Dear Friends of the Alliance,

As I write this, I am mindful of so many who were impacted by the recent fires: those you may know who lost their lives, lost their homes, and lost their livelihoods. We recall with gratitude the tremendous support from our community toward recovery.

We are also grateful to those who have been able to attend the lectures and events and to financially support Holocaust and Genocide education. The participation of members of the community and local students during the annual series at Sonoma State continues to exceed our expectations.

It was an exceptional year for the Alliance due to the energy and commitment of new and continuing Board members; Myrna Goodman, the Director of the Center for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide; and Diane Parness’ leadership as the Academic Coordinator of the Lecture Series. Please see their reports, as well as Arline Thomas’ on the work of our Education Committee which scheduled presentations at local middle and high schools.

We were saddened to lose three local Holocaust survivors in 2017: Evelyn Fielden, Regina Marvan, and Ruth M. Turner, all of whom will be remembered at the annual Sylvia G. Sucher Memorial Lecture on February 27th. In light of these and other losses, we especially encourage Holocaust and genocide survivors and their descendants to sign up for our mailing list and consider assisting us in educating local students about the impact of intolerance.

Members of the Board hosted special events in conjunction with the Annual Robert L. Harris Memorial Lecture and with the Bay Area Premiere of the film Women of 1915 by Bared Maronian. They also tabled at each of the lectures in the 2017 series, the Community-Wide and Congregation Shomrei Torah Yom Hashoah commemorations, and the Jewish Community Center’s annual cultural festival, Simcha Sunday. We also supported local events marking the 102nd Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide and the commemoration of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsis in Rwanda, Kibuka 23. We participated in events sponsored by our sister organizations: the Armenians of the North Bay, the Rwandan Community of California (TRCC), the Friends of Rwanda (FORA), and Jewish Family and Children’s Services Holocaust Center in San Francisco.

Survivors & Rescuers, the theme of the Spring 2018 semester lecture series, will bring a number of new and returning speakers and topics. Much gratitude goes to Diane Parness for coordinating what we know will be an outstanding series and to Pearl & David S. Furman, Myrna Goodman, Dennis Judd, Her Excellency Mathilde Mukantabana, Chiaya Rawlins, Carol & Ralph Swanson, and Arline Thomas who are underwriting lectures in the upcoming series. We are thrilled to be presenting the first Alexandre Kimenyi Memorial Lecture on May 8th, honoring a true friend of the Alliance and hero of the Republic of Rwanda.

We hope that you will be able to support the Alliance and allow us to bring speakers to the series who can expand our understanding of the Holocaust and genocide and educate the next generations of students and future educators. We look forward to seeing many new and familiar faces in the coming months. If you can, do attend one (or more) of the lectures and join us afterwards for a no-host dinner with our guest speaker, the faculty, and Alliance Board members. Those interested in training as speakers in the schools, being included in our mailings to Holocaust and genocide survivors and their descendants or receiving information about the lectures

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and special events should forward their name and e-mail address to alliance@sonoma.edu and like our Facebook page at the Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide. May 2018 bring healing, understanding and support for all whose lives have been affected by prejudice and intolerance.

With deepest gratitude,

Barbara Lesch McCaffry, Ph.D.
Emerita Professor, Hutchins School of Liberal Studies, Sonoma State University and President, Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide

Report from the Center for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide

As I write this in late October, it is difficult to think past the devastation that surrounds our community. The scale of the destruction and loss is heartbreaking. I am heartened however, by the outpouring of support and commitment to rebuilding that has emerged.

This year we lost two steadfast and committed supporters: Henry Libiki and Evelyn Fielden. Henry, a Polish survivor, died on December 20, 2016. He was a committed Center benefactor and supported our work annually. Evelyn, who escaped Nazi Germany in 1939, was 96 years old when she died on October 8th of this year. She often attended lectures and was a very encouraging supporter of the Alliance.

On March 28, 2017, Mr. Ronald Leopold, Director of the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam and Gerbert Kunst, Consul General of the Netherlands, visited SSU as the guests of the Center and the School of Social Sciences. Director Leopold and Consul Kunst were eager to see the progress of our now flourishing Anne Frank Tree. After viewing the tree, the Holocaust Memorial Grove and the Circle of Trees, the group met with SSU President Judy Sakaki for a tour of her biographical exhibit: "I Am Because . . ." in the University Library Gallery. A luncheon in the Student Center followed with guests including Dean John Wingard, Hans Angress, Helena Foster, Professor Diane Parness, Professor Jann Nunn, Dean William Silver, and Associate Vice-President Christopher Dinno. Our thanks to Michelle Covington from the SSU Development Office for coordinating this event.

The 34th annual lecture series, Between Memory and History, continued our record as the oldest ongoing University academic program incorporating the investigation of the Holocaust and genocide. The schedule for the 2018 series, Rescuers & Survivors, promises to continue our rigorous tradition of academic excellence.

Last year, after several years of planning, we were finally able to coordinate the digitization of over 32 years of our recorded annual lectures. Because the collection encompassed at least three generations of technology, transforming it presented a complicated challenge for the staff and student assistants in Instructional Technology. We continue to refine access to the collection and information on accessing the lectures available at: https://web.sonoma.edu/holocaust/lectures/previous.html. We are grateful to the generous support of the Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin & Sonoma Counties (Holocaust Memorial/Education Fund and the Academic Consortium Fund) for this project.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to the Board and donors of the Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide for their support and contributions to the success of our program. Without their enduring assistance we would not be able to advance our mission to: “Study The Nature of Hate to Prevent the Escalation of Prejudice into Genocide.”

Myrna Goodman, Ph.D.
Emerita Professor of Sociology, Sonoma State University
Director, Center for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide
Report from the Lecture Series Academic Coordinator

The 2017 Holocaust and Genocide Lecture Series underscored our abiding commitment to quality and diversity. We continue to bring outstanding scholars of genocide studies to Sonoma State, and we all benefit from the stories of survivors and their legacies. We are determined to honor the memory of the Holocaust and its lessons for our time. We have also dedicated the lecture series to teaching our students about more recent genocides.

The 2017 series was distinguished by several stellar presentations. Professor Michael Berenbaum, one of the premier figures in the field of genocide studies, delivered the Robert L. Harris Memorial Lecture. Prof. James Waller returned to reflect on Becoming Evil, and Howard Shattner offered his story of the Stolpersteine. Students are always moved to hear Hans Angress’s personal survivor story. We were all touched by Dennis Judd’s powerful tribute to our good friend, Lillian Judd. We look forward to hearing again from both Hans and Dennis next semester.

Our coverage of more recent genocides included Julie Ea’s compelling discussion of the Cambodian Genocide; Irfan Mirza’s reflections on Bosnia; and Ambassador Mukantabana’s memorable joint presentation on the Rwandan tragedy.

Other highlights included Bared Maronian’s Women of 1915, the story of the women of the Armenian genocide. Prof. Benjamin Madley spoke of American Genocide, which was just awarded the Raphael Lemkin prize for the best book of the year on genocide studies. We look forward to his return to the lecture series next semester. Two of our popular presenters again offered their invaluable expertise on critical topics: Prof. Sergio La Porta on Armenia, and Prof. Alex Alvarez on climate change and genocide.

As always, we are the beneficiaries of outstanding local scholars of genocide: Prof. Myrna Goodman spoke on The Concept of Genocide, Prof. David McCuan analyzed the Syrian Genocide, and Prof. Stephen Bittner discussed the Holocaust in Historical Perspective.

We look forward to the return of many of our favorite speakers in 2018 and welcome some distinguished new scholars as we focus this year on Survivors & Rescuers. Prof. Carol Rittner’s powerful presentation on Gender & Genocide will be continued on next page.
the Adele Zygielbaum Memorial Lecture and Dr. Kerry Whigham will be returning to speak of the legacy of political violence in Argentina. We also will be welcoming Dr. Alexis Herr who will bring a new topic to the series: The Italian Role in the Holocaust. Prof. Evgeny Finkel will speak on The Holocaust, Historical Legacies & Local Politics. Dr. Maral Attallah will reflect on The Armenian Genocide: Legacies of Denial, and Prof. Ziv Rabinovitz will discuss Rescuers and Survivors in the Israeli Context.

We are grateful for your continued support of this lecture series. We would not be able to sustain this level of quality without you. We particularly wish to thank those who generously underwrite individual presentations. We also benefit from the support of the Instructionally-Related Activities Fund of Sonoma State University’s students.

Thank you everyone. We look forward to seeing you in 2018.

Diane L. Parness, Ph.D.
Professor, Department of Political Science, Sonoma State University
Academic Coordinator, Holocaust & Genocide Lecture Series

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Diane L. Parness,
Academic Coordinator

Ambassador Mathilde Mukantabana with Alliance Senior Advisor David Salm (at her lecture on 4/11/17)

Simon Mudahogora, Rwandan Genocide survivor (who presented on 4/11/17)

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Board Member Christyne Davidian with Bared Maronian (at the reception for the Bay Area Premiere of Women of 1915 on 2/28/17)

Professor Benjamin Madley (at his lecture on 2/7/17)

Professor Sergio La Porta (at his lecture on 2/21/17)

Professor Alex Alvarez (who presented on 4/25/17)

Professor David McCuan (at his lecture on 5/9/17)

Professor Stephen Bittner (at his lecture on 1/24/17)

In Memoriam
Holocaust Survivors:
Evelyn Fielden, Regina Marvan and Ruth M. Turner
Report from the Chair of the Alliance Education Committee

In January 2017, the Alliance Education Committee continued the tradition of sending a letter to principals of all Sonoma County public and private middle and high schools. Our intent was to familiarize them with the resources available to teachers: the lecture series schedule, access to video archives of prior lectures through YouTube, and coordinate presentations in their classrooms and assemblies.

The Alliance Education Committee had an extremely successful academic year, 2016-2017, coordinating classroom presentations by Holocaust and genocide survivors and their descendants. We supported 22 presentations that reached a total of 2,949 middle and high school students and 112 teachers. We worked collaboratively with Jewish Family and Children’s Services’ Holocaust Center in San Francisco in responding to speaker bureau requests they received from teachers in Sonoma County.

The Alliance Education Committee continued to assist potential speakers that include Holocaust and genocide survivors and their descendants. We launched two new speakers in the spring: John Kornfeld and Dennis Judd, both of whom are Holocaust descendants. We have three speakers planning to start this Spring. Two Sonoma State University interns, who attended the 2017 lecture series, have begun to collaborate with new speakers as they “craft” their presentations. They are focusing on the inclusion of video clips, timelines, photos, and maps. We are honored to address issues of bullying and intolerance that current students are facing.

For more information about the Education Committee or to request a speaker, please contact alliance@sonoma.edu or call Alliance Education Chair Arline Thomas at 707-823-1661.

Arline F. Thomas,
Retired teacher, Rohnert Park/Cotati Unified School District and Chair, Alliance Education Committee

Information on the 2018 Lecture Series can be found at: http://web.sonoma.edu/holocaust/lecture-posters/2018_poster.pdf

2018 Holocaust and Genocide Commissions and Events

Congregation Shomrei Torah (CST) will host its annual Yom Hashoah Holocaust Memorial Observance on Wednesday, April 11th, the eve of the Day of Remembrance, at 6:15 p.m. at 2600 Bennett Valley Road in Santa Rosa. The annual Candle Lighting service will include Jewish survivors and children of survivors, lighters for the Roma, Gays & Lesbians, Disabled, Righteous Gentiles, and Political Prisoners; and other lighters representing Native America, Armenia, Cambodia, Darfur, and Rwanda genocide victims. Cantorial soloist Erica Wisner and the CST Choir will perform musical interludes. Rabbis George Gittleman and Stephanie Kramer will officiate. Following the program there will be refreshments. For more information, contact CST at 707-578-5519.

The Annual County-wide Yom Hashoah Commemoration will be held at the Friedman Center, 4676 Mayette Avenue in Santa Rosa on Sunday, April 15th, 2–4 p.m. The theme will be Ghetto: Struggling to Survive Behind the Gates, an examination of the ghetto experience with particular attention to the Lodz ghetto. The featured speaker will be Fred Rosenbaum, founder of Lehrhaus Judaica and the author of books on the Lodz ghetto. For more information, please see http://www.jecsoeo.org and click on the link for “Special Events,” or contact the Jewish Community Center, Sonoma County at 707-528-4222.

April 7th marks the 24th Commemoration of the Genocide against the Tutsi. The Rwandan Community of Northern California (TRCC) and Friends of Rwanda (FORA) will observe Kibuka 24 on Saturday, May 12th at 4:30 p.m. at Cosumnes River College, 8401 Center Parkway, Sacramento, California. For additional information contact: Vianney Mugabo: 916-202-2718 or Yehoyada Mbangukira: 925-628-9895.

April 24th marks the 103rd Annual World-Wide Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide. The SF Bay Area Armenian Genocide Commemoration Committee coordinates Bay Area events that will be listed at: www.sfbayecalendar.com.
The SF Bay Area Armenian National Committee also coordinates events that will be listed at: http://www.anescf.org.

If you are interested in learning about the Jewish Studies Program at SSU and its lecture and music series, please email tiffany.oneil@sonoma.edu

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Alliance History

The Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust was formed in 1982 on behalf of the victims and survivors of the Holocaust and the need to tell their stories and for others to learn from their experiences. Those who began this collaborative effort between the community and members of the Sonoma State University faculty promised to let the world know of the atrocities that had occurred. The initial intention was primarily to learn the facts, act on them, and never forget.

As a result of these efforts, a highly successful annual lecture series on the Holocaust and Genocide was created at Sonoma State University. As a University-community partnership, the Board includes members of the community, University faculty and administrators, and students who have participated in the Lecture Series. In 2010, the name of the Alliance was changed to the Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide to reflect its revised mission and its continuing educational commitment to include all those affected by genocide.

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We extend our deep gratitude to board member Hans Angress who will now be a senior advisor to the Alliance after many years of service on the Board. We look forward to honoring him in the coming months. In November we welcomed three new Board members: Samuel Cohen, a faculty member in the History Department at Sonoma State; Jennifer Weil Glickman, a Holocaust descendant; and Reuben Steinglass, a teacher at Windsor High School. Helena Zenia, a Holocaust descendant, will become an Associate Board member in conjunction with her work on the Alliance Education Committee.
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