“Expanding Perspectives of the Holocaust”

March 5 – 7, 2022

The University of Texas at Dallas
The Davidson-Gundy Alumni Center
The 52nd Annual Scholars’ Conference on the Holocaust and the Churches

Special Lectures

Michael and Elaine Jaffe Lecture
Sunday, March 6, 2022 | 9:00 am

Prof. Abebe Zegeye
Senior Research Fellow, The Institute for The Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy

“From Kaiser's Genocide to Hitler's Rhineland Bastard”

During this lecture, Prof. Zegeye will examine the common ideological threads that link the effects on Africans of the brutality of colonialism and the violence of National Socialism.

Mitchell L. and Miriam Lewis Barnett Lecture
Sunday, March 6, 2022
Reception | 6:30 pm
Lecture | 7:15pm

Dr. Bernice Lerner
Director, Boston University’s Center for Character and Social Responsibility

“The Ethics of Rescue: Stories Behind the Liberation of Bergen-Belsen”

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The Davidson–Gundy Alumni Center

Bathrooms

The Gemini Room

The Apollo Room

The Discovery Ballroom

The Mercury Room

The Patio

The Porch

The Green
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Agenda at a Glance

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7:30pm – 9:00pm | Opening Dinner for Presenters and Invited Guests

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“Memory and Literature of the Holocaust”
“Emerging Opportunities: Building a Network for the Teaching of the Holocaust in Latin America in Times of COVID-19”

6:00pm – 8:00pm | Dinner and Eternal Flame Award Presentation

\textbf{Thank you}

We are grateful to the 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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About the Ackerman Center

Founded by Holocaust scholar and survivor Dr. Zsuzsanna Ozsváth in 1986 with the mission of Teaching the Past, Changing the Future, the Holocaust Studies Program at UT Dallas has earned an international reputation for excellence. The Ackerman Center has grown into a distinguished and publicly-engaged academic center that offers an in-depth view of the Holocaust, genocide, and human rights studies within a dedicated facility. Among the top tier of Holocaust research programs in the country, the Ackerman Center has five endowed faculty positions, which are complemented by additional part and full-time professors and lecturers. With the recent rise of anti-Semitism and human rights violations, the lessons of the Holocaust are more important than ever in the 21st century. By advancing a continuous engagement with the past, the Ackerman Center will be a vital part of promoting solutions to the challenges to global justice and peace in our world.

Highlights of the Ackerman Center

• Graduate and undergraduate courses
• Fellowships and scholarships
• Graduate Certificate in Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights 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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on the Holocaust and the Churches

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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From the Conference Chair

Dr. David Patterson
Conference Chair,
52\textsuperscript{nd} Annual Scholars’ Conference
Hillel A. Feinberg Distinguished Chair of Holocaust Studies
The University of Texas at Dallas

When Franklin Littell and Hubert Locke convened the first Annual Scholars’ Conference on the Holocaust and the Churches in 1970, many deemed it the dawn of Holocaust Studies as an academic discipline. Truly intergenerational and interdisciplinary, the ASC embodies the enduring memory and testimony summoned in the systematic murder of European Jewry. Each year the ASC welcomes the world’s most prominent scholars and dedicated students to engage this Event that transformed history and the understanding of our humanity.
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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.

- **1970** | Wayne State University (Detroit, MI)
- **1971** | National Conference of Christians and Jews (NCCJ) (New York City)
- **1972** | NCCJ (San Jose, CA)
- **1973-80** | NCCJ (New York City)
- **1981-84** | University of Washington (Seattle, WA)
- **1985** | Anne Frank Institute/ Temple University (Philadelphia, PA)
- **1986** | Chicago Theological Seminary (Evanston, IL)
- **1987-88** | U. S. Holocaust Memorial Council (Washington, DC)
- **1989** | Anne Frank Institute (Philadelphia, PA)
- **1990** | Vanderbilt University (Nashville, TN)
- **1991** | Stockton University (Galloway, NJ)
- **1992** | The University of Washington (Seattle, WA)
- **1993** | The University of Tulsa (Tulsa, OK)
- **1994** | Rider University (Lawrenceville, NJ)
- **1995** | Humboldt University (Berlin, Germany)
- **1996** | Brigham Young University (Provo, UT)
- **1997** | University of St. Thomas (St. Paul, MN)
- **1998** | University of South Florida (Tampa, FL)
- **1999** | University of Washington (Seattle, WA)
- **2000-01** | Nassau Community College (New York, NY)
- **2002** | Saint Joseph’s University (Philadelphia, PA)
- **2003** | Kean University (Union, NJ)
- **2004** | Saint Joseph’s University (Philadelphia, PA)
- **2005** | Eckhart College (St. Petersburg, FL)
- **2006-07** | Saint Joseph’s University (Philadelphia, PA)
- **2008** | Case Western Reserve University (Cincinnati, OH)
- **2009** | Keene State College (Keene, NH)
- **2010** | Stockton University (Galloway, NJ)
- **2011-12** | Saint Joseph’s University (Philadelphia, PA)
- **2013-14** | Monroe College (Rochester, NY)
- **2015-17** | American Jewish University (Los Angeles, CA)
- **2018 - present** | Temple University (Philadelphia, PA)
- **2018 - present** | The University of Texas at Dallas (Dallas, TX)
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Saturday, March 5th

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

6:30pm – 7:30pm | Welcome Reception
Inspiration Hall

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

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Representative of the Littell Family

Sunday, March 6th

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

7:30am – 8:30am
The Apollo Room
Midrash Discussion
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10:45am – 12:15pm | Session #1

**Increasing Awareness and Combating Holocaust Denial**  
*The Apollo Room*

Mehak Burza  
PhD Candidate, Jamia Millia Islamia University  
“At Crossroads between India and the Holocaust”

Sara Galico  
Colegio Hebreo Sefaradi  
“Holocaust Distortion Meets Anti-Zionism: Comparing Israelis to Nazis”

Matthew James Hone  
Adjunct Professor, Stockton University  
“Holocaust Distortion, Ethno-Religious Intolerance and Antisemitism in Eastern Europe”

**New Perspectives on Teaching the Holocaust**  
*The Gemini Room*

Igor Kotler  
President and Executive Director, Museum of Human Rights, Freedom, and Tolerance  
“Holocaust Studies and Education in Russia: Some Trends and Controversies”

Christine Maxwell  
Research Fellow, ISGAP: Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy  

Alexander Ryan  
Director, The Witness Project  
“Finding a Common Curriculum for Holocaust Education”

12:15pm – 12:30pm | Break

12:30pm – 2:00pm | Lunch with Speaker  
*Discovery Ballroom*

David Patterson  
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2:00pm – 2:15pm | Break
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A Lasting Image (Work in Progress): The Challenges of Documenting the Holocaust through Animation
*The Apollo Room*

Dr. Christine Veras
Assistant Professor, The University of Texas at Dallas
UT Dallas ATEC Animation students:
Scott Huddleston, Kirstin Steven-Schmidt, and Ana Villarreal

Expanding the Understanding of the Holocaust for First Generation Students at Stockton University
*The Gemini Room*

Mary Johnson
Adjunct and Affiliate Professor for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Stockton University

Irvin Moreno-Rodriguez
Program Assistant, Sara and Sam Schoffer Holocaust Resource Center at Stockton University

Gail Hirsch Rosenthal
Founding Director, Sara and Sam Schoffer Holocaust Resource Center at Stockton University

3:30pm – 3:45pm | Break

3:45pm – 5:15pm | Session #3

Moral and Religious Thought
*The Apollo Room*

Philip Barber
PhD Candidate, The University of Texas at Dallas
“Untangling the Enigma of Ka-tzetnik’s Chronicle”

Angie Simmons
PhD Student and Belofsky Fellow, The University of Texas at Dallas
“The Path of Undoing: A History of Rationalizing Racial Violence”

Christin Zühlke
PhD Student, Center for Research on Antisemitism, Technical University Berlin; UC Berkeley
“The Meanings of Jewish Prayer in Concentration Camps – The Case of the Sonderkommando in Auschwitz-Birkenau”
3:45pm – 5:15pm | Session #3 (Cont)
The Issue of Accountability
The Gemini Room

Vito D’Orazio
Associate Professor of Political Science, The University of Texas at Dallas
Co-Present: “The Law-Abiding Citizen: Crime and Anti-Refugee Violence in Germany”

Soham Das
Assistant Professor, Jindal Global University – India
Co-Present: “The Law-Abiding Citizen: Crime and Anti-Refugee Violence in Germany”

Ann Marie Dell
PhD Candidate, Southern Methodist University
“Nazi War Criminals in the United States: America's Complicated Past and the Fight to Remediate Injustice”

5:30pm – 6:30pm | Dinner
The Discovery Ballroom
Remarks by Dr. Michael Berenbaum

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Monday, March 7^{th}

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

9:00am – 10:00am | Welcome and Special Presentation
Integrating the Digital Humanities into Holocaust Studies
The Discovery Ballroom

Nils Roemer, Stan and Barbara Rabin Distinguished Professor of Holocaust Studies
Katie Fisher, PhD Student and Belofsky Fellow
Piyush Kamdar, MS in Information Science
Shefali Sahu, MS in Management Science
Riya Sood, Masters Student, Information Technology and Management
The University of Texas at Dallas

10:00am – 10:15am | Break

10:15am – 12:00pm | Session #4
Rescue, Resistance, and Remembering
The Apollo Room

Jadwiga Biskupska
Assistant Professor of History, Sam Houston State University
“Jewish Resistance and Polish Skepticism during the Holocaust in Eastern Poland”

Anne-Christin Klotz
Postdoctoral Fellow in the History of Migration, University of California, Berkeley &
German Historical Institute – Pacific Regional Office Berkeley
“Integrating Eastern Perspectives into the Western Gaze: Polish-Jewish Journalists and Their
Early Efforts to Inform the Western World about the Destruction of Polish Jewry and in
Commemorating Victims of the Nazis”

Darlene Martin
Rebecca and Edwin Gale Distinguished Professor, UTMB Graduate School of Biomedical
Sciences and School of Nursing
“Sexual Violence and Trafficking of Women as Weapons of War During the Holocaust and
Other Genocide”

Alicja Podbielska
Hartman Postdoc Fellow, Fortunoff Video Archive for Holocaust Testimonies, Yale University
“She rescued me; now it’s my duty to save her’: Post-Liberation Relationships Between
Survivors and Their Polish Helpers”
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10:15am –12:00pm | Session #4 (Cont.)

Roundtable Discussion: The South Jersey Holocaust Survivor Project: Presenting the Refugee Experience to a General Audience
The Gemini Room

Morgan Everman, Independent Scholar
Michael Hayse, Wally and Lutz Hammerschlag Associate Professor of Holocaust Studies
Gail Hirsch Rosenthal, Founding Director, Sara and Sam Schoffer Holocaust Resource Center
Irvin Moreno-Rodriguez Program Assistant, Sara and Sam Schoffer Holocaust Resource Center Stockton University

12:00pm – 12:15pm | Break

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The Discovery Ballroom

Karen S. Franklin
Director of Family Research, Leo Baeck Institute
“The Shared History Project: A New Approach for Teaching Jewish History and The Holocaust”

1:45pm – 2:00pm | Break

2:00pm – 3:45pm | Session #5

Roundtable Discussion: The Case of Jehovah’s Witnesses and the German Church Struggle: A Beginning Conversation
The Apollo Room

Jolene Chu
Senior Researcher, Office of Public Information, World Headquarters of Jehovah’s Witnesses

Henry Knight
Past President and Current Member, Executive Conference Committee

Tim B. Mueller
Director of Research, Association of German Sinti & Roma, Landes-verband Baden-Württemberg

David Patterson
Hillel A. Feinberg Distinguished Chair in Holocaust Studies, The University of Texas at Dallas

John Roth
Edward J. Sexton Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, Claremont McKenna College
3:45pm – 4:00pm | Break

4:00pm – 5:45pm | Session #6

Memory and Literature of the Holocaust
The Apollo Room

Emily-Rose Baker
Visiting Assistant Professor, The University of Texas at Dallas
“Resisting Fascism through the Collective Unconscious: Charlotte Beradt's The Third Reich of Dreams”

Joan Peterson
Professor Emerita, Saint Mary’s College of California
“Kafka’s Sister and the Holocaust: More Than a Footnote”

Tiffany Sidders
MA Student, University of Alabama
“Fragmented Memory: Detachment, Affect, and Trauma in This Way for the Gas, Ladies and Gentlemen”

Eva-Maria Trinkaus
Researcher, Center for Interdisciplinary Research on Aging and Care, University of Graz
“Aging after the Holocaust: Lore Segal's Emplotted Life Experience”

Emerging Opportunities: Building a Network for the Teaching of the Holocaust in Latin America in Times of COVID-19
The Gemini Room

Sofía Cohen
Director of Partnership Strategies, Jewish Interactive Museum of Chile
“Building a Network for the Teaching of the Holocaust in Latin America in Times of COVID-19”

Eliana Hamra
Education Coordinator, Holocaust Museum of Buenos Aires

Carlos Reis
Director, Holocaust Museum of Curitiba
“The Holocaust Museum of Curitiba: A Pioneering and Contemporary Proposal that Dialogues with Brazilian Society”
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 Abraham H. Foxman, world-renowned leader in the fight against anti-Semitism, bigotry and discrimination who regularly speaks out on issues of global anti-Semitism, the war on terrorism, church/state issues, and issues relating to the Holocaust, which he survived as a hidden child. He is a passionate supporter of the State of Israel and a voice for peace in the Middle East.

Mr. Foxman is National Director Emeritus of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), from which he retired in 2015 after 50 years with the organization, including serving as National Director from 1987 through 2015. Upon retirement, he served as Vice Chairman of the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York City. He is the author of several books, and co-authored Viral Hate: Containing Its Spread on the Internet.

During his long career, he had personal consultations with government leaders in Europe, Israel and the Middle East, the Far East, Latin America and Africa. He has also had multiple audiences at the Vatican, including with Pope Francis, and conferred with U.S. Presidents from Ronald Reagan to Barack Obama. A Holocaust survivor, Mr. Foxman has been a member of the President’s United States Holocaust Memorial Council, appointed by Presidents Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Clinton and now Biden.

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For more than thirty years, the Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies at The University of Texas at Dallas has served the students of UT Dallas and the Dallas Metroplex by teaching the history and legacy of the Holocaust both in the classroom and through public events.