

THE ACKERMAN CENTER FOR HOLOCAUST STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS

# "The History and Future of the Holocaust and its Memory"

# March 7 – 10, 2020

The University of Texas at Dallas The Davidson-Gundy Alumni Center





Special Lectures -



Michael and Elaine Jaffe Lecture Sunday, March 8, 2020 | 9:00 am

#### Dr. Wolf Gruner

Shapell-Guerin Chair in Jewish Studies, University of Southern California, Los Angeles Founding Director, USC Shoah Foundation Center for Advanced Genocide Research

#### "Defiance and Protest: Forgotten Individual Jewish Resistance in Nazi Germany"

Jewish resistance during the Holocaust is largely understood as rare armed group activities in the Nazi-occupied East. Dr. Gruner's lecture, however, will focus on forgotten individual acts of resistance. Based on a new approach and using new sources, he will demonstrate how Jewish women and men performed countless acts of resistance in Nazi Germany between 1933 and 1945.

Mitchell L. and Miriam Lewis Barnett Lecture Sunday, March 8, 2020 Reception | 6:30 pm Lecture | 7:15pm

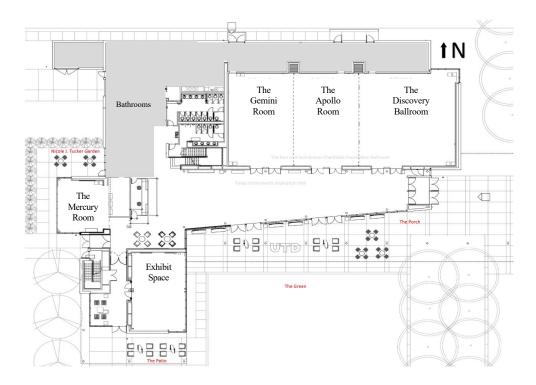
**Eva and Robert Ratonyi** Eva, a 1976 alumna of UT Dallas, will introduce her husband, Robert.

"Holocaust Childhood: Wounds that Never Heal"



Born in Budapest, Hungary in 1938 Robert Ratonyi's early childhood was scarred by fear, upheaval and loss. He was six years old when forced to wear a yellow star and face the terrors of war and ghetto life without his parents, both of whom were deported. He grew up under communist dictatorship and was a freshman at the Technical University of Budapest when he was caught up in the bloody uprising against the regime in October of 1956. After the Russians crushed the uprising, he escaped to Austria and immigrated to Canada in 1957 where he met his wife, also a Holocaust survivor from Hungary.

# The Davidson-Gundy Alumni Center





### Agenda at a Glance ——

#### Saturday, March 7, 2020

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

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

#### Sunday, March 8, 2020

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

8:00am – 9:00am	Coffee and Light Breakfast
9:00am – 10:30am	Welcome Remarks Dr. Wolf Gruner, Michael and Elaine Jaffe Lecture "Defiance and Protest: Forgotten Individual Jewish Resistance in Nazi Germany"
10:45am – 12:00pm	Session #1 "The Path to Destruction" "Perspectives of Memory" "Holocaust Pedagogy"
12:15pm – 1:45pm	Lunch with Speaker, Dr. Marcia Sachs Littell "The Annual Scholars' Conference After 50 Years: What Have We Learned?"
2:00pm - 3:30pm	Session #2 "Fleeing to the 'Land of the Future'?: German Jews in Brazil" "Literary Representations"
3:45pm – 5:45pm	Session #3 "Commemoration and Memory" "Emerging Technologies and Resources" "The US, Russia, and the Liberation of the Camps"
6:00pm - 7:00pm	Dinner
6:30pm - 7:15pm	Public Reception
7:15pm - 8:30pm	Public Lecture by Eva and Robert Ratonyi Mitchell L. and Miriam Lewis Barnett Lecture "Holocaust Childhood: Wounds that Never Heal"

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### Monday, March 9, 2020

8:00am – 9:00am	Coffee and Light Breakfast
9:00am – 10:15am	Welcome Remarks Digital Studies Presentation
10:30am –11:45am	Session #4 "Sexual Violence and the Holocaust" "Robbing Jews and Restitution of Nazi-looted Art"
12:00pm – 1:45pm	Lunch with program, "The Role the Holocaust Plays in Interfaith Relations: Opportunities and Risks" A Conversation Facilitated by Faith Commons
2:00pm - 3:45pm	Session #5 "Rescuers and Refugees" "Creativity and Remembrance"
4:00pm – 5:45pm	Session #6 "Revisiting History" "Holocaust Thought" "Teaching the Holocaust"
6:00pm – 8:00pm	Dinner and Eternal Flame Award Presentation

#### Tuesday, March 10, 2020

8:00am – 9:00am	Coffee and Light Breakfast
9:00am - 10:30pm	Welcome Remarks 75 Years Later—The Enduring Legacy of the Nuremberg Trials
10:45am –12:30pm	Session #7 "Ripples from the Geographies of the Holocaust" "Remembering Dr. Franklin Littell" "Using touch-screen technology for an immersive exhibition on the Holocaust in the Netherlands"

12:45pm – 2:00pm	Closing Lunch
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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, one research assistant professor, and two visiting assistant professors offer a unique multi-faceted learning environment for our students.

- Dr. Nils Roemer, Interim Dean, School of Arts and Humanities, Director of the Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies, 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 Distinguished Chair in Holocaust Studies
- Dr. Debra Pfister, Research Assistant Professor in Holocaust Studies
- Dr. Pedro J. Gonzalez Corona, Visiting Assistant Professor
- Dr. Sarah R. Valente, Visiting Assistant Professor

# Highlights of the Ackerman Center

- Graduate and undergraduate courses
- Fellowships and scholarships
- Graduate Certificate in Holocaust Studies
- 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.

### About the 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.

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

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### **Topic Tracks**

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

History Memory and Thought Looking Forward



# From the Conference Chair

### Dr. Zsuzsanna Ozsváth

Conference Chair, 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholars' Conference Leah and Paul Lewis Chair in Holocaust Studies The University of Texas at Dallas

I am pleased to welcome you to The University of Texas at Dallas on the special occasion of the 50th Annual Scholars' Conference on the Holocaust and the

Churches. This anniversary is doubly special, as our University is also celebrating its 50th anniversary. We are proud to host both established and emerging scholars to discuss some of the major and much-researched issues in the field of Holocaust Studies at this important conference.

# Dr. Zsuzsanna Ozsváth Leah and Paul Lewis Chair in Holocaust Studies

### 2020 Conference Chair

Dr. Ozsváth, known to those who love her as "Zsuzsi," is a world-renowned scholar of the Holocaust. She has published numerous articles and books, including her own memoir, *When the Danube Ran Red*, about her experiences as a child in Hungary during the Holocaust. Dr. Ozsváth recently published a follow-up to her memoir, *My Journey Home: Life after the Holocaust.* 

She has also worked on several major translation projects and published (with Professor Fred Turner) *Light within the Shade: Hungarian Poetry of the Past* 



800 Years, which was included in the prestigious Annual Outstanding Academic Title list in the January 2016 issue of *Choice Magazine*. Last year, she and Prof. Turner published yet another work of translation, *The Golden Goblet: Selected Poems by Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*.

Currently, Dr. Ozsváth serves on the board of the Educational Committee of the Jewish Federation, on the board of the David S. Wyman Institute for Holocaust Studies, and she is a lifetime director of The Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum.

### Thank you

We are grateful to our University and our supporters whose generosity has made the Holocaust Studies Program and what we do possible. With hundreds of students every year in our classes, and a large field of studies revolving around the topic of the Holocaust, we are achieving our mission of "Teaching the Past, Changing the Future."

### **Executive Conference Committee**

#### Dr. Michael Berenbaum

Director of Sigi Ziering Institute Professor of Jewish Studies American Jewish University

#### Rev. Dr. Henry F. Knight

Past President of the Executive Conference Committee Professor Emeritus, Holocaust and Genocide Studies Keene State College

#### **Prof. Richard Libowitz**

Associate Professor Temple University

#### Dr. Marcia Sachs Littell

Past President of the Annual Scholars' Conference Professor Emeritus, Holocaust and Genocide Studies Stockton University

#### Rev. Dr. Hubert G. Locke \*

Co-Founder of the Annual Scholars' Conference John and Marguerite Walker Corbally Professor in Public Service The University of Washington

#### Dr. Zsuzsanna Ozsváth

Chair of the 2020 Annual Scholars' Conference Leah and Paul Lewis Chair in Holocaust Studies The University of Texas at Dallas

#### **Dr. David Patterson**

Hillel A. Feinberg Distinguished Chair in Holocaust Studies The University of Texas at Dallas

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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)
2018 - present	The University of Texas at Dallas (Dallas, TX)

### Saturday, March 7th -

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

#### <u>7:30pm – 9:00pm | Opening Dinner</u> The Discovery Ballroom

Dr. Nils Roemer, The University of Texas at Dallas Interim Dean, School of Arts and Humanities Director of the Ackerman Center Stan and Barbara Rabin Professor of Holocaust Studies

Dr. Inga H. Musselman, The University of Texas at Dallas Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Cecil H. Green Distinguished Chair of Academic Leadership

Eva Ratonyi Mitchell L. and Miriam Lewis Barnett Lecture 1976 Alumna of UT Dallas

Performance by Nili Riemer Bueckert, The University of Texas at Dallas "Lullaby" Composed in 1943 by Gideon Klein while in Theresienstadt

Dessert reception hosted by Provost Inga Musselman

### Sunday, March 8th

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

8:00am – 9:00am Coffee, Tea, Water, and a Parfait Bar Beverage station will be open throughout the day

#### 9:00am - 10:30am | Welcome and Keynote

Michael and Elaine Jaffe Lecture The Discovery Ballroom

Dr. Wolf Gruner, Shapell-Guerin Chair in Jewish Studies University of Southern California, Los Angeles Founding Director, USC Shoah Foundation Center for Advanced Genocide Research "Defiance and Protest: Forgotten Individual Jewish Resistance in Nazi Germany"

#### 10:30am - 10:45am | Break

### Sunday, March 8th

#### 10:45am - 12:00pm | Session #1

The Path to Destruction The Apollo Room | History Chair: Zsuzsanna Ozsváth, The University of Texas at Dallas

Philip Barber, The University of Texas at Dallas "Bricks in the Road to Auschwitz - An Examination of Influences and Precedents that Paved the Way to the Holocaust"

Steven Kovács, San Francisco State University "The White Terror of 1919 as Precursor of the Hungarian Holocaust"

Jonathan Lanz, Indiana University Bloomington "Rethinking Kristallnacht: The Breakdown of Jewish Family Roles"

#### Perspectives of Memory The Gemini Room | Memory and Thought Chair: Michele Hanlon, The University of Texas at Dallas

Rebecca Rossen, The University of Texas at Austin "Activating Site/Excavating History: Embodied Commemoration and Memory Work in Site-Specific Holocaust Performance"

Karen L. Uslin, Stockton University "Supporting the Weight of Dignity: Aesthetics and Ethics of Murry Sidlin's *Defiant Requiem*"

Joan Peterson, Saint Mary's College of California "Through the Eyes of Joseph Roth and Christopher Isherwood: Berlin Before Hitler"

#### Holocaust Pedagogy The Mercury Room | Looking Forward Chair: Debbie Pfister, The University of Texas at Dallas

Gail Hirsch Rosenthal and Mary Johnson, Stockton University "Reimagining Holocaust Education"

Olga Konkka, Bordeaux Montaigne University, France "Dealing with the Holocaust in Russian History Education: Textbooks, School Museums and Teachers-designed Media"

Jack Frank Sigman, Gratz College "Who Speaks Today About the Holocaust? An Examination of the Decline of Holocaust Knowledge in the United States"

### Sunday, March 8th

#### 12:00pm - 12:15pm | Break

#### <u>12:15pm – 1:45pm | Lunch</u> The Discovery Ballroom

Speaker: Dr. Marcia Sachs Littell Immediate Past President, Executive Committee of the Annual Scholars' Conference "The Annual Scholars' Conference After 50 Years: What Have We Learned?"

#### 1:45pm – 2:00pm | Break

#### 2:00pm - 3:30pm | Session #2

#### Fleeing to the 'Land of the Future'?: German Jews in Brazil The Apollo Room | History Chair: Andrea A. Sinn, Elon University

Björn Siegel, Institute for the History of the German Jews, Germany "The first family will always be a part of life, as long as we keep them in our heart' – The German-Jewish Community in São Paulo, 1936–1966"

Andrea A. Sinn, Elon University "Tracing the Legacy of Nazi Persecution: Jewish Emigration from Nazi Germany, 1933-1945"

Sarah R. Valente, The University of Texas at Dallas "Fleeing from One Dictatorship to Another: German-speaking Jewish Refugees in Getúlio Vargas's Brazil"

#### Literary Representations The Gemini Room | Memory and Thought Chair: Mary Catherine Mueller, Southern Methodist University

Victoria Aarons, Trinity University

"The Graphic Turn and the Future of Holocaust Representation: Amy Kurzweil's *Flying Couch* and 'the bridge between the real and the unimaginable"

Phyllis Lassner, Northwestern University "Remembering the Holocaust as Satire: The Ongoing Challenge of Comic Representations"

Blake W. Remington "Dialogical Memory and the Immemorial Command in Primo Levi's "Shema""

Martha Satz, Southern Methodist University "Losing the Holocaust to Symbolism and Sentimentality"

### Sunday, March 8th

3:30pm - 3:45pm | Break

3:45pm - 5:45pm | Session #3

Commemoration and Memory The Apollo Room | Memory and Thought Chair: David Patterson, The University of Texas at Dallas

Sarah Snyder, The University of Texas at Dallas "Conservation of Materiality at Auschwitz-Birkenau"

Raymond C. Sun, Washington State University "Embracing and Postponing the Past in Amsterdam: The Contrasting Evolution of the Anne Frank House and the Dutch Holocaust Memorial, 2016-2020"

Martin Rumscheidt, Atlantic School of Theology "Extermination through Labor: What Happened at Auschwitz-Monowitz"

#### Emerging Technologies and Resources The Gemini Room | Looking Forward Chair: Nils Roemer, The University of Texas at Dallas

Karen S. Franklin, Leo Baeck Institute, New York "JewishGen.org: A Fundamental Tool for Holocaust Researchers"

Jeffrey Kleiman, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point "A Survivor in Hiding: Rethinking Resources"

Christine Maxwell, The University of Texas at Dallas Rebekah K. Nix, The University of Texas at Dallas "Remembering for the Future 20 Years Later: Have the Questions Really Changed?"

Joanna Workman, The University of Texas at Dallas "Holocaust Research in a Technological Age: The Need for Digital Archives"

### Sunday, March 8th

#### <u>3:45pm – 5:45pm | Session #3 (Cont.)</u>

#### The US, Russia, and the Liberation of the Camps The Mercury Room | History

Roundtable Discussion: "Opening the Gates: The United States, Russia, and the Liberation of Nazi Concentration Camps"

Ilya A. Altman, Russian Research and Educational Holocaust Center (via Skype) Stephen Eric Bronner, International Council for Diplomacy and Dialogue at Rutgers University Igor A. Kotler, Museum of Human Rights, Freedom, and Tolerance at Rutgers University

#### <u>5:45pm – 6:00pm | Break</u>

<u>6:00pm – 7:00pm | Dinner</u> The Discovery Ballroom

Presenters are invited to attend the public reception and lecture following dinner.

<u>6:30pm – 7:15pm | Public Reception</u> Inspiration Hall

7:15pm | Special Lecture The Discovery Ballroom

#### Mitchell L. and Miriam Lewis Barnett Lecture Eva and Robert Ratonyi, "Holocaust Childhood: Wounds that Never Heal"

Born in Budapest, Hungary in 1938, Robert Ratonyi's early childhood was scarred by fear, upheaval and loss. He was six years old when forced to wear a yellow star and face the terrors of war and ghetto life without his parents, both of whom were deported. He grew up under communist dictatorship and was a freshman at the Technical University of Budapest when he was caught up in the bloody uprising against the regime in October of 1956. After the Russians crushed the uprising, he escaped to Austria and immigrated to Canada in 1957 where he met his wife, also a Holocaust survivor from Hungary.

In this special lecture, Mr. Ratonyi will be introduced by his wife, Eva, who is also a survivor from Budapest as well as a 1976 alumna of UT Dallas. He will provide some background information on the Holocaust in Hungary in general and discuss his personal experiences during the Holocaust.

### Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>

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

8:00am – 9:00am Coffee, Tea, Water, and Pastry Assortment Beverage station will be open throughout the day

#### 9:00am - 10:15am | Welcome and Special Presentation

New Digital Studies of the Holocaust The Discovery Ballroom

Nils Roemer, Sarah R. Valente, Amal Shafek, and Shefali Sahu The University of Texas at Dallas

#### <u>10:15am - 10:30am | Break</u>

#### 10:30am -11:45am | Session #4

#### Sexual Violence and the Holocaust: The Promising Possibilities of Recent Research The Apollo Room | Memory and Thought Chair: Cheyenne Martin, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and School of Nursing

Nada Aljamal, The University of Texas at Austin "Those things were not talked about': Sexual Violence in Postwar Memory of the Holocaust"

Pascale R. Bos, The University of Texas at Austin "The Fragility of Knowledge on Sexual Violence: What Can We Learn from Holocaust Survivors 75 Years after the Fact?"

Dorota Glowacka, University of King's College, U.K. "Sexual Violence on Men and Boys during the Holocaust: A Genealogy of Testimonial Silence"

#### Robbing Jews and Restitution of Nazi-looted Art The Gemini Room | Looking Forward Roundtable Discussion

Michael Bazyler, Chapman University Edward McGlynn Gaffney, Valparaiso University Jennifer Anglim Kreder, Northern Kentucky—Chase School of Law

#### <u>11:45am – 12:00pm | Break</u>

### Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>

#### <u>12:00pm – 1:45pm | Lunch</u> The Discovery Ballroom

"The Role the Holocaust Plays in Interfaith Relations: Opportunities and Risks" A Conversation Facilitated by Faith Commons

#### 1:45pm – 2:00pm | Break

#### 2:00pm - 3:45pm | Session #5

#### Rescuers and Refugees The Apollo Room | History Chair: Raymond Sun, Washington State University

Rachel F. Brenner, University of Wisconsin-Madison "Jan Karski and Shmul Zygelbojm: The Men Who Tried to Stop the Holocaust"

Igor A. Kotler, Museum of Human Rights, Freedom, and Tolerance at Rutgers University "Polish Jewish Refugees and Local Jewish Communities in Central Asia during World War II"

Cheyenne Martin, UTMB Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and School of Nursing "Saving Children in an Age of Genocide: The Moral Legacy of Medical Resistors during the Holocaust"

#### Creativity and Remembrance The Gemini Room | Memory and Thought Chair: Victoria Aarons, Trinity University

Hilene Flanzbaum, Butler University "Writing for Her Life: Irene Nemirovsky's *Suite Francaise*"

Mary Catherine Mueller, Southern Methodist University "Voices of the Children: A Consideration of the Themes of the Absence of Home and the Absence of Beauty Portrayed in Select Poetry Written by Children in the Terezín Concentration Camp"

Eva-Maria Trinkaus, University of Graz "Lore Segal's Place of Memory: 'Literary Foodscapes' as Potential Intersections between Aging Studies and Holocaust Studies"

Noah L. Van Brenk, Dalhousie University, Canada "I still felt in the last moment/ The unsheathing of the great knife of parting': Absence, Abandonment, and Female Lament in Nelly Sachs's 'A Dead Child Speaks'"

### Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>

<u>3:45pm – 4:00pm | Break</u>

4:00pm - 5:45pm | Session #6

Holocaust Thought The Apollo Room | Memory and Thought Chair: Karl Sen Gupta, The University of Texas at Dallas

Ben Crane, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign "Yom Kippur at St. Cyprien: An Analysis of the Makeshift Machzor"

Shamim Hunt, The University of Texas at Dallas "Post-Holocaust Philosophy of Erich Fromm"

Douglas G. Morris, Federal Defenders of New York, Inc. "Bonhoeffer, Jesus and the Jews: An Entrée into a Deficient Theory of Anti-Nazi Resistance"

Shannon Quigley, The University of Texas at Dallas "Animosity Versus Affection: The Language of German Theologians in the Nazi Era in Contrast to the Relational Language of the Prophets of Israel and Jesus"

#### Teaching the Holocaust The Gemini Room | Looking Forward Chair: Philip Barber, The University of Texas at Dallas

Jeff Chard, Sir John A. MacDonald Secondary School, Canada "Upstanding Education: Beyond the Classroom"

Rosalie Horne Franks, Roger Williams University "Reflecting on the Past and the Future: What 21st Century College Students Understand about the Shoah and Warning Signs of Genocide Now"

Nicholas Osita, Federal University Dutse, Nigeria (via Skype) "Holocaust Education in Sub-Saharan Africa: Perspectives and Possible Approaches"

Carolina Simon, Zachor Shoah "Holocaust Education for the 21st Century: Making Connections through the Humanities"

### Monday, March 9th

#### 4:00pm - 5:45pm | Session #6 (Cont.)

Revisiting History The Mercury Room | History Chair: Steve Kovács, San Francisco State University

George Csicsery, Zala Films "Angel of Mercy" - A Short Documentary Film about Margit Slachta and her Role in the Holocaust in Hungary

Kathy Glatter, Gratz College "Rudolf Kasztner: Holocaust Hero or Villain for the Hungarian Jews?"

Yitzchak Kerem, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel "Memorialization of Sephardic and Eastern Jewry in the 21st Century"

Barbara Wind, Holocaust Council of Greater MetroWest New Jersey "Remembering Sister Rose and the Silence of the Churches"

#### 5:45pm - 6:00pm | Break

<u>6:00pm – 8:00pm | Dinner</u> The Discovery Ballroom

#### **Eternal Flame Award Ceremony**

Presented by Rev. Dr. Hank 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\*, Peter Hoffmann, Henry F. Knight, David Patterson, Nils Roemer, and Zsuzsanna Ozsváth.

This year's recipient is Dr. Martin Rumscheidt, a native German, who taught at the University of Windsor in Ontario and Atlantic School of Theology in Halifax. The primary foci of his teaching and research are German Protestant theology in the 19th and 20th centuries, Karl Barth and Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the Shoah, and increasingly, the possibilities of new Jewish-Christian relations.

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#### 75 Years Later—The Enduring Legacy of the Nuremberg Trials The Discovery Ballroom

Michael Bazyler, Chapman University "The Road to Nuremberg"

Michael S. Bryant, Bryant University "The IMT Trial"

Benjamin Ferencz, Chief Prosecutor of the Nuremberg Military Tribunal (via Skype) "The NMT Trial"

Kristen Nelson, Gratz College "The Legacy of Nuremberg"

#### <u>10:30am - 10:45am | Break</u>

#### 10:45am - 12:30pm | Session #7

#### Ripples from the Geographies of the Holocaust The Apollo Room | History Chair: Monica Rankin, The University of Texas at Dallas

Carlos Inclán Fuentes, Yale University "The San Carlos Fortress and the Control Policies Affecting German Citizens in Mexico during WWII"

Pedro Jose Gonzalez Corona, The University of Texas at Dallas "Looking for the Cosmic Race: Fascist Sympathies and Antisemitism in Early Twentieth-Century Mexico"

Matthew James Hone, Stockton University "Religious Intolerance and Antisemitism in Contemporary Croatia"

Emmanuel Kahan, National University of La Plata, Argentina "Antisemitism, Human Rights, Holocaust Memory and the 'Jewish Question' during the Transition to Democracy in Argentina (1982-1984)"

### Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> —

#### 10:45am - 12:30pm | Session #7 (Cont.)

Remembering Dr. Franklin Littell The Gemini Room | Memory and Thought Roundtable Discussion with Former Students of ASC Co-Founder, Dr. Franklin Littell Chair: Marcia Sachs Littell, Stockton University

Karen S. Franklin, Leo Baeck Institute, New York Richard Libowitz, Temple University Henry F. Knight, Keene State College

Hands-on Immersion into Lessons of the Holocaust The Mercury Room | Looking Forward Roundtable Discussion: "Creating an Interactive Exhibition on Rescuers in the Netherlands under German Occupation"

Morgan Everman, Stockton University Michael Hayse, Stockton University Irvin Moreno-Rodriguez, Stockton University

#### 12:30pm – 2:00pm | Closing Lunch

The Discovery Ballroom



# Special Exhibit

#### "The Texas Liberator: Witness to the Holocaust"

The Ackerman Center is pleased to host this special exhibit curated by The Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission. The exhibit shares the first-hand accounts of Texan soldiers who witnessed Nazi concentration camps during World War II.

This exhibit is part of a larger project, which was discussed by Dr. Aliza S. Wong at the inaugural Mitchell L. and Miriam Lewis Barnett Lecture at the 49th Annual Scholars' Conference in 2019.

The exhibit will be up throughout the conference.

### **Presenter Index**

#### Dr. Victoria Aarons | Trinity University

O.R. & Eva Mitchell Distinguished Professor of Literature "The Graphic Turn and the Future of Holocaust Representation: Amy Kurzweil's *Flying Couch* and 'the bridge between the real and the unimaginable" March 8, 2020 | 2:00pm – The Gemini Room

Nada Aljamal | The University of Texas at Austin History Honors Student "Those things were not talked about': Sexual Violence in Postwar Memory of the Holocaust" March 9, 2020 | 10:30am – The Apollo Room

**Dr. Ilya A. Altman** | Russian Research and Educational Holocaust Center Executive Director Roundtable Discussion: "Opening the Gates: The United States, Russia, and the Liberation of Nazi Concentration Camps" March 8, 2020 | 3:45pm – The Mercury Room (via Skype)

#### Philip Barber | The University of Texas at Dallas

PhD Student "Bricks in the Road to Auschwitz - An Examination of Influences and Precedents that Paved the Way to the Holocaust" March 8, 2020 | 10:45am – The Apollo Room

#### Prof. Michael Bazyler | Chapman University

Professor of Law Roundtable Discussion: "Robbing Jews and Restitution of Nazi-looted Art" March 9, 2020 | 10:30am – The Gemini Room "75 Years Later—The Enduring Legacy of the Nuremberg Trials: The Road to Nuremberg" March 10, 2020 | 9:00am – The Discovery Ballroom

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Dr. Stephen Eric Bronner | International Council for Diplomacy and Dialogue at Rutgers University
Board of Governors and Distinguished Professor of Political Science, Emeritus
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March 8, 2020 | 3:45pm – The Mercury Room

Prof. Michael S. Bryant | Bryant University
Professor of History and Legal Studies
"75 Years Later—The Enduring Legacy of the Nuremberg Trials: The IMT Trial"
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Jeff Chard | Sir John A. MacDonald Secondary School, Canada Head of History "Upstanding Education: Beyond the Classroom" March 9, 2020 | 4:00pm – The Gemini Room

Ben Crane | University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Masters Student "Yom Kippur at St. Cyprien: An Analysis of the Makeshift Machzor" March 9, 2020 | 4:00pm – The Apollo Room

**George Csicsery** | Zala Films "Angel of Mercy" - A Short Documentary Film about Margit Slachta and her Role in the Holocaust in Hungary March 9, 2020 | 4:00pm – The Mercury Room

Morgan Everman | Stockton University Program Assistant of the Master of Arts Holocaust and Genocide Studies Program Roundtable Discussion: "Creating an Interactive Exhibition on Rescuers in the Netherlands under German Occupation" March 10, 2020 | 10:45am – The Mercury Room

**Benjamin Ferencz** | Chief Prosecutor of the Nuremberg Military Tribunal "75 Years Later—The Enduring Legacy of the Nuremberg Trials: The NMT Trial" March 10, 2020 | 9:00am – The Discovery Ballroom (via Skype)

**Dr. Hilene Flanzbaum** | Butler University Allegra Stewart Chair of Modern Literature "Writing for Her Life: Irene Nemirovsky's *Suite Francaise*" March 9, 2020 | 2:00pm – The Gemini Room

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Karen S. Franklin | Leo Baeck Institute, New York Director of Family Research "JewishGen.org: A Fundamental Tool for Holocaust Researchers" March 8, 2020 | 3:45pm – The Gemini Room "Roundtable Discussion: Remembering Dr. Franklin Littell" March 10, 2020 | 10:45am – The Gemini Room

#### Dr. Rosalie Horne Franks | Roger Williams University

"Reflecting on the Past and the Future: What 21st Century College Students Understand about the Shoah and Warning Signs of Genocide Now" March 9, 2020 | 4:00pm – The Gemini Room

#### Carlos Inclán Fuentes | Yale University

PhD Student "The San Carlos Fortress and the Control Policies Affecting German Citizens in Mexico during WWII" March 10, 2020 | 10:45am – The Apollo Room

#### Prof. Edward McGlynn Gaffney | Valparaiso University

Dean and Professor of Law Emeritus Roundtable Discussion: "Robbing Jews and Restitution of Nazi-looted Art" March 9, 2020 | 10:30am – The Gemini Room

#### Dr. Kathy Glatter, MD | Gratz College

PhD Student "Rudolf Kasztner: Holocaust Hero or Villain for the Hungarian Jews?" March 9, 2020 | 4:00pm – The Mercury Room

#### Dr. Dorota Glowacka | University of King's College, U.K.

Professor of Humanities and Director of Contemporary Studies Programme "Sexual Violence on Men and Boys during the Holocaust: A Genealogy of Testimonial Silence" March 9, 2020 | 10:30am – The Apollo Room

#### Dr. Pedro Jose Gonzalez Corona | The University of Texas at Dallas

Visiting Assistant Professor "Looking for the Cosmic Race: Fascist Sympathies and Antisemitism in Early Twentieth-Century Mexico" March 10, 2020 | 10:45am – The Apollo Room

#### Dr. Wolf Gruner | Michael and Elaine Jaffe Lecture

Shapell-Guerin Chair in Jewish Studies, University of Southern California, Los Angeles Founding Director, USC Shoah Foundation Center for Advanced Genocide Research "Defiance and Protest: Forgotten Individual Jewish Resistance in Nazi Germany" March 8, 2020 | 9:00 am – The Discovery Ballroom

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Dr. Michael Hayse | Stockton University

Wally and Lutz Hammerschlag Associate Professor of Holocaust Studies Roundtable Discussion: "Creating an Interactive Exhibition on Rescuers in the Netherlands under German Occupation" March 10, 2020 | 10:45am – The Mercury Room

**Dr. Matthew James Hone** | Stockton University Professor "Religious Intolerance and Antisemitism in Contemporary Croatia" March 10, 2020 | 10:45am – The Apollo Room

**Dr. Shamim Hunt** | The University of Texas at Dallas Professor of Philosophy "Post-Holocaust Philosophy of Erich Fromm" March 9, 2020 | 4:00pm – The Apollo Room

**Dr. Mary Johnson** | Stockton University Adjunct Professor and Senior Historian for Facing History and Ourselves "Reimagining Holocaust Education" March 8, 2020 | 10:45am – The Mercury Room

**Dr. Emmanuel Kahan** | National University of La Plata, Argentina National Scientific and Technical Research Council "Antisemitism, Human Rights, Holocaust Memory and the 'Jewish Question' during the Transition to Democracy in Argentina (1982-1984)" March 10, 2020 | 10:45am – The Apollo Room

**Dr. Yitzchak Kerem** | Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel Professor of Sephardic Studies and the Holocaust "Memorialization of Sephardic and Eastern Jewry in the 21st Century" March 9, 2020 | 4:00pm – The Mercury Room

**Dr. Jeffrey Kleiman** | University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Professor of History "A Survivor in Hiding: Rethinking Resources" March 8, 2020 | 3:45pm – The Gemini Room

**Dr. Olga Konkka** | Bordeaux Montaigne University, France Post-Doctoral Fellow, French Holocaust Memory Foundation "Dealing with the Holocaust in Russian History Education: Textbooks, School Museums and Teachers-designed Media" March 8, 2020 | 10:45am – The Mercury Room

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**Dr. Steven Kovács** | San Francisco State University "The White Terror of 1919 as Precursor of the Hungarian Holocaust" March 8, 2020 | 10:45am – The Apollo Room

**Rev. Dr. Henry F. Knight** | Keene State College Professor Emeritus, Holocaust and Genocide Studies "Roundtable Discussion: Remembering Dr. Franklin Littell" March 10, 2020 | 10:45am – The Gemini Room

**Prof. Jennifer Anglim Kreder** | Northern Kentucky—Chase School of Law Professor of Law and Associate Dean of Faculty Development Roundtable Discussion: "Robbing Jews and Restitution of Nazi-looted Art" March 9, 2020 | 10:30am – The Gemini Room

Jonathan Lanz, Indiana University Bloomington PhD Student "Rethinking *Kristallnacht*: The Breakdown of Jewish Family Roles" March 8, 2020 | 10:45am – The Apollo Room

**Dr. Phyllis Lassner** | Northwestern University Professor Emerita "Remembering the Holocaust as Satire: The Ongoing Challenge of Comic Representations" March 8, 2020 | 2:00pm – The Gemini Room

**Dr. Richard Libowitz** | Temple University Associate Professor, Intellectual Heritage Program "Roundtable Discussion: Remembering Dr. Franklin Littell" March 10, 2020 | 10:45am – The Gemini Room

**Dr. Marcia Sachs Littell** | Stockton University Immediate Past President, Executive Committee of the Annual Scholars' Conference "The Annual Scholars' Conference After 50 Years: What Have We Learned?" March 8, 2020 | 12:15pm – The Discovery Ballroom

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**Dr. Cheyenne Martin** | UTMB Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and School of Nursing Rebecca and Edwin Gale Distinguished Professor of Ethics "Saving Children in an Age of Genocide: The Moral Legacy of Medical Resistors during the Holocaust" March 9, 2020 | 2:00pm – The Apollo Room

Christine Maxwell | The University of Texas at Dallas PhD Candidate "Remembering for the Future 20 Years Later: Have the Questions Really Changed?" March 8, 2020 | 3:45pm – The Gemini Room

#### Irvin Moreno-Rodriguez | Stockton University

Program Assistant of the Sara and Sam Schoffer Holocaust Resource Center Roundtable Discussion: "Creating an Interactive Exhibition on Rescuers in the Netherlands under German Occupation" March 10, 2020 | 10:45am – The Mercury Room

**Dr. Douglas G. Morris** | Federal Defenders of New York, Inc. Assistant Federal Defender "Bonhoeffer, Jesus and the Jews: An Entrée into a Deficient Theory of Anti-Nazi Resistance" March 9, 2020 | 4:00pm – The Apollo Room

#### Dr. Mary Catherine Mueller | Southern Methodist University

Lecturer in English "Voices of the Children: A Consideration of the Themes of the Absence of Home and the Absence of Beauty Portrayed in Select Poetry Written by Children in the Terezín Concentration Camp" March 9, 2020 | 2:00pm – The Gemini Room

Kristen Nelson | Gratz College "75 Years Later—The Enduring Legacy of the Nuremberg Trials: The Legacy of Nuremberg" March 10, 2020 | 9:00am – The Discovery Ballroom

**Dr. Rebekah K. Nix** | The University of Texas at Dallas "Remembering for the Future 20 Years Later: Have the Questions Really Changed?" March 8, 2020 | 3:45pm – The Gemini Room

Nicholas Osita | Federal University Dutse, Nigeria PhD Student "Holocaust Education in Sub-Saharan Africa: Perspectives and Possible Approaches" March 9, 2020 | 4:00pm – The Gemini Room (via Skype)

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Prof. Joan Peterson | Saint Mary's College of California
Professor of Education
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Shannon Quigley | The University of Texas at Dallas PhD Student "Animosity Versus Affection: The Language of German Theologians in the Nazi Era in Contrast to the Relational Language of the Prophets of Israel and Jesus" March 9, 2020 | 4:00pm – The Apollo Room

**Eva and Robert Ratonyi** | Mitchell L. and Miriam Lewis Barnett Lecture "Holocaust Childhood: Wounds that Never Heal" March 8, 2020 | Reception at 6:30 pm, Lecture at 7:15pm – The Discovery Ballroom

**Dr. Blake W. Remington** | Independent Scholar "Dialogical Memory and the Immemorial Command in Primo Levi's "Shema"" March 8, 2020 | 2:00pm – The Gemini Room

**Dr. Nils Roemer** | The University of Texas at Dallas Interim Dean, School of Arts and Humanities Director of the Ackerman Center Stan and Barbara Rabin Professor of Holocaust Studies "New Digital Studies of the Holocaust" March 9, 2020 | 9:00am – The Discovery Ballroom

Gail Hirsch Rosenthal | Stockton University Director of the Sara and Sam Schoffer Holocaust Resource Center "Reimagining Holocaust Education" March 8, 2020 | 10:45am – The Mercury Room

**Dr. Rebecca Rossen** | The University of Texas at Austin Associate Professor, Department of Theatre and Dance "Activating Site/Excavating History: Embodied Commemoration and Memory Work in Site-Specific Holocaust Performance" March 8, 2020 | 10:45am – The Gemini Room

**Dr. Martin Rumscheidt** | Atlantic School of Theology Professor of Historical Theology "Extermination through Labor: What Happened at Auschwitz-Monowitz" March 8, 2020 | 3:45pm – The Apollo Room

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Shefali Sahu | The University of Texas at Dallas Masters Student "New Digital Studies of the Holocaust" March 9, 2020 | 9:00am – The Discovery Ballroom

**Dr. Martha Satz** | Southern Methodist University Assistant Professor, English Department "Losing the Holocaust to Symbolism and Sentimentality" March 8, 2020 | 2:00pm – The Gemini Room

Amal Shafek | The University of Texas at Dallas PhD Candidate "New Digital Studies of the Holocaust" March 9, 2020 | 9:00am – The Discovery Ballroom

**Dr. Björn Siegel** | Institute for the History of the German Jews, Germany Academic Researcher "The first family will always be a part of life, as long as we keep them in our heart' – The German-Jewish Community in São Paulo, 1936–1966" March 8, 2020 | 2:00pm – The Apollo Room

#### Jack Frank Sigman | Gratz College

PhD Student "Who Speaks Today About the Holocaust? An Examination of the Decline of Holocaust Knowledge in the United States" March 8, 2020 | 10:45am – The Mercury Room

Carolina Simon | Zachor Shoah

Director "Holocaust Education for the 21st Century: Making Connections through the Humanities" March 9, 2020 | 4:00pm – The Gemini Room

#### Dr. Andrea A. Sinn | Elon University

O'Briant Developing Professor and Assistant Professor of History; Director of Jewish Studies "Tracing the Legacy of Nazi Persecution: Jewish Emigration from Nazi Germany, 1933-1945" March 8, 2020 | 2:00pm – The Apollo Room

Sarah Snyder | The University of Texas at Dallas PhD Candidate "Conservation of Materiality at Auschwitz-Birkenau" March 8, 2020 | 3:45pm – The Apollo Room

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**Dr. Raymond C. Sun** | Washington State University Associate Professor of History "Embracing and Postponing the Past in Amsterdam: The Contrasting Evolution of the Anne Frank House and the Dutch Holocaust Memorial, 2016-2020" March 8, 2020 | 3:45pm – The Apollo Room

**Eva-Maria Trinkaus** | University of Graz PhD Candidate "Lore Segal's Place of Memory: 'Literary Foodscapes' as Potential Intersections between Aging Studies and Holocaust Studies" March 9, 2020 | 2:00pm – The Gemini Room

#### Dr. Karen L. Uslin | Stockton University

Adjunct Professor of Jewish Studies "Supporting the Weight of Dignity: Aesthetics and Ethics of Murry Sidlin's *Defiant Requiem*" March 8, 2020 | 10:45am – The Gemini Room

Dr. Sarah R. Valente | The University of Texas at Dallas
Visiting Assistant Professor
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Vargas's Brazil"
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Noah L. Van Brenk | Dalhousie University, Canada

Masters Candidate "'I still felt in the last moment/ The unsheathing of the great knife of parting': Absence, Abandonment, and Female Lament in Nelly Sachs's 'A Dead Child Speaks'" March 9, 2020 | 2:00pm – The Gemini Room

**Barbara Wind** | Holocaust Council of Greater MetroWest New Jersey "Remembering Sister Rose and the Silence of the Churches" March 9, 2020 | 4:00pm – The Mercury Room

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