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Thursday, November 2

Roundtable A: The Shifting Context of Holocaust Studies
4:00-5:45 PM, The Doubletree Hotel Claremont, Mahogany
Cedar Room

Welcoming Remarks: Zev Weiss (Holocaust Educational
Foundation) and John Roth (Claremont McKenna College)

Moderator: Doris Bergen (University of Notre Dame)

Lisa Heineman (University of Iowa)

John-Paul Himka (University of Alberta)

Gerhard Weinberg (University of North Carolina, Chapel
Hill)

Jolanta Zyndul (Warsaw University)

Reception, 6:15-7:00 PM, The Doubletree Hotel Claremont

**Dinner, 7:00 PM, The Doubletree Hotel Claremont,
Sequoia Room**

Remarks: Zev Weiss (Holocaust Educational Foundation)

Introduction of the Keynote Speaker: Christopher Browning
(University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)

Keynote Address: A Plea for an Integrated History of the
Holocaust
Saul Friedländer (UCLA)

The Perspective of Jewish Solidarity in Modern Times: A Major Theme in Yehuda Bauer's Historiography
Dan Michman (Bar-Ilan University/Yad Vashem)

Yehuda Bauer: Scholar-Activist
Carol Rittner (The William Stockton College of New Jersey)

Reflections on the Articulator of Holocaust Studies
David Silberklang (Hebrew University/Yad Vashem)

Coffee Break
10:30-11:00 AM
Bauer Alcove

Panel 4: New Research on Ghettos
11:00 AM-12:45 PM, Founders' Room

Moderator: Martin Dean (U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum)

Contesting and Compromising Ghettoization, Hungary 1944
Tim Cole (University of Bristol, UK)

Preparing an Encyclopedia of Ghettos: Numbers, Types, and Essential Characteristics of Ghettos under German Administration
Martin Dean (U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum)

Jewish Refugees from the Surrounding Communities in the Warsaw and Lodz Ghettos
Rachel Iskov (Clark University)

Ghettos and Forced Labor Camps for Jews in the Kiev District, 1941-43
Alex Prusin (New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology)

Defining the Ghettos: Jewish Perspectives and German Perspectives
David Silberklang (Hebrew University/Yad Vashem)

Panel 5: Gender and Memory
11:00 AM-12:45 PM, Security Pacific Room, The Athenaeum

Moderator: Myrna Goodman (Sonoma State University)

Representing Sexual Violence: Testimonies of Auschwitz-Birkenau
Kirsty Chatwood (University of Edinburgh, UK)

Remembering Physical Hunger *and* Spiritual Hunger
Myrna Goldenberg (The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey)

Superman Fights the Nazis
Lynn Rapaport (Pomona College)

Gender and Body: The Particular Essence of the Female Experience in Auschwitz-Birkenau
Na'ama Shik (Yad Vashem/Tel Aviv University)

Panel 6: The Holocaust, Hollywood, and the Film Industry
11:00 AM-12:45 PM, Pickford Auditorium

Moderator: Stephen Feinstein (University of Minnesota)

Punishing Perpetrators, Resettling Refugees: Hollywood's First Response to Nazi Genocide
Lawrence Baron (San Diego State University)

Anti-Nazism, the Holocaust, and the American Hollywood Studio System, 1933-1945
Steven Carr (Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne)

The Mortal Storm: Hollywood and Its Opponents on the Eve of War
Alexis Pogorelskin (University of Minnesota, Duluth)

Lunch
1:00-2:00 PM
McKenna Auditorium

Workshops: SESSION I
2:15- 3:45 PM

1. Teaching about the Holocaust within the Evolution of the Events of World War II
Bauer Center 23

Facilitators: Edith Shaked (Pima Community College)
Gerhard Weinberg (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)

2. Making Holocaust Education Matter in an Age of Genocide
Bauer Center 34

Facilitators: Elizabeth Baer (Gustavus Adolphus College)
Myrna Goodman (Sonoma State University)
Leo Riegert (Gustavus Adolphus College)

3. Holocaust Centers and Holocaust Education
Bauer Center 24

Facilitators: Deborah Dwork (Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Clark University)
Marilyn Harran (Rodgers Center for Holocaust Education, Chapman University)
John Roth (Center for the Study of Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights, Claremont McKenna College)

4. Using Film in the Classroom
Bauer Center 36

Facilitators: Lawrence Baron (San Diego State University)
Sharon Rivo (Brandeis University)

5. Author Meets Readers/Critics: New Research on Elites and the Nazi Movement
Bauer Center 25

Discussion Leader: Don Schilling (Denison University)

Featured Works:

Hayes, Peter. *From Cooperation to Complicity: Degussa in the Third Reich*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2005.

Herf, Jeffrey. *The Jewish Enemy: Nazi Propaganda during World War II and the Holocaust*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2006.

Petropoulos, Jonathan. *Royals and the Reich: The Princes von Hessen in Nazi Germany*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006.

Steinweis, Alan. *Studying the Jew: Scholarly Antisemitism in Nazi Germany*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2006.

6. Author Meets Teacher: Teaching With Holocaust Memoirs
Bauer Center 35

Discussion Leaders: Beth Aviv (Westchester Holocaust Education Center) and Alan Beyerchen (Ohio State University)

Featured Works:

Klein, Gerda Weissmann. *All But My Life*.

Kluger, Ruth. *Still Alive*.

Levi, Primo. *Survival in Auschwitz*.

Wiesel, Elie. *Night*.

Coffee Break
3:45-4:00 PM
Bauer Alcove

Panel 7: The Holocaust and Comparative Genocide
4:00-5:45 PM, Bauer Forum

Moderator: Robert Melson (Clark University)

The Female Face of Genocide: Postwar Trials, Gender, and Culpability
Sarah Cushman (Clark University)

Bosnia to Darfur: International Responses in Comparative Perspective
Jerry Fowler (U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum/Claremont McKenna College)

“Just like the Jews”: Contending Genocide in the Former Yugoslavia
Paul Miller (McDaniel College)

German Historiography and the Issue of the Singularity of the Holocaust
Claudia Puttfarcken (University of Sussex, UK)

Panel 8: Contingencies of Context in Survivors' Recounting
4:00 PM - 5:45 PM, Pickford Auditorium

Moderator: Henry Greenspan (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor)

Dancing with Survivors

Hank Greenspan (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor)

We're in This Together: The Interview Process, Female Survivors, and the Third Generation

Jaye Houston (Mount Saint Mary's College)

Asking the Right Questions: Kaffeeeklatsch with Holocaust Survivors and Exiles about Life in Vienna and Their Experiences with the Police after 1938

Gregory Weeks (Webster University, Vienna, Austria)

"Encountering the Unexpected"

Laurie Whitcomb-Norden (Washington State University)

Reception and Dinner, 6:00 PM
The Athenaeum, Claremont McKenna College

Greetings: President Pamela B. Gann (Claremont McKenna College)

Honoring the Retirees: John Roth (Claremont McKenna College)

Plenary Evening Program, 7:30 PM
Pickford Auditorium

Introductions: Jonathan Petropoulos (Claremont McKenna College)

Presentations: Lynn Nicholas (Washington, DC), Cruel World: The Uses of Children in the Third Reich; and Pierre Sauvage (Los Angeles), excerpts from a documentary work-in-progress, *And Crown Thy Good: Varian Fry in Marseille*

There will be a pause for refreshments between the two presentations.

Departure to The Doubletree Hotel Claremont, 9:30 PM

Saturday, November 4

Breakfast, 7:15 AM, The Doubletree Hotel Claremont, Sequoia Room

Departures to Claremont McKenna College, 8:00-8:30 AM

Panel 9: Holocaust Biography
8:45-10:30 AM, Pickford Auditorium

Moderator: Irene Kacandes (Dartmouth College)

Spiritual Discourse of Nazi Perpetrators: The Case of Oswald Pohl

Bjorn Krondorfer (St. Mary's College, Maryland)

Raoul Wallenberg in Budapest: Holocaust, Myth, and History
Paul Levine (Uppsala University, Sweden)

Princes and the SS: The Case of SS Gruppenführer Prince zu Waldeck und Pyrmont
Jonathan Petropoulos (Claremont McKenna College)

The "True God": Hitler's Conception of Christ
Richard Steigman-Gall (Kent State University)

Panel 10: Confronting a Troubled Past: Memories of the Holocaust in Poland

8:45-10:30 AM, Bauer Forum

Moderator: Antony Polonsky (Brandeis University)

Polish Catholicism and the Legacy of the Holocaust
Jonathan Huener (University of Vermont)

The "Jewish Problem": Jewish Sites in Poland in the Wake of 1968

Michael Meng (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)

The Holocaust as a Contemporary Polish Problem: Major Public Debates on the Holocaust in Poland since the Fall of Communism

Dariusz Stola (Institute of Political Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences and Collegium Civitas, Warsaw, Poland)

Discussions of the Holocaust during the Anti-Zionist Campaign in Communist Poland, 1967-1968

Anat Plocker (Stanford University)

Panel 11: Suicide During and After the Holocaust

8:45-10:30 AM, Founders' Room

Moderator: Jeffrey Diefendorf (University of New Hampshire)

Suicide and (Auto)biography
Darcy Buerkel (Smith College)

A Sensory Holocaust? Embodied Witnessing in Holocaust Testimonies

Simone Gigliotti (Victoria University, Wellington, New Zealand)

Suicides of German Jews during the Holocaust
Christian Goeschel (Birkbeck College, University of London, UK)

"Suicide, it brings on many changes"

Tim Pytell (California State University, San Bernardino)

Coffee Break

10:30-11:00 AM

Bauer Alcove

Panel 12: New Research on the Catholic Church and the Holocaust

11:00 AM-12:45 PM, Pickford Auditorium

Moderator: Margarete Myers Feinstein (Los Angeles)

Pius XII before He Became Pope: Eugenio Pacelli and the Nazi Movement, 1922-1939

Suzanne Brown-Fleming (U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum)

The Vatican and the Custody of Rescued Jewish Orphans
after the Holocaust
Michael Marrus (University of Toronto)

The Origin of the Vatican Ratline
Michael Phayer (Marquette University)

Brown Priests: The Role of German Catholic Clergy as Nazi
Party Ideologues
Kevin Spicer (Stonehill College)

Panel 13: Philosophy and Literature after the Holocaust
11:00 AM-12:45 PM, Bauer Forum

Moderator: Leonard Grob (Fairleigh Dickinson University)

The Golem Redux: Intertextuality in Contemporary
Holocaust Literature
Elizabeth Baer (Gustavus Adolphus College)

Writing against Silence: The Frictions of the Holocaust
Genre
Berel Lang (Wesleyan University)

Only in the Dark: Seeing through the Gloom
John Roth (Claremont McKenna College)

Suspending Judgment for the Sake of Knowledge:
Agamben's Approach to Auschwitz
Lissa Skitolsky (Luther College)

Panel 14: Post-Holocaust Emotions and Politics
11:00 AM-12:45 PM, Founders' Room

Moderator: Edward Westermann (U.S. Air Force Academy)

Historicizing the Emotions of Holocaust Study
Rachel Baum (University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee)

Statelessness and Citizenship: Jewish Youth and Zionism in
the Aftermath of the Holocaust
Avi Patt (U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum)

A German Career in the 20th Century: Karl Maria Hettlage's
Path from "Aryanization" to Compensation
Susanna Schrafstetter (University of Nebraska, Lincoln)

Lunch

1:00-2:00 PM

McKenna Auditorium

Workshops: Session II
2:15- 3:45 PM

1. Trial Documents and Trial Testimony in Teaching
Bauer Center 23

Facilitators: Hilary Earl (Nipissing University)
Sarah Cushman (Clark University)

2. The Work of the Dachau Museum and Archives on the Persecution of Homosexuals in Germany and Austria
Bauer Center 24

Facilitators: Geoffrey Giles (University of Florida)
Albert Knoll (Dachau Museum and Archives, Germany)

3. Where Was God? Navigating Religious Challenges in the Holocaust Classroom
Bauer Center 33

Facilitators: Rachel Baum (University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee)
John Roth (Claremont McKenna College)

4. Film and the Holocaust: Stereotypes and Role Models
Bauer Center 36

Facilitators: Omer Bartov (Brown University)
Pierre Sauvage (Filmmaker, *Weapons of the Spirit*)

5. Teaching and Research Opportunities with the USC Shoah Foundation Institute for Visual History and Education
Bauer Center 35

Facilitator: Douglas Greenberg (USC Shoah Foundation Institute)

6. Author Meets Readers/Critics: The Holocaust in Jewish Experience and Memory
Bauer Center 25

Discussion Leader: Marvin Swartz (University of Massachusetts)

Featured Works:

Bodemann, Y. Michal. *A Jewish Family in Germany Today: An Intimate Portrait*. Durham: Duke University Press, 2005.

Garbarini, Alexandra. *Numbered Days: Diaries and the Holocaust*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 2006.

Greenspan, Henry and Agi Rubin, with a foreword by John K. Roth. *Reflections: Auschwitz, Memory, and a Life Re-Created*. Paragon, 2006.

7. Author Meets Teacher: Teaching the History of the Holocaust
Bauer Center 34

Discussion Leaders: Uta Larkey (Goucher College) and Susan Crane (University of Arizona)

Featured Works:

Bauer, Yehuda. *Rethinking the Holocaust*.

Bergen, Doris. *War and Genocide: A Concise History of the Holocaust*.

Browning, Christopher. *Ordinary Men*

Coffee Break

3:45-4:15 PM

Bauer Alcove

Roundtable B: Complexities of the Aftermath: Postwar Ramifications of the Holocaust

4:15-6:00 PM, Pickford Auditorium

Moderator: Lynn Rapaport (Pomona College)

Joanna Michlic (The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey)

Jeffrey Olick (University of Virginia)

Jill Stephenson (United Kingdom)

Maud Mandel (Brown University)

Reception and Dinner, 6:30 PM

The Athenaeum, Claremont McKenna College,

Plenary Evening Program, 8:00 PM, Pickford Auditorium

Introductions: John Roth (Claremont McKenna College)

Presentation: Catherine Filloux, John Daggett, and Laura Flanagan (Bennington College and New York)

Departure to The Doubletree Hotel Claremont, 9:30 PM

Sunday, November 5

Breakfast, 7:15 AM, The Doubletree Hotel Claremont, Sequoia Room

Roundtable C: Ethics During and After the Holocaust 8:45-10:30 AM, The Doubletree Hotel Claremont, Sycamore & Maple Rooms

Moderator: John Roth (Claremont McKenna College)

Christopher Browning (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)

Peter Hayes (Northwestern University)

Claudia Koonz (Duke University)

Berel Lang (Trinity College, Connecticut)

John Roth (Claremont McKenna College)

Rebecca Wittmann (University of Toronto)

11:00 AM, Lunch, Closing Remarks, Departures