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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”

Łukasz Krzyzanowski  
University of Warsaw  

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

8:30-10:30

**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”

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**Panel 3**  
**Remembering Ravensbrück: Nazi Terminology and Postwar Narrations**
Brad Prager (Chair)  
University of Missouri

Andrea Genest  
Sandhof 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"

8:30-10:30  

(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”

Kirill 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”

10:45-12:45  (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”

12:45- 2:00

2:00-3:30

LUNCH

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ROUNDTABLE

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

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

2:00-3:30

Holocaust Teaching –Sample Classroom Approaches

Stephen Gaies, University of Northern Iowa,
(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”

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”

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

John Delaney (Chair)
Kutztown University

(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”