



**Eric Muller**, the Dan K. Moore Distinguished Professor in Jurisprudence and Ethics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, is one of the nation's leading scholars of the removal and incarceration of Japanese Americans in World War II. He has published many articles on the topic and four books: *Free to Die for the Country: The Story of the Japanese American Draft Resisters in World War II* (University of Chicago Press 2001); *American Inquisition: The Hunt for Japanese American Disloyalty in World War II* (University of North Carolina Press 2008); *Colors of Confinement: Rare Kodachrome Photographs of Japanese American Incarceration in World War II* (University of North Carolina Press 2012); and *Lawyer, Jailer, Ally, Foe: Complicity and Conscience in America's World War II Concentration Camps* (University of North Carolina Press 2023).

Muller grew up in southern New Jersey, not far from the chicken farm where his father and grandparents settled in 1941 as German Jewish refugees from the Nazis. He attended Brown University and Yale Law School, and then took jobs as a law clerk to a federal judge, an associate at a New York law firm, and an Assistant United States Attorney in New Jersey. He entered academia in 1994.

He became a member of the Board of Directors of the Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation, eventually co-chairing the committee that curated the award-winning core historical exhibit at the Heart Mountain Interpretive Center when it opened in 2011. He also created a podcast entitled [Scapegoat Cities](#) that narrates stories of Japanese American families in the camps he has uncovered in the archives during his many years of research.

Muller has been committed to preserving the memory of the Holocaust, most notably as Academic Director of the Fellowships at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics (FASPE), a non-profit that uses the example of the complicity of German professionals in the creation of the Nazi state to inspire reflection among young professionals today about their own moral and ethical commitments.

Muller lives in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, with his wife Leslie Branden-Muller, a clinical psychologist.