



THE 48TH
**ANNUAL SCHOLARS'
CONFERENCE**

ON THE HOLOCAUST AND THE CHURCHES

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**“Critical Moments in the History
and Memory of the Holocaust”**

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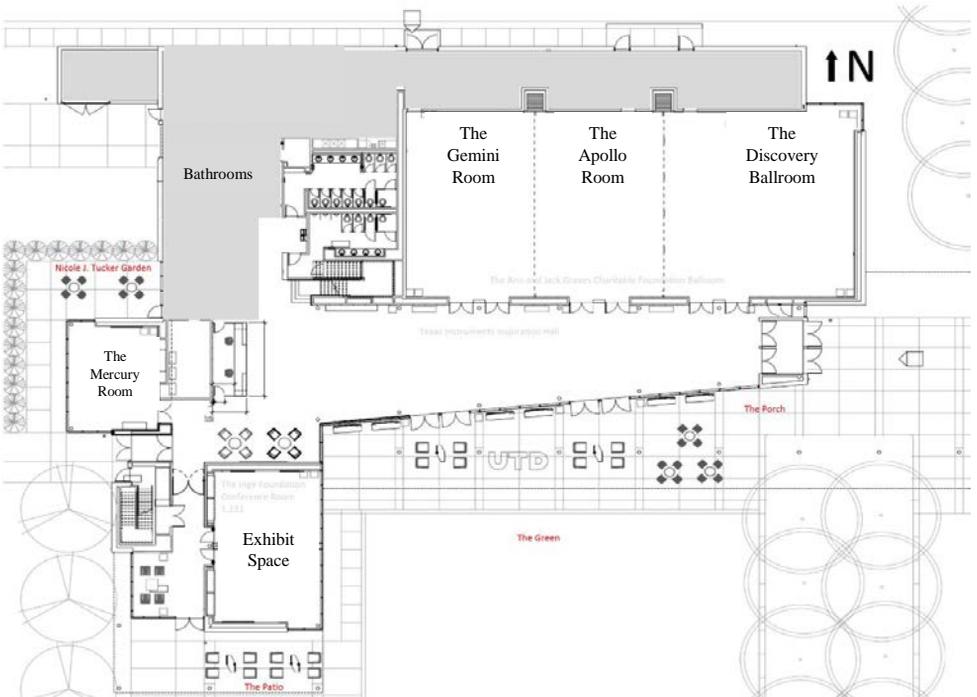
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About the Ackerman Center

The Ackerman Center is a distinguished and unique academic center, providing an in-depth view of the Holocaust within a dedicated facility. Our three endowed professors and one assistant professor offer a unique multi-faceted learning environment for our students.

- Dr. Nils Roemer, Director of the Ackerman Center and Stan and Barbara Rabin Professor of Holocaust Studies
- Dr. Zsuzsanna Ozsváth, Founder of the Holocaust Studies Program and Leah and Paul Lewis Chair in Holocaust Studies
- Dr. David Patterson, Hillel A. Feinberg Chair in Holocaust Studies
- Dr. Debra Pfister, Research Assistant Professor in Holocaust Studies

Highlights of the Ackerman Center and its programs

- Outstanding faculty and staff
- Graduate and undergraduate courses
- Graduate student fellowships and scholarships
- Certificate in Holocaust Studies
- Arnold A. Jaffe Library Collection
- Annual Burton C. Einspruch Holocaust Lecture Series
- Public lectures, film screenings, teachers' workshops, and other events

About The University of Texas at Dallas

Founded in 1969, The University of Texas at Dallas (UT Dallas) began as a modest collection of research stations in a North Texas cotton field. Today, UT Dallas' footprint is vastly different, serving the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex and the State of Texas as a global leader in innovative, high quality research and education. Its mission is to 1) produce engaged graduates who are well-prepared for life, work, and leadership; 2) advance excellent educational and research programs in the natural and social sciences, engineering and technology, business, and arts and humanities; and 3) transform ideas into actions that benefit the economic, social, and cultural lives of the people of Texas.

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About the Conference

The Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies is proud that The University of Texas at Dallas is the new permanent home of The Annual Scholars' Conference.

Founded in 1970 by Franklin H. Littell and Hubert G. Locke, the Annual Scholars' Conference addresses the historical significance of the Holocaust through scholarship that is interfaith, international, and interdisciplinary. The ASC provides an invaluable forum for scholars to discuss and advance Holocaust research, ensuring the valuable lessons of the Holocaust remain relevant for today's world.

Topic Tracks

This year's Annual Scholars' Conference will feature three tracks:

The Holocaust: History and Pedagogy

Faith, Memory, and Responsibility

Philosophy and Aesthetics

The track will be indicated in the program next to the name of each panel.

From the Conference Chair



Dr. David Patterson

Conference Chair, 2018 Annual Scholars' Conference
Hillel A. Feinberg Chair in Holocaust Studies
The University of Texas at Dallas

On behalf of the Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies and The University of Texas at Dallas, I am humbled to welcome dedicated scholars and attendees from around the world to the 48th Annual Scholars' Conference on the Holocaust and the Churches. Far more than an indulgence in academic curiosity, your presence at this conference is a response to a summons. It is a saying of "Here I am" to the outcry that rises up from an ashen earth and that descends from a darkened sky. I am grateful to each of you for the courage and the acumen that you bring to this gathering. Bearing the witness we are summoned to bear is not easy, but it is most necessary, not only to the memory of the murdered but also for the future of the yet to be born. May your short time here be a time of learning, testimony, and friendship.

The 48th Annual Scholars' Conference on the Holocaust and the Churches

Executive Conference Committee

Dr. David Patterson

Chairman of the 2018 Annual Scholars' Conference
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Past Venues

Prior to finding a permanent home at The University of Texas at Dallas, the Annual Scholars' Conference on the Holocaust and the Churches had moved to different geographic locations with local institutional sponsorship. Below is a list of the past venues that have sponsored the Annual Scholars' Conference.

1970		Wayne State University (Detroit, MI)
1971		National Conference of Christians and Jews (NCCJ) (New York City)
1972		NCCJ (San Jose, CA)
1973-80		NCCJ (New York City)
1981-84		University of Washington (Seattle, WA)
1985		Anne Frank Institute/Temple University (Philadelphia, PA)
1986		Chicago Theological Seminary (Evanston, IL)
1987-88		U. S. Holocaust Memorial Council (Washington, DC)
1989		Anne Frank Institute (Philadelphia, PA)
1990		Vanderbilt University (Nashville, TN)
1991		Stockton University (Galloway, NJ)
1992		The University of Washington (Seattle, WA)
1993		The University of Tulsa (Tulsa, OK)
1994		Rider University (Lawrenceville, NJ) Humboldt University (Berlin, Germany)
1995		Brigham Young University (Provo, UT)
1996		University of St. Thomas (St. Paul, MN)
1997		University of South Florida (Tampa, FL)
1998		University of Washington (Seattle, WA)
1999		Nassau Community College (New York, NY)
2000-01		Saint Joseph's University (Philadelphia, PA)
2002		Kean University (Union, NJ)
2003		Saint Joseph's University (Philadelphia, PA)
2004		Eckhart College (St. Petersburg, FL)
2005		Saint Joseph's University (Philadelphia, PA)
2006-07		Case Western Reserve University (Cincinnati, OH)
2008		Keene State College (Keene, NH)
2009		Stockton University (Galloway, NJ)
2010		Saint Joseph's University (Philadelphia, PA)
2011-12		Monroe College (Rochester, NY)
2013-14		American Jewish University (Los Angeles, CA)
2015-17		Temple University (Philadelphia, PA)

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The 48th Annual Scholars' Conference on the Holocaust and the Churches

Agenda at a Glance

Saturday, March 3, 2018

Check-in and registration will open from 6:30pm – 7:30pm

7:30pm – 9:00pm | Opening Dinner for Registered and Invited Guests

Sunday, March 4, 2018

Check-in and registration will open at 8am and be available throughout the Conference

9:00am – 9:30am | Welcome

9:30am – 10:15am | Translating the Holocaust: Paul Celan's "Death Fugue"

10:30am – 11:30am | Session #1
"The Burden of the Past: Ethical and Educational Perspectives"
"On the Eve of Disaster"
"The Triumph of Totality"

11:45am – 1:15pm | Lunch with Speaker
Dr. Shimon Samuels, Simon Wiesenthal Center, Paris

1:30pm – 3:00pm | Session #2
"Revisiting the Camps"
"The Ethical Dilemmas of the Holocaust"

3:15pm – 4:15pm | Session #3
"Inheriting Memory"
"German Churches and the Third Reich"
"Teaching the Holocaust I"

4:30pm – 6:00pm | Session #4
"Perpetrators and Collaborators"
"The Catholic Role and Responsibility"

6:15pm – 7:30pm | Dinner

7:30pm – 9:00pm | Public Lecture featuring Dr. Irene Hasenberg Butter

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Monday, March 5, 2018

- 7:45am – 8:45am | Midrash Group
- 9:00am – 10:00am | Welcome
Digital Studies of Deportations
- 10:15am – 11:45am | Session #5
“Resistance and Liberation”
“Rescue and Salvation”
- 12:00pm – 1:15pm | Lunch with Speaker
Dr. Zsuzsanna Ozsváth, The University of Texas at Dallas
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“Drawing With Ashes”
“The Holocaust and Visual Arts”
- 3:15pm – 4:45pm | Session #7
“Atrocity on Trial”
“Remembering the Holocaust”
- 5:00pm – 6:30pm | Session #8
“Teaching the Holocaust II”
“(Re)Discovering the Holocaust through Literature”
- 6:45pm – 8:30pm | Dinner with the Eternal Flame Award Presentation

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The 48th Annual Scholars' Conference on the Holocaust and the Churches

Saturday, March 3rd

7:30pm – 9:00pm |

Opening Dinner

The Discovery Ballroom

Dr. Inga Musselman

Provost, The University of Texas at Dallas

Dr. Nils Roemer

Director of the Ackerman Center, The University of Texas at Dallas

Dr. David Patterson

Chairman of the 2018 Annual Scholars' Conference

Dr. Marcia Sachs Littell

Immediate Past President, Annual Scholars' Conference Executive Committee

Sunday, March 4th

8:00am – 9:00am |

Coffee, Tea, Water, and a Parfait Bar

9:00am – 9:30am |

Welcome

The Discovery Ballroom

Dr. Nils Roemer

Director of the Ackerman Center, The University of Texas at Dallas

Dr. Hobson Wildenthal

Executive Vice President, The University of Texas at Dallas

Rev. Dr. Hubert Locke

Co-Founder, Annual Scholars' Conference

9:30am – 10:15am |

Translating the Holocaust: Paul Celan's "Death Fugue"

The Discovery Ballroom

From The University of Texas at Dallas:

Dr. Nils Roemer

Stan and Barbara Rabin Professor of Holocaust Studies

Dr. Zsuzsanna Ozsváth

Leah and Paul Lewis Chair in Holocaust Studies

"Death Fugue" Translations:

Prof. Sharon Yang, Chinese

Assistant Director of the Confucius Institute

Dr. Pia Jakobsson, Swedish

Assistant Dean of Graduate Studies, Arts and Humanities

Sarah R. Valente, Portuguese

Belofsky Fellow, Humanities PhD Candidate

Amal Shafek, Arabic

Humanities PhD Student

"Death Fugue" Dance Adaptation:

Choreographer: Michele Hanlon, Associate Dean of the Arts and Humanities

Dancers: Delanie Bitler, Melissa Bjork, Melissa Johnson, Stacey Sparks

Sunday, March 4th

10:15am – 10:30am | Break

10:30am – 11:30am | Session #1

**Notable Panel | The Burden of the Past: Ethical and Educational Perspectives
Faith, Memory, and Responsibility**

The Apollo Room

Chair: Dr. Marcia Sachs Littell

Presenters: Prof. Martin Rumscheidt, Atlantic School of Theology
Professor

Prof. Didier Pollefeyt, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
Professor

On the Eve of Disaster | The Holocaust: History and Pedagogy

The Gemini Room

Chair: Dr. Nils Roemer

Presenters: Dr. Steven Leonard Jacobs, The University of Alabama
Aaron Aronov Endowed Chair of Judaic Studies
“Kristallnacht 1938/2018”

Prof. Joan F. Peterson, Saint Mary’s College of California
Professor of Education
“The Failure of the Evian Conference of 1938 and the
Consequences Revealed in Anna Seghers’ *Transit*”

The Triumph of Totality | Philosophy and Aesthetics

The Mercury Room

Chair: Dr. David Patterson

Presenters: Karl S. Sen Gupta and David Jeffrey Hirshberg,
The University of Texas at Dallas
“The Loss of the Human and the Forgetfulness of the Other
in Cassirer and Heidegger”

11:30am – 11:45am | Break

11:45am – 1:15pm | Lunch

The Discovery Ballroom

Speaker: Dr. Shimon Samuels, Simon Wiesenthal Center, Paris
Director for International Relations
“What Begins with the Jews, Does Not End with the Jews”

1:15pm – 1:30pm | Break

Sunday, March 4th

1:30pm – 3:00pm | **Session #2**

Revisiting the Camps | The Holocaust: History and Pedagogy

The Apollo Room

Chair: Dr. Jason Surmiller

Presenters: Dr. Eileen Groth Lyon, The State University of New York at Fredonia
Professor of History
“The Production of Catholic Devotional Objects in the
Concentration Camps”

Dr. Kevin Simpson, John Brown University
Professor of Psychology
“Soccer as Privilege, Propaganda, and Resistance:
The Beautiful Game in the KZ”

Prof. Zohar Segev, University of Haifa
Reuben Hecht Chair in Zionism and History
“Memory, History and Reconsideration: The Bombing of
Auschwitz in the Light of New Documents”

The Ethical Dilemmas of the Holocaust | Philosophy and Aesthetics

The Gemini Room

Chair: Karl S. Sen Gupta

Presenters: Dr. Blake W. Remington, Richland College
Lecturer: World Languages, Cultures and Communications
“Looking Away: Holocaust Images and the Unethical Impulse”

Dr. Charles Carpenter, Southwestern Baptist Theological
Seminary Associate Professor of Humanities
“Wiesel, Levinas, and the Response to Holocaust Trauma”

3:00pm – 3:15pm | **Break**

3:15pm – 4:15pm | **Session #3**

**Notable Panel | Inheriting Memory
Philosophy and Aesthetics**

The Apollo Room

Chair: Dr. David Patterson

Presenters: Dr. Alan L. Berger, Florida Atlantic University
Director, Center for the Study of Values and Violence after Auschwitz

Dr. Victoria Aarons, Trinity University
O.R. & Eva Mitchell Distinguished Professor of Literature

Sunday, March 4th

3:15pm – 4:15pm |

Session #3

German Churches and the Third Reich | Faith, Memory, and Responsibility

The Gemini Room

Chair: Dr. William Skiles

Presenters:

Shannon Quigley, University of Haifa

“Abandoning the Jewish Jesus and Abandoning the Jews: The Anti-Jewish Polemic, the Gospel of John and the Attempt of German Christian Theologians to Dejudaize the New Testament During the Holocaust”

Dr. Brenda Gaydosh, West Chester University of Pennsylvania

Associate Professor

“Father Bernhard Lichtenberg: He Prayed for the Jews”

Teaching the Holocaust I | The Holocaust: History and Pedagogy

The Mercury Room

Chair: Dr. Nils Roemer

Presenters:

Heather Lutz, Drew University

“The Perversion of Education: Indoctrinating and Mobilizing Germany’s Youth”

Prof. Mary Johnson, Stockton University

Adjunct Professor in the Holocaust and Genocide Studies Program

Senior Historian, Facing History and Ourselves

“The Evian Conference of 1938: Lessons for Today”

4:15pm – 4:30pm |

Break

4:30pm – 6:00pm |

Session #4

Perpetrators and Collaborators | The Holocaust: History and Pedagogy

The Apollo Room

Chair: Prof. Jadwiga Biskupska

Presenters:

Prof. Richard Libowitz, Temple University

Associate Professor

“Deathshead Revisited: Telling the Story Before We Were Ready to Listen”

Dr. William Skiles, Regent University

Assistant Professor

“Spying in God’s House: The Nazi Secret Police and Sermons of Opposition”

Dr. Mišo Dokmanović, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University Skopje

Associate Professor

“The Day After: Local Population’s Behavior in Respect to the Property of Deported Jews in Occupied Macedonia”

Sunday, March 4th

4:30pm – 6:00pm | **Session #4**

The Catholic Role and Responsibility | Faith, Memory, and Responsibility

The Gemini Room

Chair: Prof. Joan F. Peterson

Presenters: Ellen Johnson, Kean University
“Jozef Tiso’s Slovakian Nationalism: The Relationship Between
Collaboration and Catholicism”

Dr. Jason Surmiller, Ursuline Academy
“Archbishops Spellman and Rummel versus the Third Reich”

Dr. Richard F. Crane, Benedictine College
Professor of History
“Broken Glass and Jewish Venom: French Catholic Intellectuals
on the Eve of the Holocaust”

6:00pm – 6:15pm | **Break**

6:15pm – 7:30pm | **Dinner**

The Discovery Ballroom

Presenters are invited to attend a public reception and event following dinner.

7:00pm – 7:30pm | **Event Reception**

Inspiration Hall

7:30pm – 9:00pm | **Lecture: “Shores Beyond Shores” by Dr. Irene Butter**

Apollo and Gemini Rooms

Monday, March 5th

7:45am – 8:45am | **Midrash Group**

The Discovery Ballroom

**“Resisting Evil: Considering the Meaning of Exodus 21:12-27 and
Matthew 5:38-42 in a World that has Emerged Out of the Ashes of the
Nazi Genocide”**

Presenters: Prof. Zev Garber, Los Angeles Valley College
Emeritus Professor and Chair Jewish Studies and Philosophy
Dr. Steven Leonard Jacobs, The University of Alabama
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Rev. Dr. Henry F. Knight, Keene State College
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Amal Shafek
Humanities PhD Student
Nakul Markandey
Geospatial Information Science Graduate Student
Piyush Kamdar
Information Technology Graduate Student

10:00am – 10:15am | Break

10:15am – 11:45am | Session #5

Resistance and Liberation | The Holocaust: History and Pedagogy
The Apollo Room
Chair: Dr. Raymond Sun

Presenters: Mallory Needleman, University of Haifa
“A Manifesto’s Prelude: The Orchestration of Abba Kovner’s
Call for Resistance.”

Dr. Eran Zohar
Independent Researcher
“Jewish Resistance from the Tunnels and Sewers”

Prof. Igor A. Kotler,
President and Executive Director of the Museum of Human Rights,
Freedom and Tolerance at Rutgers University
“Two Sets of Liberators, Two Sets of Experience: Soviet and US
Armies Discover the Jews in the Nazi Camps”

Monday, March 5th

10:15am – 11:45am | Session #5

Rescue and Salvation | Faith, Memory, and Responsibility

The Gemini Room

Chair: Dr. Charles Carpenter

- Presenters:
- Dr. Nina Paulovicova, Athabasca University
Assistant Professor of History
“On the Path to the Cross: Baptism as a Means of Rescuing Jews from Deportations in 1942”

 - Prof. Jadwiga Biskupska, Sam Houston State University
Assistant Professor of History
"The Warsaw Intelligentsia, the Liquidation of the Ghetto, and the Primacy of Jewish Victimhood"

 - Raisa Ostapenko, University of Paris-Sorbonne
“Protestants as Faith-Motivated Rescuers in Ukraine: Beyond the Underdog Mentality”

11:45am – 12:00pm | Break

12:00pm – 1:15pm | Catered Lunch

The Discovery Ballroom

- Speaker:
- Dr. Zsuzsanna Ozsváth, The University of Texas at Dallas
Leah and Paul Lewis Chair in Holocaust Studies
“When the Danube Ran Red”

1:30pm – 3:00pm | Session #6

Remembrance in Eastern Europe | The Holocaust: History and Pedagogy

The Apollo Room

Chair: Dr. Blake W. Remington

- Presenters:
- Dr. David Patterson, The University of Texas at Dallas
Hillel A. Feinberg Chair in Holocaust Studies
“Babi Yar: A Memorial”

 - Alim Ulbashev, Yale University
Fox International Fellow
“Krymchaks – The End of History? Preservation of Jewish Identity through the Prism of the Holocaust”

 - Rebecca L. Thompson, The University of Texas at Dallas
“The Holocaust Writings of Dovid Bergelson”

Monday, March 5th

1:30pm – 3:00pm | **Session #6**

Drawing With Ashes | Faith, Memory, and Responsibility
The Gemini Room

Presenter: Prof. Arie A. Galles, Soka University of America
Professor Emeritus of Painting/Drawing

Prof. Galles will discuss a suite of artwork:
“Fourteen Stations/Hey Yud Dalet”
“Hippocratic Oath”
“Gnadentod”

The Holocaust and Visual Arts | Philosophy and Aesthetics
The Mercury Room
Chair: Sarah Snyder

Presenters: Karen S. Franklin, Leo Baeck Institute
Director of Family Research
“The Artist Emil Singer: It Takes a Community...”

Claire Soares, The University of Texas at Dallas
“*Defiance* the Movie and *Defiance* the Book: Comparing the
Impact of Film as a Type of Literature and Written Literature”

Laura Frater, Iona College
“Poetics, Postmemory and the Postgeneration”

3:00pm – 3:15pm | **Break**

3:15pm – 4:45pm | **Session #7**

Atrocity on Trial | Faith, Memory, and Responsibility
The Apollo Room
Chair: Prof. Richard Libowitz

Presenters: Prof. Gerald J. Steinacher, University of Nebraska
Hymen Rosenberg Professor of Judaic Studies
“Forgive and Forget? Catholic Responses to Nuremberg Trials
and Denazification, 1945-1950”

Sarah Snyder, The University of Texas at Dallas
“The Impact of Adolf Eichmann's Capture and Trial: Through
the Lens of Anti-Semitism”

Jacquelyn Pason, West Chester University
“Antisemitic Depictions in Cathedrals across Western Europe,
and the Question of Whether or Not They Serve Any Purpose
Today”

Monday, March 5th

3:15pm – 4:45pm | Session #7

Remembering the Holocaust | Philosophy and Aesthetics

The Gemini Room

Chair: Sarah R. Valente

Presenters: Prof. Yitzchak Kerem, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Professor

“Commemoration Dates for the Sephardim and North African/Eastern Jews in the Holocaust”

Dr. Raymond Sun, Washington State University
Associate Professor

“Names, Time, and Place: The Role of the Dutch Holocaust Memorial in the Construction of Holocaust Memory”

Prof. Jennifer Rich, Rowan University

Director, Rowan Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies

“The Keepers of Memory: The Holocaust and Transgenerational Identity Formation”

4:45pm – 5:00pm | Break

5:00pm – 6:30pm | Session #8

Teaching the Holocaust II | The Holocaust: History and Pedagogy

The Apollo Room

Chair: Dr. Debbie Pfister

Presenters: Stephanie Wolfson, David Labkovski Project
Director of Education and Curator

“Memory. Art. Bearing Witness: Using the Art of David Labkovski as a Tool to Teach the Holocaust”

Elaine Culbertson, Pennsylvania Holocaust Education Council
Chairperson

“The Power of a Spoon: Using an Artifact to Bring History to Light”

Christine M. Maxwell, Dr. Rebekah K. Nix, and Dr. Anne Balsamo
The University of Texas at Dallas

“Remembering in the Future: Redesigning Holocaust Education for Digital Discovery”

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5:00pm – 6:30pm | Session #8

(Re)Discovering the Holocaust through Literature | Philosophy and Aesthetics

The Gemini Room

Chair: Dr. Zsuzsanna Ozsváth

Presenters: Prof. Ellen G. Friedman, The College of New Jersey
Professor
“The Seven, A Family Holocaust Story”

Mary-Catherine Mueller, Southern Methodist University
Lecturer in English

“A Consideration of the Musselmann Figure in Select Short Stories from Tadeusz Borowski’s *This Way for the Gas, Ladies and Gentlemen*”

6:30pm – 6:45pm | Break

6:45pm – 8:30pm | Closing Dinner

The Discovery Ballroom

Eternal Flame Award Ceremony

Presented by Dr. Marcia Sachs Littell and Rev. Dr. Henry F. Knight

The Eternal Flame Award

The Eternal Flame Award is given to acknowledge individuals whose words and actions have endeavored to assure that we remember the horrific past and murder of six million Jews during the Holocaust and to build a better future for all humanity.

Previous recipients of The Eternal Flame Award include: Elie Wiesel*, Franklin Littell*, Marcia Sachs Littell, Elisabeth Maxwell*, Yehuda Bauer, Michael Berenbaum, Harry James Cargas*, Gideon Hausner*, A. Roy Eckardt*, Beate Klarsfeld, John S. Conway*, Richard Libowitz, Richard Rubenstein, Yaffa Eliach*, Emil Fackenheim*, His Royal Highness Prince El Hassan bin Talal of Jordan, Hubert Locke, Vidal Sassoon*, Gotfried Wagner, Felix Zandman*, and Peter Hoffmann.

This year, the award will be presented jointly to Dr. Nils Roemer, the Director of the Ackerman Center and the Stan and Barbara Rabin Professor of Holocaust Studies, and Dr. David Patterson, Hillel A. Feinberg Chair in Holocaust Studies of The University of Texas at Dallas.

** Of blessed memory*

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