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**Friday, November 2**

7:00 – 8:30 am

**BREAKFAST**

**MORNING PANELS**

8:30- 10:30

**(Panel 1) Holocaust Survivors' Return Home**

Deborah Dwork (Chair)  
Clark University

Atina Grossman (Commentator)  
Cooper Union, NY

Dienke Hondius  
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam  
“Opening the Doors to  
Survivors' Narratives: How questions and  
interviewer interaction shape interviews  
with survivors of the Shoah about their  
return and reception”

Lukasz Krzyanowski  
University of Warsaw  
“Difficult Way Home: Returning Holocaust  
Survivors and the Recuperation of  
Individual Property in Poland, 1945-1948”

Elizabeth Anthony  
Clark University  
“The First Returnees: Holocaust Survivors  
in Vienna in the Immediate Postwar Period”

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**(Panel 2) Jews in Vichy France and its Colonies**

Lauren Faulkner (Chair)  
University of Notre Dame

Michael Marrus  
University of Toronto  
“The End of the Line: French Courts and

Ludivine Broch  
Birkbeck College, University College  
London  
“Trains and the Holocaust: Divided

Daniel Lee  
Brasenose College, University of Oxford  
“The Experiences of Tunisian Jewish  
Women during the Second World War”

8:30-10:30

**(Panel 3) Remembering Ravensbrück:  
Nazi Terminology and Postwar  
Narrations**

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Brad Prager (Chair)  
University of Missouri

Andrea Genest  
Sandbostel Memorial  
“Polish Women in Ravensbrück - Who tells  
the story?”

Sabine Kittel  
Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster  
“Ravensbrück Survivors in the United  
States as Holocaust Survivors:  
Concentration Camp Experience and  
Survival in Narrative Interviews”

Na'ama Shik  
Yad Vashem and Tel Aviv University  
“Changing the ‘Role-play:’ Women arriving  
from Auschwitz-Birkenau in Ravensbrück in  
January 1945”

Anna Hájková  
University of Toronto  
“‘I was deported as a Political:’ Czech  
Gentile and Jewish Women Resistance  
Fighters and Their Lives Between  
Ravensbrück and the Long Postwar”

**(Panel 4) Postwar Relief and  
Rehabilitation Films, and Docudramas**

Geoffrey Giles (Chair)  
University of Florida

Marek Haltof  
Northern Michigan University  
“Borrowed Images: The Transatlantic  
Migration of Early Holocaust Cinema”

Lawrence Baron  
San Diego State University  
“Raising Awareness by Fundraising: The  
Holocaust in American Jewish DP  
Docudramas”

Steven Alan Carr  
Indiana/Purdue University, Fort Wayne  
“‘To Encompass the Unseeable:’ The Last  
Stage and Auschwitz in Cold War America”

Elke Heckner  
University of California, Berkeley  
“Claiming Holocaust History: Long is the  
Road (1947) and the Jewish DP Crisis”

10:30-10:45

**COFFEE BREAK**

10:45-12:45

**(Panel 5) Postwar Justice: New Perspectives on the Prosecution of Holocaust Perpetrators and the Creation of International Law**

Hilary Earl (Chair)  
Nipissing University

Benjamin Frommer  
Northwestern University  
“The Jewish Department of the Prague Police: What its Czech Directors Did During the War, and How They Escaped Justice Afterwards”

Kevin Jon Heller  
Melbourne Law School  
“Beyond the Nexus: Crimes Against Humanity at the Nuremberg Military Tribunals”

Devin Pendas  
Boston College  
“Civilization and Genocide: The Holocaust and the Efforts to Criminalize Mass Violence after WWII”

10:45-12:45

**(Panel 6) Patterns of Persecution and Survival in Eastern Europe**

Omer Bartov (Chair)

Martin C. Dean  
Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies,  
USHMM  
“Patterns of Persecution and Jewish Survival in the Forced Labor Camps for Jews in the Warthegau, 1941-1943”

Kiril Feferman  
Russian Holocaust Center (Moscow)  
“Jewish Survival in Eastern Poland and “Core” Soviet Ukraine and Belorussia”

John-Paul Himka  
University of Alberta  
“Former Ukrainian Policemen in the Ukrainian Insurgent Army: Continuing the Holocaust Outside German Service”

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**(Panel 7) Survivors and their Descendants: Transmission of Memory and Trauma**

Matthew Girson (Chair)  
DePaul University

Donna Bentolila  
Psychoanalyst, SEFIPP, Boca Raton  
“The Silent Language of Trauma or How to  
Give Words to the Unspeakable”

Judith Kaplan-Weinger  
Northeastern Illinois University  
and Yonit Hoffman, Independent Scholar  
“Exploring Intergenerational Transmission  
of Resilience and Identity in the Narratives  
of Holocaust Survivors and their  
Descendants”

Karen Frostig  
Lesley University  
“Clinical Intersections: Activist Art,  
National Socialism and Holocaust  
Education”

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Doris Bergen, University of Toronto  
Alon Confino, University of Virginia  
Gavriel Rosenfeld, Fairfield University  
Amos Goldberg, Hebrew University

### **WORKSHOPS**

#### **Placing the Holocaust: Researching Geographies of the Holocaust (Part 1)**

Tim Cole, University of Bristol  
Alberto Giordano, Texas State University  
Erik Steiner, Stanford University  
Waitman Beorn, University of Nebraska-  
Omaha  
Simone Gigliotti, Victoria University, New  
Zealand  
Anna Holian, Arizona State University  
Paul Jaskot, DePaul University  
Jamie Wraight, Voices/Visions Archive

12:45- 2:00

### **LUNCH**

2:00-3:30

### **ROUNDTABLE**

*New Cultural Approaches to the  
Holocaust*  
Don Schilling (Chair), Denison University

#### **Holocaust Teaching –Sample Classroom Approaches**

Stephen Gaies, University of Northern Iowa,



3:45-5:45

**(Panel 9) Reframing Testimony:**

Paul Vincent (Chair)  
Keene State College

Juergen Matthaus (Commentator)  
Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies,  
USHMM

Alexandra Garbarini  
Williams College  
“Testimonial Strategies before the Shoah”

Henry Greenspan  
University of Michigan  
“Breaking the Frame: A New Look at  
Mutability and Contingency in Survivors’  
Retelling”

Ethel Brooks  
Rutgers University  
“The Retold, the Remembered, and the  
Imagined: The Limits and Possibilities of  
Visual Archives”

3:45-5:45

**(Panel 10) Ashes and Human Remains  
During and After the Holocaust**

John Delaney (Chair)  
Kutztown University

Karel Berkhoff  
NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust and  
Genocide Studies  
“The Dispersal and Oblivion of the Ashes of  
Babi Yar”

Jean-Marc Dreyfus  
University of Manchester  
“Saintly Remains? The Transfer of Ashes  
after the Holocaust”

Robert Jan van Pelt  
University of Waterloo  
“The Use of Ashes in Majdanek and  
Auschwitz: Myth and Reality”

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**(Panel 11) Literary Memory of the  
Holocaust**

Sandor Goodhart (Chair)  
Purdue University

Mia Spiro  
Northwestern University  
“Raising the Undead in American  
Holocaust Fiction: Ghosts, Golems and  
Traumatic Memory”