## What is Critical Race Theory?

## An Historian's Appraisal



## With Local Author Ed Erickson

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"Did the framers of the Constitution intend to create a racist country?" "Is America a racist country by design?" "Are white Americans privileged... and what does that phrase really mean?" "Should *The 1619 Project* be taught in American schools?" These are questions for all Americans. Join noted historian Dr. Ed Erickson as he discusses American history and Critical Race Theory. Dr. Erickson will provide a historical context for understanding CRT and how Americans have traditionally thought about our country's history. He will also address CRT and the New York State Social Studies curriculum as taught in our local schools. The presentation will be followed by a Q and A.

Dr. Edward Erickson is a Professor of International Relations at Antalya Bilim University, Antalya, Turkey and a retired Professor of Military History from the Department of War Studies at the Marine Corps University. He retired from the United States Army as a lieutenant colonel with multiple combat tours in the field artillery and additional experiences as a foreign area officer specializing in the Middle East. Dr. Erickson is a native of Norwich, he has published seventeen books with academic and popular presses, and he is recognized as an authority in modern military history.

