

## Personal and Professional News

**Sandra Alfers**, Professor of German and Director of the Ray Wolpov Institute for the Study of the Holocaust, Genocide, and Crimes Against Humanity at Western Washington University, presented her research on early German-language poetry from the concentration camps at Lessons & Legacies in Munich in November 2019. She also presented her project on the implementation of Holocaust memorialization projects in the L2 classroom at the annual meeting of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) in Washington D.C. in November 2019.

**Sara Brown** is now the Executive Director of the Center for Holocaust, Human Rights & Genocide Education at Brookdale Community College in Lincroft, New Jersey.

**Christopher R. Browning**, Frank Porter Graham Professor Emeritus of History at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, was honored and presented his paper, entitled "Ordinary Men Revisited," at Facing Police and the Holocaust: A Generation after Christopher R. Browning's 'Ordinary Men'. This conference took place at Villa ten Hompel, Muenster, October 29-31, 2019. Dr. Browning also gave the keynote address, entitled "The Holocaust in History Revisited," at *Refugees, Genocide and Trials in the 20th Century: A Tribute to Michael R. Marrus*, a symposium that took place at the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute from July 1-2, 2019.

**Amy Carney**, Associate Professor of History at Penn State Behrend, was interviewed about her book, *Marriage and Fatherhood in the Nazi SS* (University of Toronto Press, 2018), for the New Books Network German Studies podcast in October 2019. Hear the podcast here: <https://newbooksnetwork.com/amy-carney-marriage-and-fatherhood-in-the-nazi-ss-toronto-up-2018/>

**Jennifer Cazenave** joined Boston University as Assistant Professor in French and Film and affiliated faculty in the Elie Wiesel Center for Jewish Studies.

**Gabriel Finder**, Professor of German and Ida and Nathan Kolodiz Director of the Jewish Studies Program at the University of Virginia, has been named an Associate Editor of the journal *Holocaust and Genocide Studies*.

**The Fortunoff Video Archive for Holocaust Testimonies** (<http://fortunoff.library.yale.edu/>) at Yale University is making its digital collection available to research institutions and museums, free of charge. After signing a memorandum of agreement with the archive, institutions gain campus-wide access to the collection's nearly 4,500 testimonies of survivors, witnesses, and bystanders. For more information contact archive director Stephen Naron ([stephen.naron@yale.edu](mailto:stephen.naron@yale.edu)).

**Michael Geheran** became Deputy Director at the Center for Holocaust & Genocide Studies, United States Military Academy in September 2019.

**Shirli Gilbert** was recently appointed Professor of Modern Jewish History at University College London. She was also named Academic Director of the newly-formed Sir Martin Gilbert Learning Centre, which aims to bring research-led teaching to public audiences. She was previously Professor of Modern History and Director of the Parkes Institute for Jewish/non-Jewish Relations at the University of Southampton.

**Steve Hochstadt**, Professor Emeritus of History at Illinois College, and **Kevin Ostoyich**, Associate Professor of History at Valparaiso University, are members of the new International Advisory Board of

the Shanghai Jewish Refugees Museum in Shanghai, China. They spoke at the symposium in Shanghai that inaugurated the Board on October 23, 2019.

**Keith Holz** will present a paper on "The expectations of Kokoschka in U.S. museums, collectors and its market" as part of a symposium entitled, "Oskar Kokoschka: New Insights and Perspectives" at the University of Applied Arts, Vienna on February 27, 2020. For more information on the symposium, see [https://www.dieangewandte.at/aktuell/aktuell\\_detail?artikel\\_id=1574843563808](https://www.dieangewandte.at/aktuell/aktuell_detail?artikel_id=1574843563808).

**Susan Jacobowitz**, Associate Professor in English at CUNY – Queensborough Community College, received an ACLS/Mellon Community College Fellowship for 2019-2020. This award will assist Dr. Jacobowitz with a book project about her father entitled *Far From Childhood: A Holocaust Memoir*. This project combines historical research with biography and memoir to explore what happened to the Jewish community in Subcarpathian Ruthenia, her father's experience and her own experience in terms of being second-generation.

**Susan Jacobowitz and Amy Traver**, Associate Professor of Sociology at QCC, are also directing a scholars working group at the Center for Jewish History in Manhattan 2019-2021 focusing on the theme of the Jewish orphan experience. Participants are based around the world -- some are participating virtually -- and the group is interdisciplinary and made up of graduate students through senior scholars. There will be public events as well.

**Steven Katz**, Alvin J. And Shirley Slater Chair in Jewish Holocaust Studies at Boston University, will serve as a Lecturer for March of the Living, Police Chiefs and Deans Group, Krakow, Poland, April 19-23, 2020, as well as the Saul Kagan Fellowship Seminar, Washington, DC. June 21 - 25, 2020. Dr. Katz will also be a Member of the United States delegation to the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance in Berlin, Germany from June 29 - July 2nd, 2020.

**Phyllis Lassner**, Professor Emerita at The Crown Family Center for Jewish and Israel Studies, Gender Studies, and the Writing Program at Northwestern University, was invited to speak at University of Texas, Dallas on the subject of "Remembering the Kindertransport" in November 2019. In September, she delivered a paper on "The Holocaust Haunting of Britain's Memory of World War II" at University of Kent, Canterbury. She has been invited to speak in April 2020 at the Rewriting War and Peace Conference, held at Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.

**Joanna Beata Michlic's** workshop proposal, "Representations of Polish Rescuers of Jews in a Comparative Perspective: Lessons from the Holocaust for Contemporary Europe", was selected to the GEOP workshops summer 2020 program at the Polin Museum in Warsaw with the participation of 15 academics from Poland, USA, Germany and Latvia. Michlic is a Senior Honorary Research Fellow at The University College London's Centre for Collective Violence, Holocaust and Genocide Studies.

**Kevin Simpson**, Professor of Psychology at John Brown University, was recently awarded a Fulbright Specialist Grant in support of an upcoming exhibition at the Museum of Jewish Culture in Bratislava, Slovakia. This follow-up grant will support travel and research for the creation of a public exhibit on football during the Holocaust -- with emphasis on the Slovak fascist era (1938-1944)-- slated to open on 4 June 2020.

**Dorian Stuber**, Isabelle Peregrin Odyssey Associate Professor of English at Hendrix College, gave the keynote address at the Arkansas Holocaust Education conference in Springdale, AR. At the same

conference he also taught an interactive class called "Strangers in their Own Lands: Jewish Self-Awareness in Holocaust Memoirs", which explored critical moments in selected Holocaust memoirs through the lens offered by W. E. B. DuBois's notion of double consciousness. In addition, he presented at the following venues: Panel discussion in honor of Anne Frank's 90th birthday, University of Arkansas – Pulaski Technical College, North Little Rock, June 2019; "Bearing Witness: Holocaust Literature as Education," Arkansas Tech University (April 2019); and "The Holocaust," FBI Diversity Training Session, Little Rock FBI office, Little Rock, AR (April 2019).

**Edward Westermann** was a J.B. and Maurice C. Senior Fellow at the USHMM from January-June 2019. There, he completed his new book manuscript, *Drunk on Genocide: Drinking Rituals, Masculinity and the Intoxication of Mass Murder* (forthcoming with Cornell University Press in association with the USHMM, Mar 2021). He also was nominated by the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Texas and approved by the Texas Senate to serve a two-year term as Commissioner on the Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission. In addition, he gave the Jan L. Tucker Memorial Lecture at the International Assembly of the National Council of Social Studies in Austin, Texas. His talk was entitled, "Reflections of a Holocaust Educator: Language, Meanings, and Actions." He also gave a lecture entitled "Settler Colonialism as a Lens for Discussing Genocide" at *Traversing Landscapes of Violence: Nazi Germany and the Canadian Prairie* sponsored by the USHMM, the University of Winnipeg, and the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg, Canada.