



Arno Michaelis, Speaker

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Bio

In the late 1980s and early 1990s, Arno Michaelis was a leader of a worldwide racist skinhead organization, a reverend of a self-declared Racial Holy War, and lead singer of the hate-metal band Centurion, which sold 20,000 CDs by the mid-nineties and is still popular with racists today. Single parenthood, love for his daughter, and the forgiveness shown by people he once hated all helped to turn Arno's life around, bringing him to embrace diversity and practice gratitude for all life. After spending over a decade as a successful information technology consultant and entrepreneur, Arno is now a speaker, author of [My Life After Hate](#), co-author of [The Gift of Our Wounds](#), and very fortunate to be able to share his ongoing process of character development as an educator working with [Serve 2 Unite](#). Founded as an ongoing peaceful response to the August 5th 2012 Sikh Temple shooting in Oak Creek, WI, S2U engages students creatively with a global network of peacemakers and mentors in partnership with [Against Violent Extremism](#), [The Forgiveness Project](#), [Search For Common Ground](#), and [Parents for Peace](#). Arno's customizable keynotes and workshops leverage noble qualities of compassion, curiosity, and kindness to engage all human beings, building foundations for diversity appreciation and cultural agility. He also enjoys spending time with his daughter, art, music, and all forms of fearless creative expression, along with climbing things, being underwater, and the wonderful natural beauty of our planet Earth. Learn more at <http://mylifeafterhate.com>

Media

[The View](#) [MSNBC](#) [CBS](#) [CNN](#) [AC360](#) [BBC](#) [CBC](#) [HuffPost](#) [Upworthy](#) [CSM](#)

Published Articles

[Washington Post](#) [Aljazeera](#) [Over My Shoulder Foundation](#)

Speaking Topics

- *The Power of Practice to Shape Human Life*: Identify and break habitual destructive practices and promote positive practices
- *Hurt People Hurt People*: How to disarm cycles of violence with understanding
- *Mindfulness and Forgiveness*: Exploring forgiveness for self and others through mindfulness and meditation practice
- *Kindness Practice in the Workplace*: Empowering excellence, efficiency, and exemplary customer service through kindness
- *Cultural Agility and Diversity Appreciation*: Develop a zeal for learning and exploring unfamiliar cultures by understanding commonalities
- *Compassion: the Key to Management Excellence*: Leveraging compassion practice to guide and inspire teams.
- *Warrior Leadership*: Realizing the joy and power of leadership by fearlessly granting power to your team.
- *Organizational Excellence via Oneness*: Taking your organization to peak performance and growth by understanding and celebrating interdependence.
- Able to customize keynotes and workshops to address any issue

History

- Over 200 speaking engagements since 2010, performed in Mexico, Ireland, United Kingdom, Norway, Denmark, United Arab Emirates, and throughout the United States to a cumulative in-person audience of over 34,000.
- Delivered keynotes and workshops at businesses like Facebook Headquarters in Palo Alto, CA and Google Creative Labs in NYC, public and private schools from kindergartens to Harvard University, Buddhist, Christian, Jewish, Muslim, and Sikh faith communities, as well as NGOs and government entities from local to international scale.