

Lessons and Legacies XIII

**The Holocaust after 70 Years:
New Perspectives on Persecution,
Resistance, and Survival**

October 30–November 2, 2014

*Florida Atlantic University
Boca Raton*

Presented by



Holocaust Educational Foundation
of Northwestern University

Founded by Theodore Zev and Alice R. Weiss

Thursday, October 30

4–6 p.m.

Plenary

PLENARY 1

**“New Directions in Holocaust Studies:
The Next Generation”**

Doris Bergen, University of Toronto,
chair

Natalie Belsky, University of Chicago

Danielle Christmas, University of Illinois
at Chicago

Tomasz Frydel, University of Toronto

Golan Moskowitz, Brandeis University

Liz Strauss, Mount St. Mary's University

7 p.m.

**Dinner and
Keynote Address**

**“Jewish Religious Thought through
the Holocaust: Between History and
Metahistory”**

Gershon Greenberg, American University
and Hebrew University of Jerusalem

*Hosted by Florida Atlantic University at
the Live Oak Pavilion. Transportation from
the Wyndham provided.*

Friday, October 31

8:30–10:30 a.m.

Panel Discussions

PANEL 1

“Language in the Holocaust and the Language of Holocaust Scholarship: Writing Histories of the Nazi Genocide of European Jewry beyond the ‘Linguistic Turn’”

Geoffrey Giles, University of Florida, Gainesville, chair

Edward B. Westermann, Texas A & M University–San Antonio, “Forever in the Shadow of the Holocaust? Evaluating Future Implications of Genocide Studies”

Miriam Ruerup, Institute for the History of the German Jews, “Whose Heritage? Early Postwar German-Jewish History as Remigrants’ History: The Case of Hamburg”

Dan Michman, Yad Vashem and Bar-Ilan University, “What Is the Core–The ‘Final Solution’ or ‘Entfernung der Juden überhaupt’? ‘The Holocaust’ as a Tightly Defined or Open Event and Some Weaknesses of Mainstream Historiography”

Thomas Pegelow Kaplan, Davidson College, “Language and Systematic Mass Murder: Post–‘Linguistic Turn’ Reflections on the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide”

PANEL 2

“Jewish Survival Strategies in Rural Poland, 1942–45”

Jan Grabowski, University of Ottawa, chair/commentator

Barbara Engelking, Polish Center for Holocaust Research and Polish Academy of Sciences, “Jewish Partisans in the Bielsk Podlaski Area”

Dariusz Libionka, Majdanek State Museum and Polish Academy of Sciences, “Polish Underground and the Jews in the Miechow Area, 1942–45”

Alina Skibinska, US Holocaust Memorial Museum and Polish Center for Holocaust Research, “Different Kinds of Help and Jewish Strategies of Survival in Biłgoraj County, 1942–44”

Jean-Charles Szurek, Institut des Sciences sociales du Politique (ISP), CNRS, and Université Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense, “The Portrait of Survivors: The Case of Lukow County”

PANEL 3

“Popular Opinion and the European Jews during the Second World War”

Tatjana Lichtenstein, University of Texas at Austin, chair/commentator

Paul Corner, University of Siena, “Popular Opinion in Italy in the Face of the Racial Laws, 1938–45”

Hana Kubátová, Charles University, “Denunciations of ‘Ordinary Citizens’: Shaping Popular Opinion in Slovakia, 1938–45”

Jan Láníček, University of New South Wales, “Popular Opinion in the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia and the Jews, 1939–45”

PANEL 4

“Perpetrator, Victim, Bystander, and Survivor: In Their Own Words through Diary and Testimony”

Alan Rosen, Jerusalem, Israel, chair/commentator

Amy Simon, Indiana University, “‘We Have Struck the Enemy a Hard Blow’: Ghetto Diarists’ Perceptions of Allied Rescue”

Rachel Feldhay Brenner, University of Wisconsin–Madison, “The Ethics of Witnessing the Holocaust: Polish Diaries from Occupied Warsaw, 1939–45”

Uta Larkey, Goucher College, “Collecting Memory: Early Post-WWII Testimonies in Jewish DP Camps in the US Zone”

Waitman Beorn, University of Nebraska at Omaha, “‘Hostile Witnesses’: Are German Postwar Judicial Statements ‘Testimony?’”

Friday, October 31

10:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

12:30–2 p.m.

Panel Discussions

PANEL 5

“Culture and Memory: Music, Painting, Poetry”

Anna Holian, Arizona State University,
chair

Catherine Greer, University of Tennessee
at Knoxville, “*Brundibár* and Spiritual
Resistance: Redeeming the Past through
Consoling Stories”

Perla Sneh, Universidad Nacional de Tres
de Febrero Center for Genocide Studies,
“Yiddish, Umbadingt Yiddish ... —Words
in Combat”

Christian Fuhrmeister, Zentralinstitut
für Kunstgeschichte, “Forced Sale,
Emigration, and Forced Complicity:
Jewish Art Experts and Dealers in
Germany and Occupied Europe,
1933–44”

PANEL 6

“In the Wake of the Holocaust: Hostilities and Violence towards the Survivors in Europe”

Jan Tomasz Gross, Princeton University,
chair/commentator

Lukasz Krzyzanowski, University
of Warsaw, “An Uncertain Reality:
Anti-Jewish Violence in the Polish
Town of Radom Immediately after
the Holocaust”

Jean-Marc Dreyfus, University of
Manchester, “Restitution and Prejudice:
Antisemitism in France in 1945”

Kierra Crago-Schneider, Conference on
Jewish Material Claims against Germany,
“Continued Violence: Jewish Responses
to Antisemitism in Postwar Germany”

PANEL 7

“Beyond the Racial State”

Lauren Faulkner Rossi, University of
Notre Dame, chair

Richard F. Wetzell, German Historical
Institute Washington, DC, “Eugenics and
‘Racial Science’ under the Nazi Regime:
A Critique of the ‘Racial State’ Paradigm”

Devin Pendas, Boston College, “Racial
States in Comparative Perspective”

Mark Roseman, Indiana University,
“Jews, Race, and Volk in Nazi Germany”

PANEL 8

“The International Tracing Service Digital Collections: First Research Results”

Rebecca Boehling, International Tracing
Service and University of Maryland,
Baltimore County, chair/commentator

Suzanne Brown-Fleming, US Holocaust
Memorial Museum, “Imagining the
Refugee in ITS”

Christine Schmidt, Wiener Library for
the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide,
“Women behind Barbed Wire: Hungarian
Jewish Women Slave Laborers in the
Nazi Camps”

Elizabeth Anthony, US Holocaust
Memorial Museum, “Representations of
Sexual Violence in ITS Documentation”

Lunch

1:30–1:55 p.m.

Special Presentation

“The Challenge of Replacing the Irreplaceable—National Jewish Theater Foundation Holocaust Theater International Initiative”

Arnold Mittelman, NJTF president, leader

2–3:45 p.m.

Panel Discussions

PANEL 9

“Definitions of Defiance: New Research on Resistance in the Camps and Ghettos”

David Meier, Dickinson State University, chair

Svenja Bethke, Institute for the History of the German Jews, “‘Resistance’ as a Criminal Offense in the Ghetto? Definitions of ‘Crime’ as Formulated by the Jewish Councils in Lodz and Vilna”

Martin Dean, US Holocaust Memorial Museum, “Strategies of Jewish Survival in Ghettos and Forced Labor Camps”

Avinoam Patt, University of Hartford, “‘Three Lines in History’: Writing about Resistance in the Immediate Aftermath of the Holocaust”

PANEL 10

“Gendering Survival Strategies: Jewish Women during and after the Holocaust”

Dalia Ofer, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, chair/commentator

Natalia Aleksion, Touro College, “Gender and Hidden Jews in Eastern Galicia”

Eliyana Adler, Pennsylvania State University, “The Widow and the Orphan among You: Female-Led Families among Polish Jews in the USSR during WWII”

Robin Judd, Ohio State University, “‘Those Other Girls’: European Jewish War Brides and Displaced Persons, 1945–50”

PANEL 11

“Moral Implications and Moral Claims in Postwar US Responses to the Holocaust”

Sander Lee, Keene State College, chair/commentator

Jonathan Wiesen, Southern Illinois University, “‘Two Wrongs Don’t Make a Right’: The Holocaust and Jim Crow in the African-American Press”

Brian Crim, Lynchburg College, “Conscientious Objectors: The State Department’s Opposition to Operation Paperclip”

Simone Gigliotti, Victoria University of Wellington, “Home-Seeking: Cinematic Geographies of Displacement in Meyer Levin’s *The Illegals*”

PANEL 12

“Traversing the Gray Zone: Perpetration and Victimization in Holocaust Literature and Film”

Alan Berger, Florida Atlantic University, chair/commentator

Gary Weissman, University of Cincinnati, “Binary Thinking in the Gray Zone of Moral Judgment”

Jonathan Druker, Illinois State University, “Complicity and Insight in Borowski’s *This Way for the Gas*”

Erin McGlothlin, Washington University in St. Louis, “Medical Ethics and the Jewish Doctor in Tim Blake Nelson’s *The Grey Zone* (2001)”

Friday, October 31

4–6 p.m.

Plenary

PLENARY 2

**“The Impact of Feminism and Gender
Studies on Holocaust Studies”**

Wendy Lower, Claremont McKenna
College, chair

Federica Clementi, University of
South Carolina

Dorota Glowacka, University of King’s
College

Atina Grossmann, Cooper Union

Bjorn Krondorfer, Northern Arizona
University

John Roth, Claremont McKenna College

7:30 p.m.

Dinner and Awards Ceremony

Saturday, November 1

8:30–10:15 a.m.

Panel Discussions

PANEL 13

“Haunted Pasts: Mediating Women’s Memories of the Holocaust in Music, Film, and Poetry”

Jeffrey Diefendorf, University of New Hampshire, chair

Phyllis Lassner, Northwestern University, commentator

Amy Wlodarski, Dickinson College, “Situating the Off-Stage Self: Chaya Czernowin’s *Prima...ins Innere*”

Brad Prager, University of Missouri, “Filmed Testimony at the Crime Scene: On Seeing *Kitty: Return to Auschwitz*”

Sandra Alfers, Western Washington University, “Poetry as Testimony, Testimony as Poetry? Else Dormitzer’s *Theresienstädter Bilder* (1945)”

PANEL 14

“A Misplaced History of Emotion? The Kindertransport in History, Commemoration, and Literature”

Atina Grossmann, Cooper Union, chair

Rose Holmes, University of Sussex, “Appropriating Group Memory: Voluntarism and the Kindertransport”

Elizabeth Heineman, University of Iowa, “On Losing Your Children Twice: Surviving Parents and Kindertransport Children”

Andrea Hammel, Aberystwyth University, “The Kindertransport in Fiction: Accessible Experience of Trauma and Emotion?”

PANEL 15

“Jewish Honor Courts in Postwar Europe”

Steven T. Katz, Boston University, chair

Gabriel Finder, University of Virginia, “‘Not All Jewish Councils Are Cut from the Same Cloth’: Jewish Council Members Stand Trial in the Jewish Honor Court in Postwar Poland, 1946–50”

Laura Jockusch, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, “Rehabilitating the Past? Nazi Collaborators’ Trials at the Berlin Jewish Honor Court, 1945–51”

Ido de Haan, Utrecht University, “An Unresolved Controversy: The Jewish Honor Court in the Netherlands, 1946–50”

PANEL 16

“Responding to Social Exclusion: German Jews, 1933–45”

Wendy Lower, Claremont McKenna College, chair

Dana Smith, Queen Mary University of London, “Cultural Reactions: The Jewish Kulturbund in Bavaria, 1934–38”

Maximilian Strnad, University of Munich, “The Jewish Stigma: Inter marriage and Family Life in Nazi Germany”

Susanna Schrafstetter, University of Vermont, “Flight Underground: Jews in Hiding in Munich and Upper Bavaria”

Saturday, November 1

10:30 a.m.–noon

Workshops

WORKSHOP 1

“To Look Away: Holocaust Photography in Research, Teaching, and Public Discourse”

Valerie Hébert, Lakehead University
Orillia, “Regarding Atrocity: Ethical and Methodological Dilemmas in Holocaust Photography”

Hilary Earl, Nipissing University,
“The Trophies of Babi Yar: Clandestine Photographs of Murder on the Eastern Front and What That Tells Us about the Perpetrators of Genocide”

Tanja Kinzel, Freie Universität Berlin,
“Photographic Discoveries—The Different Perspectives of Photographers in the Lodz Ghetto”

WORKSHOP 2

“Teaching the Holocaust Digitally: A Source-Study Approach”

Emil Kerenji and Leah Wolfson, US
Holocaust Memorial Museum Mandel
Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies

12–1:30 p.m.

Lunch

WORKSHOP 3

“Transmitting Knowledge of the Holocaust in the Classroom and Memoir Writing by the Second Generation”

Sylvia Flescher, Mount Sinai Medical
Center, coconvener

Leslie Morris, University of Minnesota,
coconvener

Kevin Simpson, John Brown University,
coconvener

Alan Berger, Florida Atlantic University,
cofacilitator

Judith Greenberg, New York University
Gallatin School of Individualized Study,
cofacilitator

Joan Liebermann, George Washington
University Medical Center, cofacilitator

WORKSHOP 4

“On McGill’s Living Testimonies Project: An Audiovisual Retrospective on the Successes and Failures of a Small Archive of Survivor Narratives”

Mark Olyan, McGill University

Noah Shenker, Monash University

1:30–3:30 p.m.

Panel Discussions

PANEL 17

“Beyond Neighbors: Microhistories of Violence in Hitler’s Europe”

Thomas Kühne, Clark University, chair

Jeff Wallen, Hampshire College,
“Towards a Microhistory of
Christianstadt”

Mirna Zakic, Ohio University,
“The Holocaust in the Serbian Banat:
A Microhistory”

Ari Joskowicz, Vanderbilt University,
“Archives of Parallel Suffering: Jews and
Roma in Labor Camp Belzec”

Sura Levine, Hampshire College, “Unlike
Any Other Night: The Attack on the 20th
Convoy and Resistance in Belgium”

PANEL 18

“Spain and the Holocaust: Bystander or Savior?”

Gina Herrmann, University of Oregon,
cochair

Alejandro Baer, University of Minnesota
Center for Holocaust and Genocide
Studies, cochair, “Spanish Diplomats
during the Holocaust: Facts, Myths, and
Memory Politics”

Marta Simó, Universidad Autónoma de
Barcelona, “The Spanish Blue Division:
A Connection to the Holocaust”

Patrick Bernhard, Trinity College,
“Origins of a Fascist Interpol”

Pedro Correa, London School of
Economics, “Franco, Savior of the Jews?
Tracing the Genealogy of the Myth
and Assessing Its Persistence in Recent
Historiography”

PANEL 19

“New Cultural Approaches to the Holocaust”

Richard Steigmann-Gall, Kent State
University, chair/commentator

Alon Confino, University of Virginia,
“A World with and without Jews:
Reflections on the History and Memory
of the Holocaust”

Jonathan Petropoulos, Claremont
McKenna College, “Culture and
Barbarism among the Modernists:
‘Solicitations of Authoritarian Rule
and Cruelty’ or ‘Mere Opportunism?’”

Gavriel Rosenfeld, Fairfield University,
“Probing the Limits of Speculation:
Counterfactualism and the Holocaust”

PANEL 20

“Nuns, Nannies, and Relief Workers: The Rescue of Jewish Children in East Central Europe”

Jacques Kornberg, University of Toronto,
chair/commentator

Joanna Sliwa, Clark University, “I kindly
report that during the German occu-
pation, the nuns had sheltered Jewish
girls’—The Rescue of Jewish Children in
Krakow’s Convents”

Jennifer Marlow, Michigan State
University, “The Hardest Decisions:
Sending Children from the Ghettos
with Their Prewar Caregivers”

Laura Brade, University of North
Carolina at Chapel Hill, “Give Them
‘Visas Not Chocolate’: The Emigration
of Jewish Children from the Bohemian
Lands, 1938–39”

Saturday, November 1

3:45–5:15 p.m.

Special Sessions

**SPECIAL SESSION 1—
BOOK DISCUSSION**

**“Authors/Editors Meet Critics:
Geographies of the Holocaust:
Place, Space, Digital Humanities,
and the Holocaust”**

Tim Cole, Bristol University, chair

Anne Kelly Knowles, Middlebury
College

Alberto Giordano, Texas State University

Christopher Browning, University
of North Carolina at Chapel Hill,
commentator

Debórah Dwork, Clark University,
commentator

Wolf Gruner, University of Southern
California, commentator

**SPECIAL SESSION 2—
BOOK DISCUSSION:**

**“Bringing the Dark Past to Light:
The Reception of the Holocaust
in Postcommunist Europe”**

Omer Bartov, Brown University, chair/
commentator

Joanna Michlic, Bristol University and
Brandeis University

Vladimir Solonari, University of Central
Florida

John-Paul Himka, University of Alberta

7 p.m.

**Dinner and
Keynote Address**

**“Jewish Refugees in Portugal:
Voices of Exasperation”**

Marion Kaplan, New York University

Sunday, November 2

8:30–10:15 a.m.

Panel Discussions

PANEL 21

“Rethinking Collaboration and Perpetration”

David Cesarani, Royal Holloway, University of London, chair

Richard Lutjens, Loyola University Maryland, “The Role of ‘Ordinary’ Criminals in the Persecution of German Jews, 1933–45”

Lissa Skitolsky, Susquehanna University, “At What Cost Survival? The Problem of the Prisoner-Functionary”

Stefan Ionescu, Chapman University, “The Profiteers of the Romanianization of Real Estate in World War II Bucharest, 1941–44”

PANEL 22

“Hiding: New Research on Locations, Networks, and Narratives”

Dawn Skorczewski, Brandeis University, chair

Pim Griffioen, Claims Conference, “Jewish Coping Strategies and Hiding in the Netherlands, 1940–45”

Dienke Hondius, VU University Amsterdam and Anne Frank House, “Going into Hiding and Returning from Hiding: Mapping Hiding Histories”

Bettine Siertsema, VU University Amsterdam, “Hiding in Literary Narratives”

PANEL 23

“Zionism, Anti-Zionism, and Antisemitism in the Middle East during and after the Holocaust”

Patricia Kollander, Florida Atlantic University, chair

Francis R. Nicosia, University of Vermont, “Opposition and Indifference: Zionism and Arab Nationalism in Nazi Policy, 1939–44”

Norman J. W. Goda, University of Florida, “The British, the Arabs, and the Jews in the Wake of the Holocaust: Memory and Geopolitics, 1946”

Jeffrey Herf, University of Maryland, “Undeclared War with Israel: Communist East Germany and the West German Radical Left during the Cold War”

Special Session

SPECIAL SESSION 4—SEMINAR

“Difficult Topics in Holocaust History”

Papers for discussion will be circulated in advance.

Dagmar Herzog, City University of New York, chair

Lutz Kaelber, University of Vermont, “Jewish Children as Victims of ‘Euthanasia’ in Nazi Germany”

Alexandra Lohse, US Holocaust Memorial Museum, “Contemplating the Enemy Without and Within: Germans, Jews, and Others in 1943”

Anna Hájková, University of Warwick, “Sexual Barter in Times of Genocide: Negotiating the Sexual Economy of the Theresienstadt Ghetto”

Debórah Dwork, Clark University, discussant

Marion Kaplan, New York University, discussant

Barry Trachtenberg, SUNY University at Albany, discussant



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