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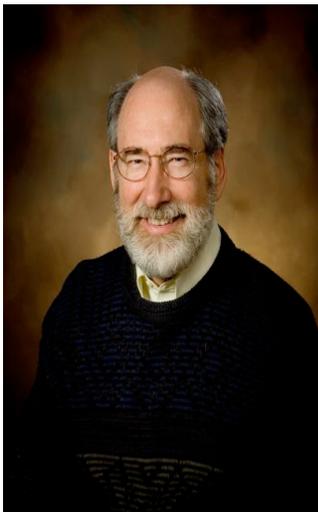
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Shady Maple Banquet

This fall the Johns Hopkins University press will release a new book titled *Renegade Amish: Beard Cutting, Hate Crimes, and the Trial of the Bergholz Barbers* written by Donald B. Kraybill.

This is the first book that describes five beard and hair cutting attacks on nine Amish victims in Eastern Ohio in the fall 2011. The FBI and the US Department of Justice prosecuted sixteen offenders from the Bergholz community. All sixteen were convicted of various crimes including religiously motivated hate crimes. Bishop Sam Mullet and two ministers were among those convicted and are now serving time in federal prisons. The sixteen offenders received prison sentences ranging from one year to 15 years. The case is currently being appealed to a higher court which will decide the outcome in late fall 2014. The Bergholz offenders were the first people to be convicted of religiously motivated federal hate crimes in North America under the 2009 Shepard Byrd Hate Crimes Act.

Professor Kraybill assisted the US Department of Justice in the prosecution and also served as an expert witness at the trial. In the book he explains the development of the Bergholz community, the motivation for the attacks, why the jury convicted the offenders, and the national significance of the convictions for future hate crimes.



Donald Kraybill will present some highlights from his research and the book, answer questions, and also signed copies of books which will be available at a special discount. Don't miss this rare opportunity to learn about this unusual event in Amish history which has significant implications for future religiously motivated hate crimes in North America.

**Reservations are limited. No Walk-ins at the door. \$32/person before Sept. 1, 2014 - \$35/person after Sept. 2, 2014. Call Sherry at 443-907-2636 for reservations. Checks must be mailed to Vivian Beiler, Treasurer NSHCP, 243 W Fulton Street, New Holland, PA 17557**

