



Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide

at Sonoma State University

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Annual Newsletter 2019

Dear Friends of the Alliance,

I am grateful for the resiliency of our community as we have coped with fires and shootings and growing intolerance in our world. In light of all that calls for our attention and concern, we are heartened that the participation and support from members of the community and local students during the annual series at Sonoma State continues to exceed our expectations.

It was another exceptional year for the Alliance due to the energy and commitment of our 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 (who schedule presentations at local middle schools, high schools, and religious and service organizations).

We were saddened by the death of a local Holocaust survivor in 2019: **Esther Herskovic** who will be remembered at the annual **Sylvia G. Sucher Memorial Lecture** on February 4th.

As in past years, members of the Board tabled at each of the lectures in the 2019 series and the Community-Wide and Congregation Shomrei Torah **Yom Hashoah** commemorations. We also supported local events marking the **104th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide** and the commemoration of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsis in Rwanda, **Kwibuka 25**. We participated in events sponsored by our sister organizations: the **Armenians of the North Bay**, the **Rwandan Community of California (TRCC)**, and the **Friends of Rwanda Association (FORA)** and supported the **JCC Jewish Film and Israeli Film Series**.

This past year we held a **special event to honor local Holocaust and genocide survivors and their descendants** in which we hosted a showing of the **documentary film *Big Sonia***. The film features **Sonia Warshawski** who at 94 still speaks publicly about her experiences during the Holocaust. On a rainy afternoon with hail and wind gusts, over 130 people came to see the film which was shown in collaboration with the Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide, the Center for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide, and the Jewish Studies Program on campus. There was a reception following the screening for Holocaust and Genocide survivors and descendants. We are especially grateful to the support provided by **Maureen Buckley, Dean, School of Social Sciences; Hollis Rollins, Dean, School of Arts and Humanities and Marcy Carriker Smothers**.

A primary goal of this event was to reach out to local Holocaust and Genocide survivors and their descendants. As many Holocaust survivors are no longer with us or are no longer able to share their experiences, the Alliance Education Committee has been actively working with child survivors of the Holocaust, Holocaust descendants and survivors and descendants of other genocides to share their family stories with students in local middle and high schools and with community groups in order to assist us in educating others about the impact of intolerance. The Alliance was delighted to identify an additional 18 survivors and descendants as a result of this event and hopes to identify additional members in our community, especially those who might be willing to share their stories.

Combating Denial, the theme of the Spring 2020 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, Her Excellency Mathilde Mukantabana, Chiaya Rawlins, Arline Thomas, and the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria who are underwriting lectures in the upcoming series. We are excited that ***Big Sonia*** will be shown in the 2020 lecture series and that Sonia's son Morrie will be able to attend.

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 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 2020 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
President, Alliance for the Study of the
Holocaust and Genocide



Professor Barbara Lesch McCaffry
Alliance President

Alliance Mission Statement

Our Mission

Honor the experience and preserve the memory of the innocent victims, survivors, and rescuers impacted by the tragedy of genocide.

Support Holocaust and genocide education in conjunction with the Center for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide at Sonoma State University.

Our Work

Attract, collaborate, and coordinate with scholars, survivors, and experts.

Outreach to our community, schools, and survivor groups.

Seek funding and support methods to preserve memory.

Our Vision

Inspire a "never again" moral stance that focuses on our common humanity.

Promote personal action and proactive prevention awareness of the causes of intolerance, genocide, and denial.

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

Unfortunately, this past year was increasingly challenging for organizations supporting Holocaust education as well as those that diligently hope to stem the rising tide of antisemitism and racial hatred across the world. In 2019, the Center joined other centers and international organizations to publicly raise awareness of the marked increase in violent actions threatening Jews, Muslims, immigrants and people of color.

In light of the news that antisemitic attacks have intensified dramatically worldwide along with the horrible attack this year in Poway, California and incidents elsewhere, our mission to use education in the service of preventing prejudice is more urgent than ever.

Locally, in addition to supporting the Holocaust and Genocide Series, the Center provided sponsorship to the Alliance and the Jewish Studies program for the screening of *Big Sonia*, a film exploring the life and work of Sonia Warshawski, a Holocaust survivor.

Immeasurable thanks to the Alliance Board of Directors for their diligence, support and hard work supporting the Lecture Series. The efforts of the Education Committee have been increasingly

influential in bringing the lived experiences of Holocaust and genocide survivors and their descendants to high school and middle school students in Sonoma County. The Alliance continues to be a powerful influence in the important work of Holocaust education in Sonoma County.

The 2020 Holocaust and Genocide Lecture Series schedule demonstrates Professor Parness' continuing excellent stewardship of the Series as we approach our 37th year. As always, we hope you can attend our annual Series on Tuesdays @4pm beginning January 21, 2020.

I look forward to seeing you this coming semester.

Myrna Goodman, Ph.D.
Emerita Professor of Sociology,
Sonoma State University
Director, Center for the Study of
the Holocaust and Genocide



Professor Myrna Goodman
Center Director

Report from the Lecture Series Academic Coordinator

Our 2019 lecture series brought some of the most distinguished scholars in the field of genocide studies to SSU. The quality of our lecture series is recognized across the country and allows us to welcome speakers of the caliber of Christopher Browning and Peter Hayes. Twenty-five years after the publication of *Ordinary Men*, Professor Browning brought new insight to our understanding of the Holocaust. His analysis was provocative and insightful, and our students were inspired by his presentation. Much the same can be said for Professor Peter Hayes' presentation of *Why?* This was a brilliant assessment of the origins of antisemitism and the causes of the Holocaust. Students felt that these exceptional lectures were fundamentally important for understanding why and how the Holocaust and subsequent genocides occur. We also appreciated the thoughtful analysis of Mehnaz Afridi, who offered her findings on the current state of *Islamophobia and Antisemitism*.

Our lecture series has long benefitted from Christyne Davidian's dedication to the recognition and memory of the Armenian Genocide. Last year Christyne facilitated the presentation of Marta Houske's *Crows of the Desert: A Hero's Journey Through the Armenian Genocide*. Students are strongly moved by film, and Christyne gives us access to some of the most powerful works available about the Armenian Genocide. We are grateful and look forward to her outstanding contributions to the series.

The *Sylvia Sucher Memorial Lecture* brought us compelling testimony from several Second and Third Generation speakers: Elaine Leeder, John Kornfeld, Dennis Judd, Sanders Feldhorn, and Christyne Davidian. A critical part of our mission is to keep

the story and lessons of the Holocaust and other genocides alive. This panel accomplished that powerfully.

We can never take for granted "the regulars" who provide the essential foundation of the lecture series: Ambassador Mathilde Mukantabana, James Waller, Sergio La Porta, Alex Alvarez, and Irfan Mirza come to us from around the country. The passion and relevance of their presentations grows with every visit. We strive every year to bring new understanding and witness to our series.

Our theme for 2020 is *Combating Denial*. New presenters will include Sam Mihara on the Japanese Internment, Professor Kathleen Noonan on the Irish famine, Professor Stephen Zunes on East Timor, and Professor Ashley Greene on the Congo. We look forward to welcoming Professor Ben Madley back to the lecture series to speak on the *American Genocide*. Our *Sylvia G. Sucher Memorial Lecture* will feature Holocaust descendant Susan Victor and her family. Several of these topics are new to the lecture series. We will continue to strive to expand and enhance our study of genocide.

Thank you for your continued support of this critical project.

Dr. Diane L. Parness, Ph.D.
Professor, Department of
Political Science
Academic Coordinator, Holocaust
and Genocide Lecture Series



Professor Diane L. Parness
Lecture Series
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Stephen Bittner Lecture 1/22/19



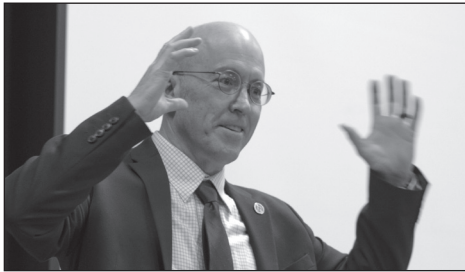
Christopher Browning Lecture 2/5/19



Raz Segal Lecture 2/12/19



Sergio La Porta Lecture 2/19/19



Alex Alvarez Lecture 3/5/19



Mehnaz Afridi Lecture 3/12/19



Peter Hayes Lecture 3/26/19



Myrna Goodman moderating *The Second Generation Panel* with John Kornfeld, Sandy Feldhorn, Christyne Davidian, Dennis Judd and Elaine Leeder. Lecture 4/2/19



Cynthia Boaz, Christyne Davidian, Myrna Goodman, Diane Parness and James Waller Lecture 4/9/19



Irfan Mirza Lecture 4/16/19



Prof. David McCuan Lecture 4/23/19



Alexis Herr and Sylvia Sucher's daughter Sahib-Amar Khalsa Lecture 4/30/19



Diane Parness, Ambassador Mathilde Mukantabana, Ndabro Bazimya and Cynthia Boa Lecture 5/7/19



Chiaaya Rawlins, Simon Mudabogora and Ambassador Mathilde Mukantabana Lecture 5/7/19

Information on the 2020 Lecture Series can be found at:

http://web.sonoma.edu/holocaust/2020_holocaust__genocide_lecture_series_poster.pdf



In Memorium



Holocaust Survivor: Esther Herskovic

Second Generation Armenian Genocide Descendant: Adrena Oghidanian Clemmer

Report from the Chair of the Alliance Education Committee

In January 2019, The Alliance Education Committee continued its tradition of sending a letter to principals of all Sonoma County public 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 opportunities to arrange for presentations in their classrooms and assemblies by Holocaust and Genocide survivors and their descendants. We also sent comparable information to all the teachers in whose classrooms we coordinated presentations, as well as many English and Social Science teachers in our local schools several months earlier.

The Alliance Education Committee was extremely successful in coordinating speakers for classrooms presentations in 2018-2019. We supported 48 classroom presentations that reached 135 classes, 3,300 middle and high school students and 153 teachers (or a 35% increase over last year of the number of students reached). We also coordinated 5 presentations for community and religious groups that reached an additional 156 adults.

These presentations are an integral part of “Our Work: outreach to our community, schools and survivor groups.” We also work collaboratively with Jewish Family and Children’s Services Holocaust Center in San Francisco in responding to speaker bureau requests they receive from schools in Sonoma County.

The Alliance Education Committee currently has a group of eleven speakers and launched one new speaker in the schools this year: Eszter Freeman, a Holocaust descendant. We are crafting biographies with 4 new speakers and have 10 potential speakers in process. Our speakers include Holocaust survivors, Holocaust descendants, and a third generation Armenian Genocide descendant. They provide a

very personal account of the impact of intolerance. “They remember so we don’t forget.”

The Alliance Education Committee requests feedback from teachers after each presentation and we have obtained invaluable information with regard to our speakers and how we can best meet the needs of our audiences.

The students continue to express the message of how deeply touched they were by the stories and what a life changing experience it was for them. They write thank you letters, donate money to the Alliance, and even gave gifts of flowers, candy and plants.

The Alliance Education Committee continues to have a positive and lasting impact with regard to “countering acts of intolerance in Sonoma County.” Given the enormous growth of the work of our committee, new Alliance Board member Elly Cohen will be stepping up as the co-chair of the committee.

For more information about the Education Committee or to request a speaker, please contact alliance@sonoma.edu or call the Alliance Education Chair Arline Thomas at 707-235-9403.

Arline Thomas
Retired teacher, Rohnert Park/Cotati Unified School District and Chair,
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Christyne Davidian
Rancho Cotati High School



Alfred and Susanne Batzdorff with Arline Thomas
Willowside Middle School



Sandy Feldborn
Santa Rosa Middle School



Gloria Tausk Glickman
Santa Rosa Middle School

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

Big Sonia Event on 3/20/2019

Photos by Todd Cereghino and Brennan S. Park



Big Sonia



Holocaust survivors Eric Gattmann and Peter Krohn



Kirsten Tellez, SSU Director of Development



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Rena Victor, Holocaust survivor, her daughter Susan Victor and her grandson Micah Victor Lesch



Christyne Davidian, Marcy Carriker Smothers and Brian Wilson



Holocaust survivors Al and Susanne Batzdorff and Holocaust descendant Sandy Feldhorn

37th Annual Sonoma State University
**2020 Holocaust and
Genocide Lecture Series**
January 21-May 5, 2020/ Tuesdays 4:00 PM-5:50 PM
Warren Auditorium (Ives Hall)

SSU Students: POLS 307, Perspectives on the Holocaust and Genocide,
counts as 4 units of upper division GE credit, category D5.

COMBATING DENIAL

January 21: **THE HOLOCAUST IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE**
Professor Stephen Bittner, Ph.D., Sonoma State University

January 28: **BIG SONIA**
(Documentary film about Holocaust survivor Sonia Warshawski)
Morrie Warshawski, Holocaust descendant

February 4: **HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS: THE NEXT GENERATIONS**
Rena Victor, Professor Susan Victor, Ed.D., Sonoma State University and
Micah Victor Lesch

Sylvia G. Sucher Memorial Lecture
Underwritten by Myrna Goodman and Arline Thomas

February 11: **JAPANESE INTERNMENT: PERSONAL STORIES OF MASS IMPRISONMENT**
Sam Mihara

February 18: **"THE IRISH NEED TO KNOW THEIR PLACE:" FAMINE, IRELAND, AND
THE POLITICS OF FOOD**

Professor Kathleen Noonan, Ph.D., Sonoma State University

February 25: **REFUGEES, CLIMATE CHANGE AND CONFLICT**
Professor Alex Alvarez, Ph.D., Northern Arizona University

March 3: **THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE**
Professor Sergio La Porta, Ph.D., CSU Fresno Armenian Studies Program
Armenian Genocide Memorial Lecture

March 10: **CONFRONTING ARMENIAN GENOCIDE DENIAL: IS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT ENOUGH?**
Maral N. Attallah, Distinguished Lecturer, Humboldt State University

March 17: **SPRING BREAK** (campus closed)

March 24: **AMERICAN GENOCIDE**
Professor Benjamin Madley, Ph.D., UCLA
Robert L. Harris Memorial Lecture

Underwritten by the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria

March 31: **CESAR CHAVEZ DAY** (campus closed)

April 7: **BECOMING EVIL**
Professor James Waller, Ph.D., Cohen Endowed Chair of Holocaust
and Genocide Studies, Keene State College

*Underwritten by Pearl & David Furman in memory of Murray & Ruth Mruvka and
Gussie & Edward Furman*

April 14: **EAST TIMOR: ITS TRAGEDY AND TRIUMPH**
Professor Stephen Zunes, Ph.D., University of San Francisco

April 21: **REFUGEES, REBELS, AND SLAVES: GENOCIDE IN THE
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO**
Professor Ashley Greene, Ph.D., Keene State College
Adele Zygielbaum Memorial Lecture

April 28: **GENOCIDE IN BOSNIA**
Irfan Mirza, Voices of the Bosnian Genocide

May 5: **THE GENOCIDE AGAINST THE TUTSI IN RWANDA**
Her Excellency Mathilde Mukantabana, Rwandan Ambassador to the United
States; Liliane Pari Umuhoza, Tutsi Genocide Survivor and founder, Women's
Genocide Survivors Retreat; and Ndahiro Bazimya, Tutsi Genocide Descendant
Alexandre Kimenyi Memorial Lecture
*Underwritten by Her Excellency Mathilde Mukantabana &
Chiaya Rawlins*

Information and access to the video archive of past lectures can be found at <http://www.sonoma.edu/holocaust/>
Please like our Facebook page at Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide.

The Holocaust Lecture Series is sponsored by the Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide, the Paul V. Benko Holocaust Education Endowment, the Armenian Genocide Memorial Lecture Fund, the Adele Zygielbaum Endowment, the Thomas Family Foundation, the Center for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide, the SSU Students' Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) Fund, and the Jewish Community Federation (JCF) of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin and Sonoma Counties.



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2020 Holocaust and Genocide Commemorations and Events

The **Annual County-wide Yom Hashoah Commemoration** will be held on Sunday, **April 19, 2020 2-4:30 p.m.** at the Friedman Events Center, 4676 Mayette Avenue in Santa Rosa. The theme will be **Speaking Up and Standing Up**, with dramatic readings by several survivors and children of survivors in our community that will focus on the acts of those who were able to take a stand.

The commemoration will include musical interludes and candle lighting by Jewish survivors; lighters for the Roma, Gays & Lesbians, Disabled, Righteous Gentiles, and Political Prisoners; and those targeted by genocide.

For more information, please see <http://www.jccsoco.org> and click on the link for "Special Events," or contact the Jewish Community Center, Sonoma County at 707-528-4222.

April 24th marks the **105th 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.ancsf.org>.

2020 is the 26th anniversary of the Genocide against the Tutsi. The Rwandan Community of Northern California (TRCC) and the Friends of Rwanda (FORA) will observe *Kwiyukuka 26* on Saturday, May 2, 2020. For additional information from TRCC, contact Roger Remera (415) 215-1556 or rogeremera@gmail.com and from FORA, contact Vianney Mugabo (916)202-2718.

Giving to the Alliance

Your kind gift to the Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide can be submitted using the enclosed envelope.

Please designate the fund to which you wish to make your gift:

- ◆ **Paul V. Benko Holocaust Education Endowment Fund (E0022):** This endowment fund, named for an SSU faculty member who was one of the founding members of the Alliance, supports the lecture series on the Holocaust and Genocide offered annually at Sonoma State University.
- ◆ **Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust Annual SSU Lecture Series Fund (C0119):** This fund supports Holocaust and Genocide Education including the lecture series and the annual Robert L. Harris Memorial Lecture that is part of the series.
- ◆ **Armenian Genocide Memorial Lecture Fund (C0286):** This fund supports an annual lecture related to the Armenian Genocide as part of the lecture series.
- ◆ **Holocaust and Genocide Program Documentary Fund (C0409):** This fund will support the production of a documentary about Holocaust and genocide programs at Sonoma State University including the Memorial Grove and the Anne Frank Tree projects.
- ◆ **The SSU Rwanda Student Education and Travel Fund (C0410):** This fund, created in collaboration with the Friends of Rwanda Association (FORA), will support the education of SSU student(s) regarding the Rwandan Tutsi genocide and/or support their travel to Rwanda to work and teach in FORA vocational schools with survivors of the Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda.
- ◆ **Adele Zygielbaum Endowment Fund (E0396):** This endowment fund, created in memory of a Holocaust survivor, supports Holocaust and Genocide Education including the lecture series.

You can also donate on-line

- ◆ go to: <https://www.sonoma.edu/development/>
- ◆ click on the green button on the left side of the screen for "Give Online"
- ◆ click on "Schools, Departments & Programs"
- ◆ click on "School of Social Sciences"

To donate to the **Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust Annual SSU Lecture Series Fund (C0119)** please select the button for The Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust. To donate to all other funds, please select the button for "Other" and indicate the name of the fund and its associated fund number in the designated box. You can also include information here if you would like us to send someone else an acknowledgement of your gift. Questions can be directed to the Alliance at: alliance@sonoma.edu.

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Big Sonia Event

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SEBASTOPOL DOCUMENTARY FILM FESTIVAL

The Sebastopol Center for the Arts iconic award-winning Sebastopol Documentary Film Festival (SDFF) is a 4-day celebration of non-fiction film from March 26-29, 2020. The festival features extraordinary films shown at different venues in historic downtown Sebastopol. Documentary filmmakers work to share truth. In so doing, SDFF often includes films related to the Holocaust and Genocide. For more information contact The Sebastopol Center for the Arts at 707-829-4797 or <https://sebastopolfilmfestival.org>.



The Jewish Community Center of Sonoma County (JCC) will be holding the 5th Annual Israeli Film Festival, bringing a selection of Israel's robust and prolific film industry, and helping explore the complexity of life there. This is the newest JCC film festival, building on the success of the long-running and well-regarded Jewish Film Festival in the Fall. The Israeli Film Festival will feature four films, playing on Tuesdays, March 3, 17, 24, & 31, 2020. The film line up will be announced in February 2020 when tickets go on sale. For more information go to www.jccsoco.org or email ireneh@jccsoco.org.

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 are delighted to welcome three new members of our Board: **Elly Cohen** (a member of the Yom Hashaoh Planning Committee who, with Geshar Calmenson, helped to create the Remember Us Project that matched young people about to be bar or bat mitzvah with children who died in the Holocaust), **Eszter Freeman** (a Holocaust descendant who has been speaking in the schools), and **Alexia Moreno** (a recent graduate of CSU Long Beach who majored in History with an emphasis in Holocaust and Genocide Studies. She will be a Student Board Member this year). We are also welcoming two new Associate Board members: **Micah Victor Lesch** (a Holocaust descendant who served as our student intern last year) and **Deborah Rothenberg** (a Holocaust descendant who has been speaking in the schools). We extend our gratitude to former board members **Dennis Judd** and **Carol Swanson** who will be continuing to serve as Associate Board members. And we wish **Reuben Steinglass** all the best in Oregon; he will be missed.



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