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Leonard Smith (Ph.D. Columbia, 1990) is Frederick B. Artz Professor of History at Oberlin College.

He will speak about the the King-Crane Commission, the 1919 investigation conducted by the United States into the circumstances and conditions in Palestine, Syria, Lebanon and Anatolia, in order to inform American policy with regard to the partitioning of the former Ottoman Empire. The commission was headed by Henry Churchill King, president of Oberlin College, and Charles R. Crane, a prominent Democratic party contributor.

Smith's most recent book is *The Embattled Self: French Soldiers' Testimony of the Great War* (Cornell, 2007). He is also the author of *France and the Great War, 1914-1918* (with Stéphane Audoin-Rouzeau and Annette Becker, Cambridge University Press, 2003), *Between Mutiny and Obedience: The Case of the French Fifth Infantry Division During World War I* (Princeton University Press, 1994), and co-editor of *France at War: Vichy and the Historians* (Berg, 2000, French edition 2004).

Smith has held fellowships from the Rockefeller Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the National Humanities



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