safety of their students was met with protests.

On Thursday, Ciccariello-Maher announced on Facebook that he would be resigning from his position at Drexel University after Dec. 31, 2017. Although Ciccariello-Maher has been on leave since last October, he is now resigning due to what he describes as harassment and death threats from "right-wing, white supremacist media outlets and internet mobs."

Ciccariello-Maher compared himself to Marxist psychiatrist Frantz Fanon who fought colonization and was an inspiration for both Che Guevara and Malcolm X. Ciccariello-Maher is so committed to this analogy that he went on to write about how he was fighting "the same racist social structures."

The soon-to-be-retired professor went on to claim that we are "at war" and that academia is on the "crucial front" of that war. Then, Ciccariello-Maher accused the Right wing of "targeting" campuses.

"This is why the Right is targeting campuses with thinly veiled provocations disguised as free speech. My case and many others show just how cynical such appeals are, and how little the Right cares about academic freedom," he wrote in part.

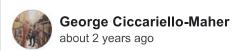
Ciccariello-Maher then called on tenured professors to "defend" against "the Right and white supremacists," claiming that white supremacists have "tasted blood" and want more.

Finally, in his resignation announcement, Ciccariello-Maher promoted "antifa," saying that there should be more development of the "Campus Antifascist Network," a group that many consider the college arm of antifa.

The ex-professor concluded his rant by saying that we should make college campuses "unsafe spaces for white supremacists," and that aggression from the "racist right" is sparking an "impending global catastrophe."

While Drexel University originally called the professor's tweets "utterly reprehensible" in their original statement, Drexel is now praising Ciccariello-Maher. Drexel released a statement saying that the school "recognizes the significant scholarly contributions" of Ciccariello-Maher in the field of "political thought."

Read Ciccariello-Maher's full statement below:



After December 31st, 2017, I will no longer work at Drexel University. This is not a decision I take lightly; however, after nearly a year of harassment by right-wing, white supremacist media outlets and internet mobs, after death threats and threats of violence directed against me and my family, my situation has become unsustainable. Staying at Drexel in the eye of this storm has become detrimental to my own writing, speaking, and organizing.

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