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# EMERGING EXPERTISE

## WELCOME


Dear Participant,

I am pleased to welcome you on behalf of the Strassler Center and Clark University to the  *Holding Accountability Accountable Conference*. The presenters, who are at the early stages of their careers, come from a variety of academic and professional backgrounds. As an anthropologist who researches mass violence in Southeast Asia, I appreciate the range of disciplinary and regional perspectives offered throughout the program. We anticipate lively conversations about accountability as a theoretical concept, methodological concern, moral principle, legal demand, and form of ethical engagement with the past.

Andrea Gualde will deliver the keynote lecture. She is the Senior Advisor for Latin America at the Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation and a Professor of International Jurisdictions at Di Tella University in Buenos Aires. Previously, she was National Director of Legal Affairs of the Secretariat of Human Rights of the Ministry of Justice, Argentina. During the second featured event, eminent journalist and author David Rieff, will discuss his most recent book, *In Praise of Forgetting: The Irony of Historical Memory*.

The Strassler Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies is the first and only institute of its kind. Home to a uniquely rich undergraduate program in Holocaust and Genocide Studies and the world's first doctoral program in Holocaust History and Genocide Studies, the Center is proud to be at the leading edge of the emerging field of genocide studies. Our mandate is to provide graduate level education about the antecedent causes for genocides around the globe, the experiences of different victim groups, and possibilities for political resolution and humanitarian involvement.

Thank you for contributing your expertise to the success of this event.



Associate Professor of International Development and Social Change  
Strassler Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies Core Faculty Member

## SPEAKERS



### **Andrea Gualde**

Human Rights lawyer Andrea Gualde is the Senior Advisor for Latin America at the Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation and a Professor of International Jurisdictions at Di Tella University in Buenos Aires. Previously, she was National Director of Legal Affairs of the Secretariat of Human Rights of the Ministry of Justice, Argentina. She has chaired the Museums and Memorials Working Group of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance. Gualde studied law at the University of Buenos Aires and was a Visiting Scholar at Yale Law School.



### **David Rieff**

David Rieff is a New York-based journalist and author. During the nineteen-nineties, he covered conflicts in Africa (Rwanda, Burundi, Congo, Liberia), the Balkans (Bosnia and Kosovo), and Central Asia. Rieff has written extensively about Iraq, and, more recently, about Latin America. He is the author of eight books, including *Slaughterhouse: Bosnia and the Failure of the West* and *A Bed for the Night: Humanitarianism in Crisis*. He has published numerous articles in *The New York Times*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Le Monde*, *El Pais*, *The New Republic*, *World Affairs*, *Harper's*, *The Atlantic Monthly*, *Foreign Affairs*, *The Nation*, and other publications. His book *The Reproach of Hunger: Food, Justice, and Money in the 21st century* was published by Simon & Schuster in October 2015. Rieff's latest book *In Praise of Forgetting: the Irony of Historical Memory* was published in April 2016 by Yale University Press.

## THURSDAY 6 APRIL 2017

6:00-7:15

Higgins Lounge  
Dana Commons

Welcome and Opening Dinner

**Thomas Kühne**, Strassler Center Director and History Professor

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7:30

Higgins Lounge,  
Dana Commons

Keynote address: "The Armenian Genocide, the Holocaust, and the Study of Human Rights Reparations: A Way to Achieve Accountability. The Case of Argentina."

**Andrea Gualde**, J.D., Senior Advisor for Latin America at the  
Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation

Introduction: **Tibi Galis**, Executive Director, Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation

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## FRIDAY 7 APRIL 2017

9:00-10:30 am

Higgins Lounge,  
Dana Commons

Historical Legacies

Chair: **Burçin Gerçek**, Strassler Center Doctoral Student

Discussant: **Ken MacLean**, Associate Professor of International  
Development and Social Change, Clark University

"The French Revolution and Modern Dilemmas of Accountability"

**Ronen Steinberg**, Assistant Professor of History, Michigan State University

"Metahistorical Glitches"

**Gisele Lecker de Almeida**, Visiting Researcher, Kings College, London

"The Struggle over the Circassian Genocide: Between Historical  
Recognition and Current Practicalities"

**Chen Bram**, Hollander Visiting Professor, Clark University

"Gaza and Heterotopia"

**Omri Ben-Yehuda**, Solomon and Balaban Rector Postdoctoral Fellow,  
Hebrew University

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10:30-11:00 am

Coffee Break

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## FRIDAY 7 APRIL 2017

11:00am-12:45pm Perpetrators as Insiders/Outsiders

Higgins Lounge,  
Dana Commons

Chair: **Jason Tingler**, Strassler Center Doctoral Student

Discussant: **Rosemary Nagy**, Associate Professor of Gender Equality and Social Justice, Nipissing University, Ontario

"Remember, Unite, Renew? Accountability and Remorse among Women Perpetrators in Rwanda"

**Sara E. Brown**, Political Science Lecturer, San Diego State University

"Crimes in Myanmar: The Use of International Criminal Law in Human Rights Advocacy"

**Matthew Bugher**, Independent lawyer and human rights researcher

"Performing Accountability: Understanding the Myanmar Military's Impunity for Human Rights Violations"

**David Baulk**, Myanmar Human Rights Specialist, Fortify Rights

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12:45pm-1:45pm Lunch  
Rose Library,  
Cohen-Lasry House

2:15pm-3:45pm  
Higgins Lounge,  
Dana Commons

Presence / Absence

Chair: **Anna Aleksanyan**, Strassler Center Doctoral Student

Discussant: **Valerie Sperling**, Professor of Political Science, Clark University

"Obstacles to International Criminal Accountability for Forced Marriage in Mass Atrocities"

**Melanie O'Brien**, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, TC Beirne School of Law, University of Queensland, Australia and Researcher, Asia-Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect

"Accounting for Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women in Canada"

**Danielle Taschereau Mamers**, Doctoral Student, Information and Media Studies, University of Western Ontario

"Inner Peace? Sexual Violence, Accountability, and the Strength of Silence"

**James Sedgwick**, Assistant Professor in History, Acadia University, Nova Scotia

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## FRIDAY 7 APRIL 2017

3:45-4:15pm

Break

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4:15pm-6:00pm

Higgins Lounge,  
Dana Commons

The Politics of Recognition

Chair: **Emil Kjerte**, Strassler Center Doctoral Student  
Discussant: **Henry C. Theriault**, Professor of Philosophy, Worcester  
State University

"Human Rights Victims or Victimized Heroes? Reparations and Competing  
Notions of Accountability in Post-Conflict Timor-Leste"

**Amy Rothschild**, Doctoral Student, Anthropology, University of California,  
San Diego

"Accountability and Sacrifice: Seeking Justice for Political Prisoners in  
Myanmar"

**Aileen Thomson**, Head of Office, International Center for Transnational  
Justice

"The Participatory Dimensions of Accountability: Examining Transitional  
Justice Mechanisms in Cambodia"

**Tine Destrooper**, Visiting Researcher, Center for Human Rights and Global  
Justice, New York University Law School

"Acting Across Violence: Argentinean Civil Society, State Accountability, and  
the Activism of H.I.J.O.S."

**Kerry Whigham**, Postdoctoral Researcher, Institute for the Study of Human  
Rights at Columbia University

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6:00-7:00

Social Hour

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7:00-8:30

Dinner

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## SATURDAY 8 APRIL 2017

9:00am-10:30am  
Higgins Lounge,  
Dana Commons

Corporate Responsibility - Past, Present, and Future

Chair: **Emre Dağlioğlu**, Strassler Center Doctoral Student  
Discussant: **Tyler Giannini**, Clinical Professor of Law and Co-Director,  
International Human Rights Clinic, Harvard Law School

"Corporate Accountability and Non-Repetition Guarantees: What Does  
'Peace' Mean for Indigenous People in Transitional Times?"

**Monica Mazariegos Rodas**, Rafael Landivar University, Guatemala

"After a Century: Who and How Is Accountable for the Armenian  
Genocide?"

**Vladimir Vardanyan**, Head of the Division of International Treaties,  
Constitutional Court of the Republic of Armenia

"SNCF (Société nationale des chemins de fer français) and Deportations  
during WWII"

**Sara Federman**, Presidential Scholar, School for Conflict Analysis and  
Resolution, George Mason University

"Business as Usual: Accountability and Private Enterprises in Nazi Germany  
and Beyond"

**Johannes Beermann**, Archivist, Fritz Bauer Institut and Doctoral Student,  
University of Hannover

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10:30am-11:00am Break

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## SATURDAY 8 APRIL 2017

11:00am-12:30pm The Politics of Efficiency and Effectiveness

Higgins Lounge,  
Dana Commons

Chair: **Simon Goldberg**, Strassler Center Doctoral Student

Discussant: **Leigh A. Payne**, Professor of Sociology, Latin American Centre,  
Oxford University

"The Accountable Humanitarian: Practicing Accountability, Acting Without  
Responsibility?"

**Jessica Anderson**

"Illiberal Transitional Justice: The Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of  
Cambodia"

**Rebecca Gidley**, Doctoral Student, Pacific and Asian History, Australian  
National University

"Tuluwat: From Apology to Support"

**Kerri Malloy**, Lecturer in Native American Studies, Humboldt State  
University

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12:45-1:45pm

Rose Library,  
Cohen-Lasry House

Lunch

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2:00pm-3:45pm

Higgins Lounge,  
Dana Commons

Narrating Accountability

Chair: **Gabrielle Hauth**, Strassler Center Doctoral Student

Discussant: **Robert Tobin**, Professor of Language and Literature,  
Clark University

"Remembering Silenced Tragedies: Experience in Memorializing  
Anniversaries of Mass Violence - The Case of Northern Uganda"

**Jackson Odong**, Centre Manager, National Memory and Peace  
Documentation Centre, Kitgum, Uganda

"Between Victim and Perpetrator: Dealing with Memory and Accountability  
After Civil War"

**Eva Willems**, Doctoral Researcher, History Department, Ghent University

"Embroidery as Narrative: Stitching Narratives of Trauma and Hope onto  
Black Cloth"

**Puleng Segalo**, Lecturer, University of South Africa

"Truth, Trauma, and Hard Work: The Extractive Industry of Memory in Peru"

**Caroline Yezer**, PhD (Independent), Senior Program Chair, Association for  
Feminist Anthropology

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3:45-4:30pm

Break

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4:30-6:00 pm  
Higgins Lounge,  
Dana Commons

Public Lecture: David Rieff

Author of *In Praise of Forgetting: Historical Memory and Its Ironies*  
(Yale University Press, 2016)

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6:15pm

Bus to restaurant

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6:45-8:00pm

Dinner

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8:15pm

Return bus

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## SUNDAY 9 APRIL 2017

9:30-11:00am  
Higgins Lounge,  
Dana Commons

Strategies of Preservation

Chair: **Mohammad Sajjadur Rahman**, Strassler Center Doctoral Student  
Discussant: **Mary Jane Rein**, Executive Director, Strassler Center

"Government Official Accountability for Prevention"

**Tibi Galis**, Executive Director, Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation

"Countering Oblivion: Digital Strategies of Participation and Invisible Narratives of Diversity"

**Kathrin Schon**, Jewish Museum, Frankfurt

"'Active Acknowledgment Is Holding Nations Accountable': A Qualitative Study on Acknowledgment (and Denial) of Collective Victimization Among African-Americans, Armenian-Americans, Jewish Americans, and the Palestinian Diaspora"

**Michelle Twali**, Psychology Doctoral Student, Clark University

"The Teaching of the Holocaust and Other Genocides in a Post-Conflict Society: Considerations about the Construction of a Public Policy in Argentina (2008-2015)"

**Emmanuel Kahan**, Adjunct Professor of Political Theory, National University of La Plata

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11:00-11:30 am

Coffee Break

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11:30am-12:30pm

Closing Roundtable

Higgins Lounge,  
Dana Commons

Discussants: **Tyler Giannini**, **Leigh Payne**, **Rosemary Nagy**

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12:45pm-2:00pm

Closing Lunch

Rose Library,  
Cohen-Lasry House

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## WE ACKNOWLEDGE

We acknowledge with gratitude the Charles E. Scheidt Family Foundation for generously supporting this conference. Mr. Scheidt recognized the Strassler Center's long-standing interest in promoting the work of younger scholars and he graciously embraced the idea of fostering "emerging expertise." His genuine concern for victims of genocide and mass atrocities contributes to his interest in exploring how to hold perpetrators and perpetrator societies accountable. Finally, he appreciates that solutions may come from scholarship or professionals in diverse disciplines.

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