

Personal and Professional News

Lawrence Baron, Emeritus Professor of Jewish History at San Diego State University, presented a paper titled, "From Reportage to Reenactment: Kristallnacht in Film" at the Association for Jewish Studies Conference in San Diego, CA in December 2019. Dr. Baron also gave a lecture titled, "Hollywood and the Holocaust, 1933-1945," at Wofford University in March 2020.

Samantha Baskind, Professor of Art History at Cleveland State University, received a one-year fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities. This fellowship will assist Baskind in finishing her new book, titled *Moses Jacob Ezekiel: The Life of a Confederate, Expatriate, Jewish Sculptor*.

Waitman Beorn joined Northumbria University in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, UK as a Senior Lecturer in History in the Department of Humanities in August 2019. He is also now a member of the Advisory Board for H-Holocaust.

James Bernauer is retiring at the end of June 2020 after 40 years as a professor of Philosophy at Boston College and 12 years as Director of its Center for Christian-Jewish Learning.

Christopher Browning was Visiting Professor at the University of Washington where he taught a course titled, "History of the Holocaust." He also presented conference papers, including: "Ordinary Men Revisited," Facing Police and the Holocaust: A Generation after Christopher Browning's *Ordinary Men*—Perspectives of New Police Perpetrator Research and Holocaust Education, Geschichtsort Villa Ten Hompel, Münster, October 29-31, 2019; and "The Holocaust in History Revisited," Refugees, Genocide and Trials in the 20th Century: A Tribute to Michael R. Marrus, Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, Jerusalem, July 1-2, 2019.

Laura Hobson Faure is now Professor of Modern History and chair of Modern Jewish History at the University Pathéon-Sorbonne.

Sascha Feuchert has received the Hedwig-Burgheim-Medal from the City of Gießen in Germany. The Mayor of Gießen, Dietlind Grabe-Bolz will award the certificate and medal on Friday, August 28, 2020. Prof. Feuchert is being recognized for his extensive work at the Holocaust Literature Center, as Chairman of the Literary Center Gießen (LZG, <https://www.lz-giessen.de>) and as Vice President and Writers-in-Prison Commissioner of the PEN Center Germany (<https://www.pen-deutschland.de>) from 2012 to 2018. The medal remembers the educator Hedwig Burgheim who was murdered in Auschwitz in 1943.

Gabriel Finder, Professor of Jewish Studies at the University of Virginia, received a University of Virginia All-University Teaching Award in April 2020. This award is given for excellence in teaching.

Dorota Glowacka, Director of the Contemporary Studies Program and Professor of Humanities at University of King's College, Canada, was awarded a 2020-2023 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Insight Grant for the project "Memory Activism and Collaborative Practices of Counter-Memorialization."

Jonathan Goldstein is retiring from his role as Professor of History at the University of West Georgia.

Henry Greenspan, Lecturer Emeritus at the University of Michigan, was the keynote speaker at a conference in Stockholm aimed to help plan the first Holocaust museum in Sweden. Both his keynote lecture and a panel in which he appeared, "Museums as Sites of Conversation," were published in

Swedish Government Inquiries (Swedish Government Official Reports SOU 2020:21). Greenspan also has two public readings of a new play, "Death / Play or the Mad Jester of the Warsaw Ghetto." The play is centered on Rubinstein, the trickster who was the best-known individual in the Warsaw Ghetto during the year-plus that he was there.

Larry E. Jones, Professor Emeritus in the Department of History at Canisius College, is currently serving as the Vice President for Education on the Executive Committee of the Holocaust Resource Center of Buffalo, New York.

Bjorn Krondorfer, Director of Martin Springer Institute at Northern Arizona University, together with **Beth Griech-Poelle**, Kurt Mayer Chair of Holocaust Studies at Pacific Lutheran University, have been elected as co-chairs for the "National Higher Education Leadership Consortium of Centers in Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights Studies." This is a network organization for centers at U.S. universities and colleges, whose mission it is to raise awareness, teach, and pursue research on the Holocaust, Human Rights, and Genocide. They are thankful to the outgoing chairs Wendy Lower and Mehnaz Afridi for their leadership in the past three years.

David A. Messenger, HEF Summer Institute Alumnus, has been Chair of the Department of History at the University of South Alabama since Fall 2017. Previously he was at the University of Wyoming.

E. Nicole Meyer, Professor of French and Women's and Gender Studies at Augusta University, has taken on a number of new professional positions. Dr. Meyer is now Vice President of Women in French; Chair of the National Commission of French for Specific Purposes, American Association of Teachers of French; an Invited Member of the National French Standards Task Force, American Association of Teachers of French; and French Editor in Francophone and Comparative Literatures, *Rocky Mountain Review*.

Gabe Moskowitz has accepted a position at Tulane University as Assistant Professor of Jewish Studies and Catherine and Henry J. Gaisman Faculty Fellow, beginning July 2020. Moskowitz is currently a Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Toronto. Also, Moskowitz was honored to deliver the Ray D. Wolfe Postdoctoral Fellow Lecture for the University of Toronto's Anne Tanenbaum Centre for Jewish Studies: "'I Skipped My Adolescence': Memory, Displacement, and Survival in Maurice Sendak's American Child," now available online: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yfkjKctfHvk>

Anna Veronica Pobbe, of the University of Trento, Italy, successfully completed her PhD defense with honors on 5 May 2020. Her dissertation discussed Hans Biebow, the Amtsleiter of Lodz Ghetto, and the exploitation of Jewish goods during World War II. She is currently applying for post-doctoral fellowships in order to continue her research.

Christopher Probst created and taught the inaugural course for the new Holocaust and Genocide Studies emphasis at Maryville University in St. Louis. Dr. Probst also was invited to join the scholars' advisory committee for the Holocaust Museum and Learning Center (<https://hmlc.org/>). Finally, he created a new online course titled The Twentieth Century: Age of Genocide for Washington University in St. Louis, University College.

Avraham Rosen was interviewed by Yaakov Ort about his book *The Holocaust's Jewish Calendars: Keeping Time Sacred, Making Time Holy* (Indiana University Press, 2019). The interview is available at Chabad.org: https://www.chabad.org/news/article_cdo/aid/4571234/jewish/QA-The-Holocausts-Jewish-Calendars-Keeping-Time-Sacred-Making-Time-Holy.htm.

David Shneer, Professor of History at the University of Colorado, Boulder, won the 2020-2021 American Council of Learned Societies Research Grant for a project titled: "Art is My Weapon: Anti-Fascist Music, Yiddish Performance, and Holocaust Memory," about the life and legacy of Dutch Jewish communist cabaret singer Lin Jaldati and her husband Eberhard Rebling.

Therkel Straede, Professor of Contemporary History at the University of Southern Denmark, announces that material has been added to the www.danskejoederitheresienstadt.org website in order to meet the need to support distance-teaching during the current lockdown of high schools, colleges, and universities. The website, established in 2018 with a focus on the topography of memory, contains interactive digital maps of memoirs and life-story video interviews of 50 Danish survivors who were in captivity in the Theresienstadt ghetto 1943-45. Texts are in Danish; a Czech version is in the making in cooperation with the Památník Terezín museum. He would be grateful for funding ideas for English-language translation. On their English-language Instagram profile, @danish.jews.in.theresienstadt, they post ultra-short stories related to Theresienstadt history and memory, and to the progress of the project.

Frances Tanzer was recently appointed the Rose Professor of Holocaust Studies and Jewish Culture at the Strassler Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Clark University.

Nick Underwood accepted a position as an assistant professor of history and the Berger/Neilsen Chair of Judaic Studies at The College of Idaho to begin in Fall 2020.

Lucas F W Wilson, PhD Candidate in Comparative Studies at Florida Atlantic University, received The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi's Dissertation Fellowship; the American Academy for Jewish Research's Graduate Research Funding Travel Award; Michigan State University's Libraries Travel Grant; and University of Minnesota's Elmer L. Andersen Research Scholarship.

Amy Lynn Wlodarski was promoted to the rank of full Professor of Music at Dickinson College.