First International Graduate Students’ Conference on Holocaust and Genocide Studies
Strassler Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies
Clark University
23-26 April 2009

Thursday, 23 April 2009

7:30pm - Keynote Address
Yehuda Bauer, Yad Vashem and Hebrew University, Israel
Holocaust and Genocide – Two Concepts or Part of Each Other?

Friday, 24 April 2009

9:00-10:45am - Panel 1: Children and Youth during the Holocaust
Chair: Debórah Dwork, Clark University, USA

Joanna Sliwa, Clark University, USA
Coping with the Distorted Reality: Children in the Kraków Ghetto

Jeffrey Koerber, Clark University, USA
Beyond the Polemics: Jewish Youth in Soviet Vitebsk on the Eve of the Holocaust

Henricus Theo Gerardus (Harry) Monkel, University of Amsterdam, Holland
Prosperity and Survival? 1500 Jewish Children in Occupied Amsterdam

9:00-10:45am - Panel 2: The Holocaust in the East
Chair: Thomas Kühne, Clark University, USA

Waitman W. Beorn, University of North Carolina, USA
Gray Areas in White Russia: Examining Complicity of Wehrmacht Units in the Holocaust in Belarus

Martin R. Gutmann, Syracuse University, USA
Scandinavian Waffen-SS Officers and the Holocaust

Eric C. Steinhart, University of North Carolina, USA
Family, Fascists, and ’Volksdeutsche’: The Bogdanovka Collective Farm and the Holocaust in Ukraine

Jared McBride, University of California, Los Angeles, USA
Popular Anti-Jewish Violence during the Summer of 1941 in Ukraine: Olevs’k and Beyond
11:00-12:45pm - Panel 3: **Collective Memory**  
Chair: Cecilie Felicia Stockholm Banke, Danish Institute for International Studies, Denmark

Jeremy Maron, Carleton University, Canada
*Unbridgeable History: Towards a Heuristic of Canadian Holocaust Cinema*

Jacob S. Eder, University of Pennsylvania, USA
*The ‘New Germany’ and the ‘Americanization of the Holocaust’*

Solvej Berlau, Danish Institute for International Studies, Denmark
*Testimonies from Theresienstadt*

11:00-12:45pm - Panel 4: **Jewish Life in Nazi Ghettos**  
Chair: Ilana F. Offenberger, Clark University, USA

Sarah Rosen, Hebrew University, Israel  
*Surviving in Murafa Ghetto: A Case Study of Life in the Ghettos in Transnistria*

Michaela Soyer, University of Chicago, USA  
*Behavioral Choices and Social Structure in the Ghettos Lachwa, Piotrokow, and Tarnow*

Elizabeth Strauss, University of Notre Dame, USA  
*‘Do Not Cast Me Off in the Time of Old Age...’: Institutional Care for the Elderly in the Łódź Ghetto*

1:00pm Lunch

2:30-4:15pm - Panel 5: **Law and the Concept of Genocide**  
Chair: Srinivasan Sitaraman, Clark University, USA

Christoph Jens Kamissek, European University Institute, Italy  
*Reconstructing Genocide as Ideal Type: Weber and Lemkin on Intent and Causation*

Clotilde Pegorier, University of Exeter, England  
*The French Position on the Denial of the Armenian Genocide: A Question of Legal and Moral Legitimacy?*

Martha Mutisi, George Mason University, USA  
*Endogenous Methods of Dealing with the Aftermath of Genocide: The Gacaca Process in Rwanda*
2:30-4:15pm - Panel 6: **Bystanders to the Holocaust of Hungarian Jewry**  
Chair: Anita H. Fábos, Clark University, USA

László Csősz, University of Szeged, Hungary  
*Volunteers, Opportunists, Mitigators: ‘Bystanders’ of the Holocaust in Hungary: A Comparative Study*

Raz Segal, Clark University, USA  
*National Revival and Genocide: The Case of Ruthenian Bystanders to the Destruction of Subcarpathian Rus’ Jewry*

Doreen Eschinger, Humboldt University, Germany  
*Bystanders and Perpetrators of the Hungarian Holocaust: Oral and Written Testimonies of Female Hungarian Survivors*

4:30-6:15pm - Panel 7: **Genocide against Native Americans**  
Chair: Andrea Smith, University of California, Riverside, USA

Carroll P. Kakel, III, Royal Halloway, University of London, England  
*Settler Colonialism and Genocide as a Paradigm for the ‘American West’ and the ‘Nazi East’*

Benjamin Madley, Yale University, USA  
*The Modoc Genocide in Northern California and Southern Oregon, 1851-1873*

Alex (Abraham) Kerner, Tel Aviv University, Israel  
*‘The Invisible Body’: Physiological Factors in Defining Levels of Humanity in Sixteenth-Century Spain Following the Encounter with the Natives of the New World*

4:30-6:15pm - Panel 8: **Gender and Genocide**  
Chair: Jody Emel, Clark University, USA

Alaettin Çarikci, Sabanci University, Turkey  
*En(gendering) Trauma in the Late Ottoman Empire Period*

Anika Walke, University of California, Santa Cruz, USA  
*(Post)-Soviet Commemorations of the Nazi Genocide: Public Terror, Jewish Resistance, and the Hidden Struggle for Survival*

Alicja Białecka, Jagiellonian University, Poland  
*Structures of Memory: Auschwitz in Women’s Literature*

7:00pm Dinner
Saturday, 25 April 2009

9:00-10:45am - Panel 9: Holocaust Refugees
Chair: Kristen Williams, Clark University, USA

Bonnie M. Harris, University of California, Santa Barbara, USA
From Zbaszyn to Manila: Refugee Rescue in the Philippines

Adara Goldberg, Clark University, USA
‘We Were Called Greenies’: Holocaust Survivors in Postwar Canada

Elizabeth Anthony, Clark University, USA
Rückkehrer: Holocaust Survivors and Refugees’ Repatriation to Austria

9:00-10:45am - Panel 10: Holocaust Memory in Israel
Chair: Taner Akçam, Clark University, USA

Amir Peleg-Uziyahu, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel
Holocaust, Politics, and Memory in Israel: The Case of the Jewish Military Union (ZZW)

Gish Amit, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel
A Bizarre Insanity: The Loot of Jewish Cultural Assets during the Holocaust and its Restitution after World War II

Cristina Andriani, Clark University, USA
Jewish-Israeli Sense of Belonging: An Exploration of Life Stories Interview Themes within the Context of Trauma, Memory, and the Holocaust

11:00-12:45pm - Panel 11: Post-Genocide Identity
Chair: George Foster, University of Sydney, Australia

Nicole S. Fox, Brandeis University, USA
‘Their History Is Part of Me’: Post-Genocide Identity Politics and the Intergenerational Transmission of Trauma to Third Generation Holocaust Survivors

Sara Seerup Laursen, University of Aarhus, Denmark
Living in a State of Distrust: Friendship and Secrecy among Students in Post-Genocide Rwanda

Juliette Brungs, University of Minnesota, USA
Dirty Jewishness: Recapturing the Jewish Body in Contemporary Germany
11:00-12:45pm - Panel 12: **Camps and Genocide**
Chair: Jeffrey Koerber, Clark University, USA

Natalya Lazar, Clark University, USA  
*Russian and Soviet Concentration Camps until 1941*

Dominique Schröder, Bielefeld University, Germany  
*Writing the Indescribable: Diary Writing in Concentration Camps, 1933-1945*

Alexis Herr, Clark University, USA  
*Trapped in Limbo: The History and Memory of Fossoli di Carpi*

1:00pm Lunch

2:30-4:15pm - Panel 13: **Holocaust Museums and Memorial Sites**
Chair: John K. Roth, Claremont McKenna College, USA

Jody Russell Manning, Clark University, USA  
*Living in the Shadows of Auschwitz and Dachau*

Katarzyna Stec, Jagiellonian University, Poland  
*Portrait of Contemporary Visitors to the Memorial Sites of the Former Death Camps: Results of Sociological Research Conducted in Auschwitz, Majdanek, and Belzec*

Avril Alba, University of Sydney, Australia  
*Holocaust Museums: Sacred Memory in Secular Space, Comparative Case Study: The Sydney Jewish Museum and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum*

2:30-4:15pm - Panel 14: **Roots of Genocide: Three Case Studies**
Chair: Ben Kiernan, Yale University, USA

Andrei Gomez-Saurez, University of Sussex, England  
*Genocidists: Why Perpetrator Blocs, and How to Study Them*

Ihediwa Nkemjika Chimee, University of Nigeria, Nigeria  
*Interrogating the Factors of Ethnicity, Revenge, and Power Struggle as Forces Motivating Genocide: A Comparative Discourse of Nigeria and Rwanda*

Tea Rozman-Clark, University of Nova Gorica, Slovenia  
*Unintentional Results of UN Military Intervention: The Case of Srebrenica, the UN ‘Safe Area’*
4:30-6:15pm - Panel 15: **Relations between Jews and Non-Jews, 1930-1945**
Chair: Eric D. Weitz, University of Minnesota, USA

Stefanie Maria Fischer, Technical University, Berlin, Germany
*Violence against Jews in the German Countryside, 1930-1935*

Michael Geheran, Clark University, USA
*Keine Kameraden: German-Jewish WWI Veterans under the Third Reich*

Stefan Ionescu, Clark University, USA
*Opportunism, Ideology, and Opposition in World War II Bucharest: Gentile Responses to the Romanization Policy during the Antonescu Regime: 1940-1944*

4:30-6:15pm - Panel 16: **Sources for Holocaust Research**
Chair: Robin May Schott, Danish Institute for International Studies, Denmark

Christiane Hess, Bielefeld University, Germany
*Visual Archives: Bodily Representations and Social Hierarchy in Drawings of Concentration Camp Prisoners*

Mark Volovici, Hebrew University, Israel
*‘The OfficerEntered the House without Taking His Hat Off’: The Hermeneutics of Manners under the Nazi Regime*

Marina Shafran, Western Michigan University, USA
*Soviet Jewish Holocaust Survivors: An Ethnographic Study*

7:00pm Dinner

Sunday, 26 April 2009

9:00-10:45am - Panel 17: **Holocaust and Genocide Education**
Chair: Shelly Tenenbaum, Clark University, USA

Sara A. Levy, University of Minnesota, USA
*An Examination of the Role Secondary School Teachers Play in the Authoring of Holocaust History*

Michelle Kelso, University of Michigan, USA
*‘...and Gypsies Were Victims Too’: An Ethnography of Holocaust Education in Romania and Discourses on Romani Suffering*

Tine Brøndum, Danish Institute for International Studies, Denmark
*Learning about Genocide – in Bosnia and Beyond*
9:00-10:45am - Panel 18: **Mass Media and Genocide**  
Chair: Ken MacLean, Clark University, USA

Tobias Seidl, Mainz University, Germany  
*Genocides Need Slogans – Slogans Need to be Transmitted: Genocide and the Role of Media*

Catherine Morrow, Tufts University, USA  
*Hitler on Film: Monster, Fool, or Man?*

Sine Molbæk-Steensig, Danish Institute for International Studies, Denmark  
*Holocaust Denial on the Internet: Is There Really a Problem?*

11:00am - **Concluding Roundtable Discussion**

Panelists: Yehuda Bauer, Deborah Dwork, Ben Kiernan, John K. Roth, Andrea Smith, and Eric D. Weitz

Moderator: Thomas Kühne

The conference will be open for a limited number of interested scholars and graduate students not presenting a paper. Registration fee (including all meals and refreshments) is $160. Please contact Elizabeth Anthony (eanthony@clarku.edu) for further information and registration.

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