Trump White House would now be appointed to a U.S.
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A former speechwriter fired from the White House in 2018 for attending a conference at which white supremacists were also present has been appointed to a commission tasked with preserving Holocaust-related sites across Europe.

The former speechwriter, Darren Beattie, will join the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, according to a press release sent by the White House on Tuesday evening.

"Huge honor and responsibility! " Beattie tweeted the day after the announcement was made. He did not respond to multiple requests for comment.

The appointment comes shortly after Beattie, in comments made on Fox News host Tucker Carlson's show, compared supposed efforts to oust President Trump to the "color revolutions" that defeated authoritarian leaders across Eastern Europe. Beattie said those efforts were being engineered by Norm Eisen, an ethics attorney who served in the Obama administration. As he described the case against Eisen, Carlson cut Beattie off, thus concluding the segment. Beattie has also suggested that George Soros was behind attempts to remove Trump from office, though the financier and philanthropist's efforts constitute little more than the kind of ordinary political contributions that both sides routinely engage in.

Over the course of his presidency, Trump has stocked various boards, councils and commissions with functionaries who seem antithetical to the work of the federal government. One of his appointments to the board of Amtrak, for example, was Todd Rokita, a former Indiana congressman who opposed Amtrak funding. In keeping with his transactional view of politics, Trump has rewarded friends and allies with such positions.

Beattie's three-year term on the commission gives him, like other Trump appointees, a foothold in the federal bureaucracy long after President-elect Joe Biden takes office.

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