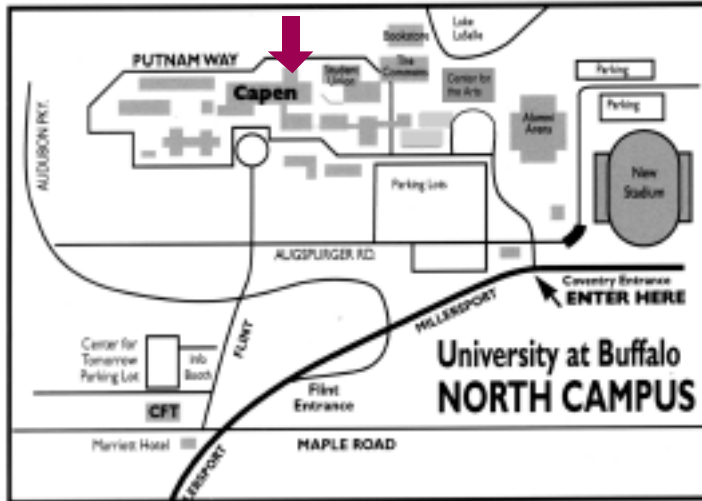


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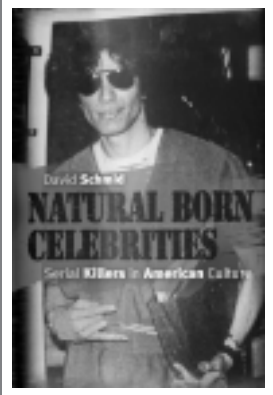
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David Schmid is an Associate Professor and Associate Chair of the English Department at the University at Buffalo. The winner of the Milton Plesur and the SUNY Chancellor's Awards for Excellence in Teaching, Professor Schmid teaches courses in British and American fiction, cultural studies, and popular culture. Born and raised in England, he received his B.A. from Oxford University, his M.A. from the University of Sussex and his Ph.D. from the Modern Thought and Literature

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