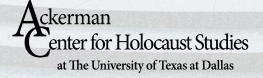


THE ACKERMAN CENTER FOR HOLOCAUST STUDIES at THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS

# "Expanding Perspectives of the Holocaust"

# March 5 – 7, 2022

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



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Special Lectures -



Michael and Elaine Jaffe Lecture Sunday, March 6, 2022 | 9:00 am

Prof. Abebe Zegeye Senior Research Fellow, The Institute for The Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy

"From Kaiser's Genocide to Hitler's Rhineland Bastard"

During this lecture, Prof. Zegeye will examine the common ideological threads that link the effects on Africans of the brutality of colonialism and the violence of National Socialism.

Mitchell L. and Miriam Lewis Barnett Lecture Sunday, March 6, 2022 Reception | 6:30 pm Lecture | 7:15pm

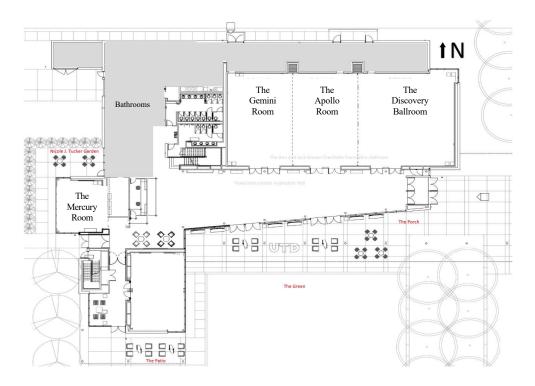
Dr. Bernice Lerner Director, Boston University's Center for Character and Social Responsibility



"The Ethics of Rescue: Stories Behind the Liberation of Bergen-Belsen"

On April 15, 1945, three weeks before World War II's end, a unit of the British Second Army entered the then largest Nazi concentration camp. Hardened military men sickened at the sight—nothing they had seen in battle came close to the depravity of Bergen-Belsen. Among the 60,000 desperate and emaciated inmates were 25,000 who would die if they did not receive immediate care. Brigadier Glyn Hughes, the Army's Deputy Director of Medical Services, committed himself to the complex and harrowing task of trying to save lives. Rachel Genuth, a 15-year-old whose parents and four siblings had been murdered in Auschwitz, was among those at death's door. Through these protagonists we will learn astounding facts about the complex liberation.

## The Davidson-Gundy Alumni Center





## Agenda at a Glance ———

#### Saturday, March 5, 2022

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 6, 2022

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

7:30am - 8:30am	Midrash Group
8:00am – 9:00am	Coffee and Light Breakfast
9:00am – 10:30am	Welcome Remarks and Keynote Lecture Michael and Elaine Jaffe Lecture by Prof. Abebe Zegeye "From Kaiser's Genocide to Hitler's Rhineland Bastard"
10:45am – 12:15pm	Session #1 "Increasing Awareness and Combating Holocaust Denial" "New Perspectives on Teaching the Holocaust"
12:30pm - 2:00pm	Lunch with Speaker, Dr. David Patterson "The Wannsee Conference: Legalizing Murder"
2:15pm – 3:30pm	<ul><li>Session #2</li><li>"A Lasting Image (<i>Work in Progress</i>): The Challenges of Documenting the Holocaust through Animation"</li><li>"Expanding the Understanding of the Holocaust for First Generation Students at Stockton University"</li></ul>
3:45pm – 5:15pm	Session #3 "Moral and Religious Thought" "The Issue of Accountability"
5:30pm - 6:30pm	Dinner
6:30pm – 7:15pm	Public Reception
7:15pm – 8:30pm	Public Lecture by Dr. Bernice Lerner Mitchell L. and Miriam Lewis Barnett Lecture "The Ethics of Rescue: Stories Behind the Liberation of Bergen-Belsen"

## Agenda at a Glance

#### Monday, March 7, 2022

8:00am – 9:00am	Coffee and Light Breakfast
9:00am – 10:00am	Welcome Remarks "Integrating the Digital Humanities into Holocaust Studies"
10:15am –12:00pm	Session #4 "Rescue, Resistance, and Remembering" "The South Jersey Holocaust Survivor Project"
12:15pm – 1:45pm	Lunch with program, "The Shared History Project: A New Approach for Teaching Jewish History and The Holocaust" Karen S. Franklin
2:00pm - 3:45pm	Session #5 "The Case of Jehovah's Witnesses and the German Church Struggle: A Beginning Conversation"
4:00pm – 5:45pm	Session #6 "Memory and Literature of the Holocaust" "Emerging Opportunities: Building a Network for the Teaching of the Holocaust in Latin America in Times of COVID-19"
6:00pm - 8:00pm	Dinner and Eternal Flame Award Presentation

## Thank you

We are grateful to the 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."

Scan the QR Code to see a list of sponsors for the  $52^{nd}$  Annual Scholars' Conference.



## About the Ackerman Center

Founded by Holocaust scholar and survivor Dr. Zsuzsanna Ozsváth in 1986 with the mission of *Teaching the Past, Changing the Future*, the Holocaust Studies Program at UT Dallas has earned an international reputation for excellence. The Ackerman Center has grown into a distinguished and publicly-engaged academic center that offers an in-depth view of the Holocaust, genocide, and human rights studies within a dedicated facility. Among the top tier of Holocaust research programs in the country, the Ackerman Center has five endowed faculty positions, which are complemented by additional part and full-time professors and lecturers. With the recent rise of anti-Semitism and human rights violations, the lessons of the Holocaust are more important than ever in the 21st century. By advancing a continuous engagement with the past, the Ackerman Center will be a vital part of promoting solutions to the challenges to global justice and peace in our world.

## Highlights of the Ackerman Center

- Graduate and undergraduate courses
- Fellowships and scholarships
- Graduate Certificate in Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights 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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## From the Conference Chair



### **Dr. David Patterson**

Conference Chair, 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Scholars' Conference Hillel A. Feinberg Distinguished Chair of Holocaust Studies The University of Texas at Dallas

When Franklin Littell and Hubert Locke convened the first Annual Scholars' Conference on the Holocaust and

the Churches in 1970, many deemed it the dawn of Holocaust Studies as an academic discipline. Truly intergenerational and interdisciplinary, the ASC embodies the enduring memory and testimony summoned in the systematic murder of European Jewry. Each year the ASC welcomes the world's most prominent scholars and dedicated students to engage this Event that transformed history and the understanding of our humanity.

## **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 Emerita, Leah and Paul Lewis Chair of Holocaust Studies Founder of the Holocaust Studies Program The University of Texas at Dallas

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

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

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## Saturday, March 5th -

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

#### 6:30pm – 7:30pm | Welcome Reception

Inspiration Hall

7:30pm – 9:00pm | Opening Dinner

The Discovery Ballroom

Dr. David Patterson, The University of Texas at Dallas Conference Chair, 52nd Annual Scholars' Conference Hillel A. Feinberg Distinguished Chair of Holocaust Studies

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Jennifer Sachs Dahnert Representative of the Littell Family

## Sunday, March 6<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 a Parfait Bar Inspiration Hall Beverage station will be open throughout the day

#### <u>7:30am – 8:30am</u>

The Apollo Room Midrash Discussion David Patterson and Henry Knight

#### <u>9:00am – 10:30am | Welcome and Keynote</u> Michael and Elaine Jaffe Lecture *The Discovery Ballroom*

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#### <u>10:30am – 10:45am | Break</u>

## Sunday, March 6th

#### 10:45am - 12:15pm | Session #1

### Increasing Awareness and Combating Holocaust Denial

The Apollo Room

Mehak Burza PhD Candidate, Jamia Millia Islamia University "At Crossroads between India and the Holocaust"

Sara Galico Colegio Hebreo Sefaradi "Holocaust Distortion Meets Anti-Zionism: Comparing Israelis to Nazis"

Matthew James Hone Adjunct Professor, Stockton University "Holocaust Distortion, Ethno-Religious Intolerance and Antisemitism in Eastern Europe"

#### New Perspectives on Teaching the Holocaust

The Gemini Room

Igor Kotler President and Executive Director, Museum of Human Rights, Freedom, and Tolerance "Holocaust Studies and Education in Russia: Some Trends and Controversies"

Christine Maxwell Research Fellow, ISGAP: Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy "The Book as Provocative Artifact: An Expanded Relevancy for Holocaust Studies in the 21st Century"

Alexander Ryan Director, The Witness Project "Finding a Common Curriculum for Holocaust Education"

#### <u>12:15pm – 12:30pm | Break</u>

#### 12:30pm – 2:00pm | Lunch with Speaker

Discovery Ballroom

David Patterson

Hillel A. Feinberg Distinguished Chair in Holocaust Studies, The University of Texas at Dallas "The Wannsee Conference: Legalizing Murder"

#### 2:00pm - 2:15pm | Break

## Sunday, March 6th

#### 2:15pm – 3:30pm | Session 2

# A Lasting Image (*Work in Progress*): The Challenges of Documenting the Holocaust through Animation

The Apollo Room

Dr. Christine Veras Assistant Professor, The University of Texas at Dallas UT Dallas ATEC Animation students: Scott Huddleston, Kirstin Steven-Schmidt, and Ana Villarreal

# Expanding the Understanding of the Holocaust for First Generation Students at Stockton University

The Gemini Room

Mary Johnson Adjunct and Affiliate Professor for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Stockton University

Irvin Moreno-Rodriguez Program Assistant, Sara and Sam Schoffer Holocaust Resource Center at Stockton University

Gail Hirsch Rosenthal Founding Director, Sara and Sam Schoffer Holocaust Resource Center at Stockton University

#### <u>3:30pm – 3:45pm | Break</u>

#### <u>3:45pm – 5:15pm | Session #3</u>

Moral and Religious Thought The Apollo Room

Philip Barber PhD Candidate, The University of Texas at Dallas "Untangling the Enigma of Ka-tzetnik's Chronicle"

Angie Simmons PhD Student and Belofsky Fellow, The University of Texas at Dallas "The Path of Undoing: A History of Rationalizing Racial Violence"

Christin Zühlke PhD Student, Center for Research on Antisemitism, Technical University Berlin; UC Berkeley "The Meanings of Jewish Prayer in Concentration Camps – The Case of the Sonderkommando in Auschwitz-Birkenau"

## Sunday, March 6th

#### <u>3:45pm – 5:15pm | Session #3 (Cont).</u>

The Issue of Accountability The Gemini Room

Vito D'Orazio Associate Professor of Political Science, The University of Texas at Dallas Co-Present: "The Law-Abiding Citizen: Crime and Anti-Refugee Violence in Germany"

Soham Das Assistant Professor, Jindal Global University – India Co-Present: "The Law-Abiding Citizen: Crime and Anti-Refugee Violence in Germany"

Ann Marie Dell PhD Candidate, Southern Methodist University "Nazi War Criminals in the United States: America's Complicated Past and the Fight to Remediate Injustice"

<u>5:30pm – 6:30pm | Dinner</u> *The Discovery Ballroom* Remarks by Dr. Michael Berenbaum

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

7:15pm | Keynote Lecture The Gemini Ballroom

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## Monday, March 7th

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

#### <u>8:00am – 9:00am</u>

**Coffee, Tea, Water, and Pastry Assortment** *Beverage station will be open throughout the day* 

#### <u>9:00am – 10:00am | Welcome and Special Presentation</u> Integrating the Digital Humanities into Holocaust Studies

The Discovery Ballroom

Nils Roemer, Stan and Barbara Rabin Distinguished Professor of Holocaust Studies Katie Fisher, PhD Student and Belofsky Fellow Piyush Kamdar, MS in Information Science Shefali Sahu, MS in Management Science Riya Sood, Masters Student, Information Technology and Management The University of Texas at Dallas

#### <u>10:00am – 10:15am | Break</u>

#### <u>10:15am –12:00pm | Session #4</u> Rescue, Resistance, and Remembering

The Apollo Room

Jadwiga Biskupska Assistant Professor of History, Sam Houston State University "Jewish Resistance and Polish Skepticism during the Holocaust in Eastern Poland"

Anne-Christin Klotz Postdoctoral Fellow in the History of Migration, University of California, Berkeley & German Historical Institute – Pacific Regional Office Berkeley "Integrating Eastern Perspectives into the Western Gaze: Polish-Jewish Journalists and Their Early Efforts to Inform the Western World about the Destruction of Polish Jewry and in Commemorating Victims of the Nazis"

Darlene Martin Rebecca and Edwin Gale Distinguished Professor, UTMB Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and School of Nursing "Sexual Violence and Trafficking of Women as Weapons of War During the Holocaust and Other Genocide"

Alicja Podbielska

Hartman Postdoc Fellow, Fortunoff Video Archive for Holocaust Testimonies, Yale University "She rescued me; now it's my duty to save her': Post-Liberation Relationships Between Survivors and Their Polish Helpers"

## Monday, March 7th -

#### 10:15am -12:00pm | Session #4 (Cont.)

Roundtable Discussion: The South Jersey Holocaust Survivor Project: Presenting the Refugee Experience to a General Audience The Gemini Room

#### Morgan Everman, Independent Scholar

Michael Hayse, Wally and Lutz Hammerschlag Associate Professor of Holocaust Studies Gail Hirsch Rosenthal, Founding Director, Sara and Sam Schoffer Holocaust Resource Center Irvin Moreno-Rodriguez Program Assistant, Sara and Sam Schoffer Holocaust Resource Center Stockton University

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

#### 12:15pm – 1:45pm | Lunch with Program

The Discovery Ballroom

Karen S. Franklin Director of Family Research, Leo Baeck Institute "The Shared History Project: A New Approach for Teaching Jewish History and The Holocaust"

#### <u>1:45pm – 2:00pm | Break</u>

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

**Roundtable Discussion: The Case of Jehovah's Witnesses and the German Church Struggle: A Beginning Conversation** *The Apollo Room* 

Jolene Chu Senior Researcher, Office of Public Information, World Headquarters of Jehovah's Witnesses

Henry Knight Past President and Current Member, Executive Conference Committee

Tim B. Mueller Director of Research, Association of German Sinti & Roma, Landes-verband Baden-Württemberg

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

#### John Roth Edward J. Sexton Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, Claremont McKenna College

## Monday, March 7th -

#### <u>3:45pm – 4:00pm | Break</u>

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

#### Memory and Literature of the Holocaust

The Apollo Room

Emily-Rose Baker Visiting Assistant Professor, The University of Texas at Dallas "Resisting Fascism through the Collective Unconscious: Charlotte Beradt's *The Third Reich of Dreams*"

Joan Peterson Professor Emerita, Saint Mary's College of California "Kafka's Sister and the Holocaust: More Than a Footnote"

Tiffany Sidders MA Student, University of Alabama "Fragmented Memory: Detachment, Affect, and Trauma in *This Way for the Gas, Ladies and Gentlemen*"

Eva-Maria Trinkaus Researcher, Center for Interdisciplinary Research on Aging and Care, University of Graz "Aging after the Holocaust: Lore Segal's Emplotted Life Experience"

# Emerging Opportunities: Building a Network for the Teaching of the Holocaust in Latin America in Times of COVID-19

The Gemini Room

Sofia Cohen Director of Partnership Strategies, Jewish Interactive Museum of Chile "Building a Network for the Teaching of the Holocaust in Latin America in Times of COVID-19"

Eliana Hamra Education Coordinator, Holocaust Museum of Buenos Aires "Holocaust Museum of Buenos Aires: Challenges of a Museum Designed for Future Generations"

Carlos Reis Director, Holocaust Museum of Curitiba "The Holocaust Museum of Curitiba: A Pioneering and Contemporary Proposal that Dialogues with Brazilian Society"

## Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

5:45pm - 6:00pm | Break

#### 6:00pm - 8:00pm | Dinner

The Discovery Ballroom

Eternal Flame Award Ceremony Presented by Dr. David Patterson

## 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, Zsuzsanna Ozsváth, and Martin Rumscheidt.

This year's recipient is Abraham H. Foxman, world-renowned leader in the fight against anti-Semitism, bigotry and discrimination who regularly speaks out on issues of global anti-Semitism, the war on terrorism, church/state issues, and issues relating to the Holocaust, which he survived as a hidden child. He is a passionate supporter of the State of Israel and a voice for peace in the Middle East.

Mr. Foxman is National Director Emeritus of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), from which he retired in 2015 after 50 years with the organization, including serving as National Director from 1987 through 2015. Upon retirement, he served as Vice Chairman of the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York City. He is the author of several books, and co-authored *Viral Hate: Containing Its Spread on the Internet*.

During his long career, he had personal consultations with government leaders in Europe, Israel and the Middle East, the Far East, Latin America and Africa. He has also had multiple audiences at the Vatican, including with Pope Francis, and conferred with U.S. Presidents from Ronald Reagan to Barack Obama. A Holocaust survivor, Mr. Foxman has been a member of the President's United States Holocaust Memorial Council, appointed by Presidents Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Clinton and now Biden.

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# Ackerman enter for Holocaust Studies at The University of Texas at Dallas

# **TEACHING THE PAST, CHANGING THE FUTURE**

For more than thirty years, the Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies at The University of Texas at Dallas has served the students of UT Dallas and the Dallas Metroplex by teaching the history and legacy of the Holocaust both in the classroom and through public events.



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