

Glenn Campbell's Speaking Proposal

for UWC Red Cross Nordic:

“Area 51 and UFOs: Are They Real?”

Glenn Campbell, Area 51 expert, world traveler and author of books on existential philosophy, would be honored to speak at UWC Nordic in 2014. He could give a slide presentation and lead a discussion on his best known area of expertise: the secret US military base in Nevada and the UFO and conspiracy claims there. Are UFOs real? Is the US military hiding evidence of them? Glenn studied the topic for ten years and has some unconventional answers. Glenn's talk would be highly interactive, and the audience would be expected to challenge him on anything he says.

Dear UWC Nordic:

I am Glenn Campbell, best known in the USA as a televised expert on “Area 51”, the secret military base in the Nevada desert. In the 1990s, I was profiled in the *New York Times* and *Der Spiegel* and appeared on dozens of television shows as a researcher and anti-secrecy activist trying to draw attention to this officially “nonexistent” government facility. More recently, I am the author of existential philosophy books, including *The Case Against Marriage*, just published, in which I lay out a rational argument against the legal institution of marriage. My current lifestyle is unusual: I travel continuously with no fixed address and have been living this way for over five years.

You can find more about me on my huge website: **Glenn-Campbell.com**

In Nov. 2013, I walked into my hostel dorm room in Copenhagen to find the other beds occupied by five of your students, on break from their studies. As our philosophical discussions ranged late into the night, I began to realize, “This is my audience!” This is

exactly the demographic I am trying to reach with my philosophy books: intelligent young people who have not yet made permanent decisions about their lives.

As I learned more about your school, I decided it was a place I wanted to visit. On Wikipedia, I read that “The college also raises political awareness through weekly presentations on political issues which are open to the whole college and the surrounding community.” I could easily supply one of those presentations! I would be happy to come to the school at my own expense in March or April (combining this visit with a two week vacation in Europe).

I have discussed this idea with one of your students _____, and he has filled me in on the parameters. I understand that the presentations themselves are about 60-90 minutes and are confined to a single topic. I could talk for hours about any of the subjects I have been involved with, but _____ thinks Area 51 would most appeal to the students.

“Area 51” is a large and remote U.S. Air Force base that was used to test the SR-71 and U-2 spy planes before they were known to the world. More recently it has been associated with the testing of Stealth aircraft and unmanned drones. The UFO claims are speculative and center on the stories of former workers. Whether you believe the claims depends on the credibility of the witnesses. Since most of the facilities of the base are still secret, no one can say for sure what is going on there now.

I lived close to the base in the mid-1990s and was responsible for making it accessible to the mainstream media. If you have heard the name “Area 51”, it is due in large part to my deliberate attempts to publicize it.

Area 51 has been a popular topic in recent months because the US government has officially acknowledged the existence of the base for the first time. Historical documents on the base were officially released in 2013, and on December 8, Barack Obama became the first U.S. President to mention the facility by name. What is going on there today is still secret, but at least the base officially exists.

My presentation would start with a slideshow (from my laptop) in which I give an overview of the base and the claims made there. Then I would take questions from the audience and lead a guided discussion on Area 51 and UFOs in general. In such a short period of time, we would have to cover a lot of ground quickly.

About Glenn Campbell

I currently make my living as a cross-country driver of cars and pets in the USA, but I have background and experience in the following topics. (You can visit my website for information on each.)

- Area 51 and UFOs – as a widely-publicized researcher and activist in the 1990s
- Skepticism of Marriage – as author of *The Case Against Marriage* published a few months ago.
- Existential Philosophy – as author of a collection of essays, *Kilroy Café*, and the book I am now writing, *The Meaning of Life*.
- Child Welfare – as a former expert on the Family Court in Las Vegas
- Photography – See my 30,000 travel photos on Facebook!
- Television Production – As an on-air expert and off-air guide for dozens of TV crews at Area 51. (Are TV documentaries an accurate reflection of reality? The short answer: No. But they can be a lot of fun to make.)

Perhaps my main presentation could focus exclusively on Area 51, and if any of the audience wants to stay longer, we can discuss any other topics they are interested in.

Although I was an active UFO researcher in the 1990s, my current position is staunchly agnostic. I still can't say for certain whether aliens have visited Earth, but I can recount all the various claims about Area 51 and where the investigations have lead. My angle on UFOs—and all my other explorations—is mainly philosophical. If aliens exist, we can at least be grateful that they are not interfering in our planet in any obvious way. Any problems on this planet are our own to solve, and we cannot expect aliens to rescue us.

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