THE 50th ANNUAL SCHOLARS' CONFERENCE
ON THE HOLOCAUST AND THE CHURCHES

The Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies at The University of Texas at Dallas

“The History and Future of the Holocaust and its Memory”

March 7 – 10, 2020
The University of Texas at Dallas
The Davidson-Gundy Alumni Center
The 50th Annual Scholars’ Conference on the Holocaust and the Churches

Special Lectures

Michael and Elaine Jaffe Lecture
Sunday, March 8, 2020 | 9:00 am

Dr. Wolf Gruner
Shapell-Guerin Chair in Jewish Studies,
University of Southern California, Los Angeles
Founding Director,
USC Shoah Foundation Center for Advanced Genocide Research

“Defiance and Protest: Forgotten Individual Jewish Resistance in Nazi Germany”

Jewish resistance during the Holocaust is largely understood as rare armed group activities in the Nazi-occupied East. Dr. Gruner’s lecture, however, will focus on forgotten individual acts of resistance. Based on a new approach and using new sources, he will demonstrate how Jewish women and men performed countless acts of resistance in Nazi Germany between 1933 and 1945.

Mitchell L. and Miriam Lewis Barnett Lecture
Sunday, March 8, 2020
Reception | 6:30 pm
Lecture | 7:15 pm

Eva and Robert Ratonyi
Eva, a 1976 alumna of UT Dallas, will introduce her husband, Robert.

“Holocaust Childhood: Wounds that Never Heal”

Born in Budapest, Hungary in 1938 Robert Ratonyi’s early childhood was scarred by fear, upheaval and loss. He was six years old when forced to wear a yellow star and face the terrors of war and ghetto life without his parents, both of whom were deported. He grew up under communist dictatorship and was a freshman at the Technical University of Budapest when he was caught up in the bloody uprising against the regime in October of 1956. After the Russians crushed the uprising, he escaped to Austria and immigrated to Canada in 1957 where he met his wife, also a Holocaust survivor from Hungary.
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7:30pm – 9:00pm | Opening Dinner for Presenters and Invited Guests

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8:00am – 9:00am | Coffee and Light Breakfast

9:00am – 10:30am | Welcome Remarks
Dr. Wolf Gruner, Michael and Elaine Jaffe Lecture
“Defiance and Protest: Forgotten Individual Jewish Resistance in Nazi Germany”

10:45am – 12:00pm | Session #1
“The Path to Destruction”
“Perspectives of Memory”
“Holocaust Pedagogy”

12:15pm – 1:45pm | Lunch with Speaker, Dr. Marcia Sachs Littell
“The Annual Scholars’ Conference After 50 Years: What Have We Learned?”

2:00pm – 3:30pm | Session #2
“Fleeing to the 'Land of the Future’?: German Jews in Brazil”
“Literary Representations”

3:45pm – 5:45pm | Session #3
“Commemoration and Memory”
“Emerging Technologies and Resources”
“The US, Russia, and the Liberation of the Camps”

6:00pm – 7:00pm | Dinner

6:30pm – 7:15pm | Public Reception

7:15pm – 8:30pm | Public Lecture by Eva and Robert Ratonyi
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Monday, March 9, 2020

8:00am – 9:00am | Coffee and Light Breakfast
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                  Digital Studies Presentation
10:30am –11:45am | Session #4
                  “Sexual Violence and the Holocaust”
                  “Robbing Jews and Restitution of Nazi-looted Art”
12:00pm – 1:45pm | Lunch with program, “The Role the Holocaust Plays in Interfaith Relations: Opportunities and Risks”
                  A Conversation Facilitated by Faith Commons
2:00pm – 3:45pm | Session #5
                  “Rescuers and Refugees”
                  “Creativity and Remembrance”
4:00pm – 5:45pm | Session #6
                  “Revisiting History”
                  “Holocaust Thought”
                  “Teaching the Holocaust”
6:00pm – 8:00pm | Dinner and Eternal Flame Award Presentation

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

8:00am – 9:00am | Coffee and Light Breakfast
9:00am – 10:30pm | Welcome Remarks
                  75 Years Later—The Enduring Legacy of the Nuremberg Trials
10:45am –12:30pm | Session #7
                  “Ripples from the Geographies of the Holocaust”
                  “Remembering Dr. Franklin Littell”
                  “Using touch-screen technology for an immersive exhibition on the Holocaust in the Netherlands”
12:45pm – 2:00pm | Closing Lunch
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About the Ackerman Center

The Ackerman Center is a distinguished and unique academic center, providing an in-depth view of the Holocaust within a dedicated facility. Our three endowed professors, one research assistant professor, and two visiting assistant professors offer a unique multi-faceted learning environment for our students.

• Dr. Nils Roemer, Interim Dean, School of Arts and Humanities, Director of the Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies, and Stan and Barbara Rabin Professor of Holocaust Studies
• Dr. Zsuzsanna Ozsváth, Founder of the Holocaust Studies Program and Leah and Paul Lewis Chair in Holocaust Studies
• Dr. David Patterson, Hillel A. Feinberg Distinguished Chair in Holocaust Studies
• Dr. Debra Pfister, Research Assistant Professor in Holocaust Studies
• Dr. Pedro J. Gonzalez Corona, Visiting Assistant Professor
• Dr. Sarah R. Valente, Visiting Assistant Professor

Highlights of the Ackerman Center

• Graduate and undergraduate courses
• Fellowships and scholarships
• Graduate Certificate in Holocaust Studies
• Annual Burton C. Einspruch Holocaust Lecture Series
• Public lectures, film screenings, teachers’ workshops, and other events

About The University of Texas at Dallas

Founded in 1969, The University of Texas at Dallas (UT Dallas) began as a modest collection of research stations in a North Texas cotton field. Today, UT Dallas’ footprint is vastly different, serving the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex and the State of Texas as a global leader in innovative, high quality research and education. Its mission is to 1) produce engaged graduates who are well-prepared for life, work, and leadership; 2) advance excellent educational and research programs in the natural and social sciences, engineering and technology, business, and arts and humanities; and 3) transform ideas into actions that benefit the economic, social, and cultural lives of the people of Texas.
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About the Conference

Founded in 1970 by Franklin H. Littell* and Hubert G. Locke*, the Annual Scholars’ Conference addresses the historical significance of the Holocaust through scholarship that is interfaith, international, and interdisciplinary. The ASC provides an invaluable forum for scholars to discuss and advance Holocaust research, ensuring the valuable lessons of the Holocaust remain relevant for today’s world.

The Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies at The University of Texas at Dallas is proud to be the permanent home of The Annual Scholars' Conference.

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Topic Tracks

This year’s Annual Scholars’ Conference will feature three tracks:

History
Memory and Thought
Looking Forward

From the Conference Chair

Dr. Zsuzsanna Ozsváth
Conference Chair, 50th Annual Scholars’ Conference
Leah and Paul Lewis Chair in Holocaust Studies
The University of Texas at Dallas

I am pleased to welcome you to The University of Texas at Dallas on the special occasion of the 50th Annual Scholars’ Conference on the Holocaust and the Churches. This anniversary is doubly special, as our University is also celebrating its 50th anniversary. We are proud to host both established and emerging scholars to discuss some of the major and much-researched issues in the field of Holocaust Studies at this important conference.
Dr. Zsuzsanna Ozsváth
Leah and Paul Lewis Chair in Holocaust Studies
2020 Conference Chair

Dr. Ozsváth, known to those who love her as “Zsuzsi,” is a world-renowned scholar of the Holocaust. She has published numerous articles and books, including her own memoir, *When the Danube Ran Red*, about her experiences as a child in Hungary during the Holocaust. Dr. Ozsváth recently published a follow-up to her memoir, *My Journey Home: Life after the Holocaust*.

She has also worked on several major translation projects and published (with Professor Fred Turner) *Light within the Shade: Hungarian Poetry of the Past 800 Years*, which was included in the prestigious Annual Outstanding Academic Title list in the January 2016 issue of *Choice Magazine*. Last year, she and Prof. Turner published yet another work of translation, *The Golden Goblet: Selected Poems by Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*.

Currently, Dr. Ozsváth serves on the board of the Educational Committee of the Jewish Federation, on the board of the David S. Wyman Institute for Holocaust Studies, and she is a lifetime director of The Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum.

Thank you

We are grateful to our University and our supporters whose generosity has made the Holocaust Studies Program and what we do possible. With hundreds of students every year in our classes, and a large field of studies revolving around the topic of the Holocaust, we are achieving our mission of “Teaching the Past, Changing the Future.”
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Executive Conference Committee

Dr. Michael Berenbaum
   Director of Sigi Ziering Institute
   Professor of Jewish Studies
   American Jewish University

Rev. Dr. Henry F. Knight
   Past President of the Executive Conference Committee
   Professor Emeritus, Holocaust and Genocide Studies
   Keene State College

Prof. Richard Libowitz
   Associate Professor
   Temple University

Dr. Marcia Sachs Littell
   Past President of the Annual Scholars’ Conference
   Professor Emeritus, Holocaust and Genocide Studies
   Stockton University

Rev. Dr. Hubert G. Locke *
   Co-Founder of the Annual Scholars’ Conference
   John and Marguerite Walker Corbally Professor in Public Service
   The University of Washington

Dr. Zsuzsanna Ozsváth
   Chair of the 2020 Annual Scholars’ Conference
   Leah and Paul Lewis Chair in Holocaust Studies
   The University of Texas at Dallas

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Past Venues

Prior to finding a permanent home at The University of Texas at Dallas, the Annual Scholars’ Conference on the Holocaust and the Churches had moved to different geographic locations with local institutional sponsorship. Below is a list of the past venues that have sponsored the Annual Scholars’ Conference.

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Saturday, March 7th

Check-in and registration will be open from 6:30pm – 7:30pm

7:30pm – 9:00pm | Opening Dinner
The Discovery Ballroom

Dr. Nils Roemer, The University of Texas at Dallas
Interim Dean, School of Arts and Humanities
Director of the Ackerman Center
Stan and Barbara Rabin Professor of Holocaust Studies

Dr. Inga H. Musselman, The University of Texas at Dallas
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Cecil H. Green Distinguished Chair of Academic Leadership

Eva Ratonyi
Mitchell L. and Miriam Lewis Barnett Lecture
1976 Alumna of UT Dallas

Performance by Nili Riemer Bueckert, The University of Texas at Dallas
“Lullaby” Composed in 1943 by Gideon Klein while in Theresienstadt

Dessert reception hosted by Provost Inga Musselman

Sunday, March 8th

Check-in and registration will open at 8am and be available throughout the Conference

8:00am – 9:00am
Coffee, Tea, Water, and a Parfait Bar
Beverage station will be open throughout the day

9:00am – 10:30am | Welcome and Keynote

Michael and Elaine Jaffe Lecture
The Discovery Ballroom

Dr. Wolf Gruner, Shapell-Guerin Chair in Jewish Studies
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“Defiance and Protest: Forgotten Individual Jewish Resistance in Nazi Germany”

10:30am – 10:45am | Break
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10:45am – 12:00pm | Session #1

The Path to Destruction
The Apollo Room | History
Chair: Zsuzsanna Ozsváth, The University of Texas at Dallas

Philip Barber, The University of Texas at Dallas
“Bricks in the Road to Auschwitz - An Examination of Influences and Precedents that Paved the Way to the Holocaust”

Steven Kovács, San Francisco State University
“The White Terror of 1919 as Precursor of the Hungarian Holocaust”

Jonathan Lanz, Indiana University Bloomington
“Rethinking Kristallnacht: The Breakdown of Jewish Family Roles”

Perspectives of Memory
The Gemini Room | Memory and Thought
Chair: Michele Hanlon, The University of Texas at Dallas

Rebecca Rossen, The University of Texas at Austin
“Activating Site/Excavating History: Embodied Commemoration and Memory Work in Site-Specific Holocaust Performance”

Karen L. Uslin, Stockton University
“Supporting the Weight of Dignity: Aesthetics and Ethics of Murry Sidlin's Defiant Requiem”

Joan Peterson, Saint Mary’s College of California
“Through the Eyes of Joseph Roth and Christopher Isherwood: Berlin Before Hitler”

Holocaust Pedagogy
The Mercury Room | Looking Forward
Chair: Debbie Pfister, The University of Texas at Dallas

Gail Hirsch Rosenthal and Mary Johnson, Stockton University
“Reimagining Holocaust Education”

Olga Konkka, Bordeaux Montaigne University, France
“Dealing with the Holocaust in Russian History Education: Textbooks, School Museums and Teachers-designed Media”

Jack Frank Sigman, Gratz College
“Who Speaks Today About the Holocaust? An Examination of the Decline of Holocaust Knowledge in the United States”
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12:00pm – 12:15pm | Break

12:15pm – 1:45pm | Lunch
The Discovery Ballroom
Speaker: Dr. Marcia Sachs Littell
Immediate Past President, Executive Committee of the Annual Scholars’ Conference
“The Annual Scholars' Conference After 50 Years: What Have We Learned?”

1:45pm – 2:00pm | Break

2:00pm – 3:30pm | Session #2
Fleeing to the 'Land of the Future’?: German Jews in Brazil
The Apollo Room | History
Chair: Andrea A. Sinn, Elon University

Björn Siegel, Institute for the History of the German Jews, Germany
“The first family will always be a part of life, as long as we keep them in our heart’ –
The German-Jewish Community in São Paulo, 1936–1966”

Andrea A. Sinn, Elon University
“Tracing the Legacy of Nazi Persecution: Jewish Emigration from Nazi Germany, 1933-1945”

Sarah R. Valente, The University of Texas at Dallas
“Fleeing from One Dictatorship to Another: German-speaking Jewish Refugees in Getúlio Vargas’s Brazil”

Literary Representations
The Gemini Room | Memory and Thought
Chair: Mary Catherine Mueller, Southern Methodist University

Victoria Aarons, Trinity University
“The Graphic Turn and the Future of Holocaust Representation: Amy Kurzweil’s Flying Couch
and ‘the bridge between the real and the imaginable’”

Phyllis Lassner, Northwestern University
“Remembering the Holocaust as Satire: The Ongoing Challenge of Comic Representations”

Blake W. Remington
“Dialogical Memory and the Immemorial Command in Primo Levi’s ‘Shema’”

Martha Satz, Southern Methodist University
“Losing the Holocaust to Symbolism and Sentimentality”
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3:30pm – 3:45pm | Break

3:45pm – 5:45pm | Session #3

Commemoration and Memory
The Apollo Room | Memory and Thought
Chair: David Patterson, The University of Texas at Dallas

Sarah Snyder, The University of Texas at Dallas
“Conservation of Materiality at Auschwitz-Birkenau”

Raymond C. Sun, Washington State University
“Embracing and Postponing the Past in Amsterdam: The Contrasting Evolution of the Anne Frank House and the Dutch Holocaust Memorial, 2016-2020”

Martin Rumscheidt, Atlantic School of Theology
“Extermination through Labor: What Happened at Auschwitz-Monowitz”

Emerging Technologies and Resources
The Gemini Room | Looking Forward
Chair: Nils Roemer, The University of Texas at Dallas

Karen S. Franklin, Leo Baeck Institute, New York
“JewishGen.org: A Fundamental Tool for Holocaust Researchers”

Jeffrey Kleiman, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
“A Survivor in Hiding: Rethinking Resources”

Christine Maxwell, The University of Texas at Dallas
Rebekah K. Nix, The University of Texas at Dallas
“Remembering for the Future 20 Years Later: Have the Questions Really Changed?”

Joanna Workman, The University of Texas at Dallas
“Holocaust Research in a Technological Age: The Need for Digital Archives”
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3:45pm – 5:45pm | Session #3 (Cont.)

The US, Russia, and the Liberation of the Camps
The Mercury Room | History

Roundtable Discussion:
“Opening the Gates: The United States, Russia, and the Liberation of Nazi Concentration Camps”

Ilya A. Altman, Russian Research and Educational Holocaust Center (via Skype)
Stephen Eric Bronner, International Council for Diplomacy and Dialogue at Rutgers University
Igor A. Kotler, Museum of Human Rights, Freedom, and Tolerance at Rutgers University

5:45pm – 6:00pm | Break

6:00pm – 7:00pm | Dinner
The Discovery Ballroom

Presenters are invited to attend the public reception and lecture following dinner.

6:30pm – 7:15pm | Public Reception
Inspiration Hall

7:15pm | Special Lecture
The Discovery Ballroom

Mitchell L. and Miriam Lewis Barnett Lecture
Eva and Robert Ratonyi, “Holocaust Childhood: Wounds that Never Heal”

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In this special lecture, Mr. Ratonyi will be introduced by his wife, Eva, who is also a survivor from Budapest as well as a 1976 alumna of UT Dallas. He will provide some background information on the Holocaust in Hungary in general and discuss his personal experiences during the Holocaust.
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Monday, March 9th

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8:00am – 9:00am
Coffee, Tea, Water, and Pastry Assortment
Beverage station will be open throughout the day

9:00am – 10:15am | Welcome and Special Presentation

New Digital Studies of the Holocaust
The Discovery Ballroom

Nils Roemer, Sarah R. Valente, Amal Shafek, and Shefali Sahu
The University of Texas at Dallas

10:15am – 10:30am | Break

10:30am – 11:45am | Session #4

Sexual Violence and the Holocaust: The Promising Possibilities of Recent Research
The Apollo Room | Memory and Thought
Chair: Cheyenne Martin, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and School of Nursing

Nada Aljamal, The University of Texas at Austin
“‘Those things were not talked about’: Sexual Violence in Postwar Memory of the Holocaust”

Pascale R. Bos, The University of Texas at Austin
“The Fragility of Knowledge on Sexual Violence: What Can We Learn from Holocaust Survivors 75 Years after the Fact?”

Dorota Glowacka, University of King's College, U.K.
“Sexual Violence on Men and Boys during the Holocaust: A Genealogy of Testimonial Silence”

Robbing Jews and Restitution of Nazi-looted Art
The Gemini Room | Looking Forward
Roundtable Discussion

Michael Bazyler, Chapman University
Edward McGlynn Gaffney, Valparaiso University
Jennifer Anglim Kreder, Northern Kentucky—Chase School of Law

11:45am – 12:00pm | Break
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12:00pm – 1:45pm | Lunch
The Discovery Ballroom

“The Role the Holocaust Plays in Interfaith Relations: Opportunities and Risks”
A Conversation Facilitated by Faith Commons

1:45pm – 2:00pm | Break

2:00pm – 3:45pm | Session #5

Rescuers and Refugees
The Apollo Room | History
Chair: Raymond Sun, Washington State University

Rachel F. Brenner, University of Wisconsin-Madison
“Jan Karski and Shmul Zygelbojm: The Men Who Tried to Stop the Holocaust”

Igor A. Kotler, Museum of Human Rights, Freedom, and Tolerance at Rutgers University
“Polish Jewish Refugees and Local Jewish Communities in Central Asia during World War II”

Cheyenne Martin, UTMB Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and School of Nursing
“Saving Children in an Age of Genocide: The Moral Legacy of Medical Resistors during the Holocaust”

Creativity and Remembrance
The Gemini Room | Memory and Thought
Chair: Victoria Aarons, Trinity University

Hilene Flanzbaum, Butler University
“Writing for Her Life: Irene Nemirovsky’s Suite Francaise”

Mary Catherine Mueller, Southern Methodist University
“Voices of the Children: A Consideration of the Themes of the Absence of Home and the Absence of Beauty Portrayed in Select Poetry Written by Children in the Terezín Concentration Camp”

Eva-Maria Trinkaus, University of Graz
“Lore Segal’s Place of Memory: ‘Literary Foodscapes’ as Potential Intersections between Aging Studies and Holocaust Studies”

Noah L. Van Brenk, Dalhousie University, Canada
“I still felt in the last moment/ The unsheathing of the great knife of parting’:
Absence, Abandonment, and Female Lament in Nelly Sachs’s ‘A Dead Child Speaks’”
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3:45pm – 4:00pm | Break

4:00pm – 5:45pm | Session #6

Holocaust Thought
The Apollo Room | Memory and Thought
Chair: Karl Sen Gupta, The University of Texas at Dallas

Ben Crane, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
“Yom Kippur at St. Cyprien: An Analysis of the Makeshift Machzor”

Shamim Hunt, The University of Texas at Dallas
“Post-Holocaust Philosophy of Erich Fromm”

“Bonhoeffer, Jesus and the Jews: An Entrée into a Deficient Theory of Anti-Nazi Resistance”

Shannon Quigley, The University of Texas at Dallas
“Animosity Versus Affection: The Language of German Theologians in the Nazi Era in Contrast to the Relational Language of the Prophets of Israel and Jesus”

Teaching the Holocaust
The Gemini Room | Looking Forward
Chair: Philip Barber, The University of Texas at Dallas

Jeff Chard, Sir John A. MacDonald Secondary School, Canada
“Upstanding Education: Beyond the Classroom”

Rosalie Horne Franks, Roger Williams University
“Reflecting on the Past and the Future: What 21st Century College Students Understand about the Shoah and Warning Signs of Genocide Now”

Nicholas Osita, Federal University Dutse, Nigeria (via Skype)
“Holocaust Education in Sub-Saharan Africa: Perspectives and Possible Approaches”

Carolina Simon, Zachor Shoah
“Holocaust Education for the 21st Century: Making Connections through the Humanities”
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4:00pm – 5:45pm | Session #6 (Cont.)

Revisiting History
The Mercury Room | History
Chair: Steve Kovács, San Francisco State University

George Csicsery, Zala Films
“Angel of Mercy” - A Short Documentary Film about Margit Slachta and her Role in the Holocaust in Hungary

Kathy Glatter, Gratz College
“Rudolf Kasztner: Holocaust Hero or Villain for the Hungarian Jews?”

Yitzchak Kerem, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel
“Memorialization of Sephardic and Eastern Jewry in the 21st Century”

Barbara Wind, Holocaust Council of Greater MetroWest New Jersey
“Remembering Sister Rose and the Silence of the Churches”

5:45pm – 6:00pm | Break

6:00pm – 8:00pm | Dinner
The Discovery Ballroom

Eternal Flame Award Ceremony
Presented by Rev. Dr. Hank F. Knight

The Eternal Flame Award

The Eternal Flame Award is given to acknowledge individuals whose words and actions have endeavored to assure that we remember the horrific past and murder of six million Jews during the Holocaust and to build a better future for all humanity.


This year’s recipient is Dr. Martin Rumscheidt, a native German, who taught at the University of Windsor in Ontario and Atlantic School of Theology in Halifax. The primary foci of his teaching and research are German Protestant theology in the 19th and 20th centuries, Karl Barth and Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the Shoah, and increasingly, the possibilities of new Jewish-Christian relations.

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75 Years Later—The Enduring Legacy of the Nuremberg Trials
The Discovery Ballroom

Michael Bazyler, Chapman University
“The Road to Nuremberg”

Michael S. Bryant, Bryant University
“The IMT Trial”

Benjamin Ferencz, Chief Prosecutor of the Nuremberg Military Tribunal (via Skype)
“The NMT Trial”

Kristen Nelson, Gratz College
“The Legacy of Nuremberg”

10:30am – 10:45am | Break

10:45am – 12:30pm | Session #7
Ripples from the Geographies of the Holocaust
The Apollo Room | History
Chair: Monica Rankin, The University of Texas at Dallas

Carlos Inclán Fuentes, Yale University
“The San Carlos Fortress and the Control Policies Affecting German Citizens in Mexico during WWII”

Pedro Jose Gonzalez Corona, The University of Texas at Dallas
“Looking for the Cosmic Race: Fascist Sympathies and Antisemitism in Early Twentieth-Century Mexico”

Matthew James Hone, Stockton University
“Religious Intolerance and Antisemitism in Contemporary Croatia”

Emmanuel Kahan, National University of La Plata, Argentina
“Antisemitism, Human Rights, Holocaust Memory and the ‘Jewish Question’ during the Transition to Democracy in Argentina (1982-1984)”
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10:45am – 12:30pm | Session #7 (Cont.)

Remembering Dr. Franklin Littell
The Gemini Room | Memory and Thought
Roundtable Discussion with Former Students of ASC Co-Founder, Dr. Franklin Littell
Chair: Marcia Sachs Littell, Stockton University

Karen S. Franklin, Leo Baeck Institute, New York
Richard Libowitz, Temple University
Henry F. Knight, Keene State College

Hands-on Immersion into Lessons of the Holocaust
The Mercury Room | Looking Forward
Roundtable Discussion:
“Creating an Interactive Exhibition on Rescuers in the Netherlands under German Occupation”

Morgan Everman, Stockton University
Michael Hayse, Stockton University
Irvin Moreno-Rodriguez, Stockton University

12:30pm – 2:00pm | Closing Lunch
The Discovery Ballroom

Special Exhibit

“The Texas Liberator: Witness to the Holocaust”

The Ackerman Center is pleased to host this special exhibit curated by The Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission. The exhibit shares the first-hand accounts of Texan soldiers who witnessed Nazi concentration camps during World War II.

This exhibit is part of a larger project, which was discussed by Dr. Aliza S. Wong at the inaugural Mitchell L. and Miriam Lewis Barnett Lecture at the 49th Annual Scholars’ Conference in 2019.

The exhibit will be up throughout the conference.
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Dr. Victoria Aarons | Trinity University
O.R. & Eva Mitchell Distinguished Professor of Literature
“The Graphic Turn and the Future of Holocaust Representation: Amy Kurzweil’s Flying Couch and ‘the bridge between the real and the unimaginable’”
March 8, 2020 | 2:00pm – The Gemini Room

Nada Aljamal | The University of Texas at Austin
History Honors Student
“‘Those things were not talked about’: Sexual Violence in Postwar Memory of the Holocaust”
March 9, 2020 | 10:30am – The Apollo Room

Dr. Ilya A. Altman | Russian Research and Educational Holocaust Center
Executive Director
Roundtable Discussion: “Opening the Gates: The United States, Russia, and the Liberation of Nazi Concentration Camps”
March 8, 2020 | 3:45pm – The Mercury Room (via Skype)

Philip Barber | The University of Texas at Dallas
PhD Student
“Bricks in the Road to Auschwitz - An Examination of Influences and Precedents that Paved the Way to the Holocaust”
March 8, 2020 | 10:45am – The Apollo Room

Prof. Michael Bazyler | Chapman University
Professor of Law
Roundtable Discussion: “Robbing Jews and Restitution of Nazi-looted Art”
March 9, 2020 | 10:30am – The Gemini Room
“75 Years Later—The Enduring Legacy of the Nuremberg Trials: The Road to Nuremberg”
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Dr. Pascale R. Bos | The University of Texas at Austin
Associate Professor of Germanic Studies/Jewish Studies/Women and Gender Studies/Comparative Literature
“The Fragility of Knowledge on Sexual Violence: What Can We Learn from Holocaust Survivors 75 Years after the Fact?”
March 9, 2020 | 10:30am – The Apollo Room

Dr. Rachel F. Brenner | University of Wisconsin-Madison
Max and Frieda Weinstein-Bascom and Elaine Marks Professor of Jewish Studies
“Jan Karski and Shmul Zygelbojm: The Men Who Tried to Stop the Holocaust”
March 9, 2020 | 2:00pm – The Apollo Room
Dr. Stephen Eric Bronner | International Council for Diplomacy and Dialogue at Rutgers University
Board of Governors and Distinguished Professor of Political Science, Emeritus
Roundtable Discussion: “Opening the Gates: The United States, Russia, and the Liberation of Nazi Concentration Camps”
March 8, 2020 | 3:45pm – The Mercury Room

Prof. Michael S. Bryant | Bryant University
Professor of History and Legal Studies
“75 Years Later—The Enduring Legacy of the Nuremberg Trials: The IMT Trial”
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Jeff Chard | Sir John A. MacDonald Secondary School, Canada
Head of History
“Upstanding Education: Beyond the Classroom”
March 9, 2020 | 4:00pm – The Gemini Room

Ben Crane | University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Masters Student
“Yom Kippur at St. Cyprien: An Analysis of the Makeshift Machzor”
March 9, 2020 | 4:00pm – The Apollo Room

George Csicsery | Zala Films
“Angel of Mercy” - A Short Documentary Film about Margit Slachta and her Role in the Holocaust in Hungary
March 9, 2020 | 4:00pm – The Mercury Room

Morgan Everman | Stockton University
Program Assistant of the Master of Arts Holocaust and Genocide Studies Program
Roundtable Discussion: “Creating an Interactive Exhibition on Rescuers in the Netherlands under German Occupation”
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Benjamin Ferencz | Chief Prosecutor of the Nuremberg Military Tribunal
“75 Years Later—The Enduring Legacy of the Nuremberg Trials: The NMT Trial”
March 10, 2020 | 9:00am – The Discovery Ballroom (via Skype)

Dr. Hilene Flanzbaum | Butler University
Allegra Stewart Chair of Modern Literature
“Writing for Her Life: Irene Nemirovsky’s Suite Francaise”
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Karen S. Franklin | Leo Baeck Institute, New York
Director of Family Research
“JewishGen.org: A Fundamental Tool for Holocaust Researchers”
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“Roundtable Discussion: Remembering Dr. Franklin Littell”
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Dr. Rosalie Horne Franks | Roger Williams University
“Reflecting on the Past and the Future: What 21st Century College Students Understand about the Shoah and Warning Signs of Genocide Now”
March 9, 2020 | 4:00pm – The Gemini Room

Carlos Inclán Fuentes | Yale University
PhD Student
“The San Carlos Fortress and the Control Policies Affecting German Citizens in Mexico during WWII”
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Prof. Edward McGlynn Gaffney | Valparaiso University
Dean and Professor of Law Emeritus
Roundtable Discussion: “Robbing Jews and Restitution of Nazi-looted Art”
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Dr. Kathy Glatter, MD | Gratz College
PhD Student
“Rudolf Kasztner: Holocaust Hero or Villain for the Hungarian Jews?”
March 9, 2020 | 4:00pm – The Mercury Room

Dr. Dorota Glowacka | University of King's College, U.K.
Professor of Humanities and Director of Contemporary Studies Programme
“Sexual Violence on Men and Boys during the Holocaust: A Genealogy of Testimonial Silence”
March 9, 2020 | 10:30am – The Apollo Room

Dr. Pedro Jose Gonzalez Corona | The University of Texas at Dallas
Visiting Assistant Professor
“Looking for the Cosmic Race: Fascist Sympathies and Antisemitism in Early Twentieth-Century Mexico”
March 10, 2020 | 10:45am – The Apollo Room

Dr. Wolf Gruner | Michael and Elaine Jaffe Lecture
Shapell-Guerin Chair in Jewish Studies, University of Southern California, Los Angeles
Founding Director, USC Shoah Foundation Center for Advanced Genocide Research
“Defiance and Protest: Forgotten Individual Jewish Resistance in Nazi Germany”
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Dr. Michael Hayse | Stockton University
Wally and Lutz Hammerschlag Associate Professor of Holocaust Studies
Roundtable Discussion: “Creating an Interactive Exhibition on Rescuers in the Netherlands under German Occupation”
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Dr. Matthew James Hone | Stockton University
Professor
“Religious Intolerance and Antisemitism in Contemporary Croatia”
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Dr. Shamim Hunt | The University of Texas at Dallas
Professor of Philosophy
“Post-Holocaust Philosophy of Erich Fromm”
March 9, 2020 | 4:00pm – The Apollo Room

Dr. Mary Johnson | Stockton University
Adjunct Professor and Senior Historian for Facing History and Ourselves
“Reimagining Holocaust Education”
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Dr. Emmanuel Kahan | National University of La Plata, Argentina
National Scientific and Technical Research Council
“Antisemitism, Human Rights, Holocaust Memory and the ‘Jewish Question’ during the Transition to Democracy in Argentina (1982-1984)”
March 10, 2020 | 10:45am – The Apollo Room

Dr. Yitzchak Kerem | Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel
Professor of Sephardic Studies and the Holocaust
“Memorialization of Sephardic and Eastern Jewry in the 21st Century”
March 9, 2020 | 4:00pm – The Mercury Room

Dr. Jeffrey Kleiman | University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
Professor of History
“A Survivor in Hiding: Rethinking Resources”
March 8, 2020 | 3:45pm – The Gemini Room

Dr. Olga Konkka | Bordeaux Montaigne University, France
Post-Doctoral Fellow, French Holocaust Memory Foundation
“Dealing with the Holocaust in Russian History Education: Textbooks, School Museums and Teachers-designed Media”
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Igor A. Kotler | Museum of Human Rights, Freedom, and Tolerance at Rutgers University
President and Executive Director
Roundtable Discussion: “Opening the Gates: The United States, Russia, and the Liberation of Nazi Concentration Camps”
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“Polish Jewish Refugees and Local Jewish Communities in Central Asia during World War II”
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Dr. Steven Kovács | San Francisco State University
“The White Terror of 1919 as Precursor of the Hungarian Holocaust”
March 8, 2020 | 10:45am – The Apollo Room

Rev. Dr. Henry F. Knight | Keene State College
Professor Emeritus, Holocaust and Genocide Studies
“Roundtable Discussion: Remembering Dr. Franklin Littell”
March 10, 2020 | 10:45am – The Gemini Room

Prof. Jennifer Anglim Kreder | Northern Kentucky—Chase School of Law
Professor of Law and Associate Dean of Faculty Development
Roundtable Discussion: “Robbing Jews and Restitution of Nazi-looted Art”
March 9, 2020 | 10:30am – The Gemini Room

Jonathan Lanz, Indiana University Bloomington
PhD Student
“Rethinking Kristallnacht: The Breakdown of Jewish Family Roles”
March 8, 2020 | 10:45am – The Apollo Room

Dr. Phyllis Lassner | Northwestern University
Professor Emerita
“Remembering the Holocaust as Satire: The Ongoing Challenge of Comic Representations”
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Dr. Richard Libowitz | Temple University
Associate Professor, Intellectual Heritage Program
“Roundtable Discussion: Remembering Dr. Franklin Littell”
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Dr. Marcia Sachs Littell | Stockton University
Immediate Past President, Executive Committee of the Annual Scholars’ Conference
“The Annual Scholars' Conference After 50 Years: What Have We Learned?”
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Dr. Cheyenne Martin | UTMB Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and School of Nursing
Rebecca and Edwin Gale Distinguished Professor of Ethics
“Saving Children in an Age of Genocide: The Moral Legacy of Medical Resistors during the Holocaust”
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Christine Maxwell | The University of Texas at Dallas
PhD Candidate
“Remembering for the Future 20 Years Later: Have the Questions Really Changed?”
March 8, 2020 | 3:45pm – The Gemini Room

Irvin Moreno-Rodriguez | Stockton University
Program Assistant of the Sara and Sam Schoffer Holocaust Resource Center
Roundtable Discussion: “Creating an Interactive Exhibition on Rescuers in the Netherlands under German Occupation”
March 10, 2020 | 10:45am – The Mercury Room

Dr. Douglas G. Morris | Federal Defenders of New York, Inc.
Assistant Federal Defender
“Bonhoeffer, Jesus and the Jews: An Entrée into a Deficient Theory of Anti-Nazi Resistance”
March 9, 2020 | 4:00pm – The Apollo Room

Dr. Mary Catherine Mueller | Southern Methodist University
Lecturer in English
“Voices of the Children: A Consideration of the Themes of the Absence of Home and the Absence of Beauty Portrayed in Select Poetry Written by Children in the Terezín Concentration Camp”
March 9, 2020 | 2:00pm – The Gemini Room

Kristen Nelson | Gratz College
“75 Years Later—The Enduring Legacy of the Nuremberg Trials: The Legacy of Nuremberg”
March 10, 2020 | 9:00am – The Discovery Ballroom

Dr. Rebekah K. Nix | The University of Texas at Dallas
“Remembering for the Future 20 Years Later: Have the Questions Really Changed?”
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Nicholas Osita | Federal University Dutse, Nigeria
PhD Student
“Holocaust Education in Sub-Saharan Africa: Perspectives and Possible Approaches”
March 9, 2020 | 4:00pm – The Gemini Room (via Skype)
Prof. Joan Peterson | Saint Mary’s College of California  
Professor of Education  
“Through the Eyes of Joseph Roth and Christopher Isherwood: Berlin Before Hitler”  
March 8, 2020 | 10:45am – The Gemini Room

Shannon Quigley | The University of Texas at Dallas  
PhD Student  
“Animosity Versus Affection: The Language of German Theologians in the Nazi Era in Contrast to the Relational Language of the Prophets of Israel and Jesus”  
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Eva and Robert Ratonyi | Mitchell L. and Miriam Lewis Barnett Lecture  
“Holocaust Childhood: Wounds that Never Heal”  
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Dr. Blake W. Remington | Independent Scholar  
“Dialogical Memory and the Immemorial Command in Primo Levi’s “Shema””  
March 8, 2020 | 2:00pm – The Gemini Room

Dr. Nils Roemer | The University of Texas at Dallas  
Interim Dean, School of Arts and Humanities  
Director of the Ackerman Center  
Stan and Barbara Rabin Professor of Holocaust Studies  
“New Digital Studies of the Holocaust”  
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Gail Hirsch Rosenthal | Stockton University  
Director of the Sara and Sam Schoffer Holocaust Resource Center  
“Reimagining Holocaust Education”  
March 8, 2020 | 10:45am – The Mercury Room

Dr. Rebecca Rossen | The University of Texas at Austin  
Associate Professor, Department of Theatre and Dance  
“Activating Site/Excavating History: Embodied Commemoration and Memory Work in Site-Specific Holocaust Performance”  
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Dr. Martin Rumscheidt | Atlantic School of Theology  
Professor of Historical Theology  
“Extermination through Labor: What Happened at Auschwitz-Monowitz”  
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Shefali Sahu | The University of Texas at Dallas
Masters Student
“New Digital Studies of the Holocaust”
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Dr. Martha Satz | Southern Methodist University
Assistant Professor, English Department
“Losing the Holocaust to Symbolism and Sentimentality”
March 8, 2020 | 2:00pm – The Gemini Room

Amal Shafek | The University of Texas at Dallas
PhD Candidate
“New Digital Studies of the Holocaust”
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Dr. Björn Siegel | Institute for the History of the German Jews, Germany
Academic Researcher
“‘The first family will always be a part of life, as long as we keep them in our heart’ – The German-Jewish Community in São Paulo, 1936–1966”
March 8, 2020 | 2:00pm – The Apollo Room

Jack Frank Sigman | Gratz College
PhD Student
“Who Speaks Today About the Holocaust? An Examination of the Decline of Holocaust Knowledge in the United States”
March 8, 2020 | 10:45am – The Mercury Room

Carolina Simon | Zachor Shoah
Director
“Holocaust Education for the 21st Century: Making Connections through the Humanities”
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Dr. Andrea A. Sinn | Elon University
O’Briant Developing Professor and Assistant Professor of History; Director of Jewish Studies
“Tracing the Legacy of Nazi Persecution: Jewish Emigration from Nazi Germany, 1933-1945”
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Sarah Snyder | The University of Texas at Dallas
PhD Candidate
“Conservation of Materiality at Auschwitz-Birkenau”
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Dr. Raymond C. Sun | Washington State University
Associate Professor of History
“Embracing and Postponing the Past in Amsterdam: The Contrasting Evolution of the Anne Frank House and the Dutch Holocaust Memorial, 2016-2020”
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Eva-Maria Trinkaus | University of Graz
PhD Candidate
“Lore Segal’s Place of Memory: ‘Literary Foodscape’ as Potential Intersections between Aging Studies and Holocaust Studies”
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Dr. Karen L. Uslin | Stockton University
Adjunct Professor of Jewish Studies
“Supporting the Weight of Dignity: Aesthetics and Ethics of Murry Sidlin's Defiant Requiem”
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Dr. Sarah R. Valente | The University of Texas at Dallas
Visiting Assistant Professor
“Fleeing from One Dictatorship to Another: German-speaking Jewish Refugees in Getúlio Vargas’s Brazil”
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Noah L. Van Brenk | Dalhousie University, Canada
Masters Candidate
“‘I still felt in the last moment/ The unsheathing of the great knife of parting’: Absence, Abandonment, and Female Lament in Nelly Sachs’s ‘A Dead Child Speaks’”
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Barbara Wind | Holocaust Council of Greater MetroWest New Jersey
“Remembering Sister Rose and the Silence of the Churches”
March 9, 2020 | 4:00pm – The Mercury Room
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