



# Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust & Genocide

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## Annual Newsletter 2023

### Report from the Alliance Co-Presidents

As we reflect on last year, we want to express our gratitude to all our Board Members and our supporters at SSU and in the community. We are honored to serve in this capacity and welcome your continued support of the Alliance. 2023 was another successful year for our Lecture Series which featured many outstanding speakers despite the challenges of a virtual series using the Zoom platform. We look forward to being in person for the majority of 2024 lecture series, which is dedicated to the late Professor Emerita Myrna Lea Goodman, Ph.D.

This past year, we commemorated two milestones which were graciously sponsored by the SSU School of Social Sciences and University Advancement. The 10th Anniversary of the planting of the Anne Frank Tree was observed in April which honored late Professor Myrna Goodman, who together with SSU Chief Planning Officer Christopher Dinno, crafted the original grant to receive the horse chestnut tree sapling award. SSU Landscape Director Sam Youney shared the story of nursing the sapling over a three-year period after it was received from the Anne Frank Center.

Dean Troi Carleton, Provost Karen Moranski, current and former Alliance Board members, and current and former SSU faculty and staff also attended.

The 40th anniversary gala of our Annual Lecture Series and the founding of the Alliance was celebrated in November on-campus. Emcee Dean Troi Carleton announced the opening of the new Center for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide in Stevenson Hall. President Mike Lee, Provost Karen Moranski, and many other notable SSU faculty and staff were present. We were honored to hear kind and encouraging words from President Lee. Other guests included current and past Alliance board members, Holocaust and genocide descendants, community members, and donors who have supported the Alliance and lecture series over the past 40 years. Acknowledgment that the traditional homelands of indigenous peoples were located on the SSU campus was made by Joan Harper, Tribal Treasurer of Graton Rancheria. Co-President Yehoyada Mbangukira paid tribute to the Alliance, its founding members, and those who have supported the series since it began. Other speakers included Holocaust survivor Rena Victor, her daughter Susan Victor, and Nicole Bloch, the first Hans Angress Award for Community Service and Social Justice Awardee. Keynote speaker James Waller, Christopher J. Dodd Chair in Human Rights Practice at the University of Connecticut, shared his views on our changing world. Professor Waller has been presenting in the lecture series for over a decade and is also one of its greatest advocates. Former Academic Coordinator and Professor Emerita Diane Parness reviewed the history of the lecture series honoring the late Professor John Steiner, Professor Myrna Goodman, and the many scholars who contributed to making the lecture series nationally recognized.

The Center for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide had an open house in December at its new location in the recently renovated Stevenson Hall. The Center features a large library and computer stations for student research and viewing of the lecture series speaker archives. The Center will provide a learning space for secondary school students, teachers, and Holocaust and genocide education advocates, and other community members.

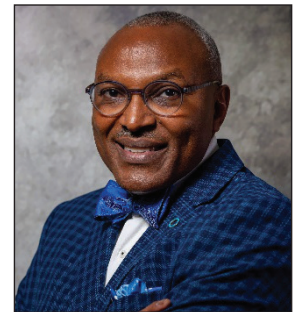
The Alliance Education Committee had another outstanding year, achieving unprecedented results during the Fall. We reached over 2000 students and 100 teachers in 5 counties. We will continue to expand our outreach to school districts beyond the North Bay Area region.

We deeply appreciate your continued support of the Alliance and our mission to preserve the remembrance of innocent victims and further our educational outreach.

Most sincerely,  
Christyne Davidian and Yehoyada Mbangukira



*Christyne Davidian*  
Alliance Co-President



*Yehoyada Mbangukira*  
Alliance Co-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 2023 Lecture Series Academic Coordinator

The outstanding speakers we brought to the 2023 lecture series were again able to rise to the challenges of remote presentations. While we would always prefer to bring speakers to SSU, our online events were often powerful and well-crafted.

This season saw the return of several of our favorite presenters along with the debuts of some new authors and scholars. Two of our prominent presentations in the series were graced with inspirational accounts. Our Adele Zygielbaum Memorial Lecture brought Bernice Lerner back to speak of her mother's experience in the camps and "The Liberation of Bergen-Belsen." Based on her book, *All the Horrors of War*, Dr. Lerner's poignant story was again greatly appreciated by our audience.

We were very fortunate to welcome Elizabeth Rosner, celebrated author of *Survivor Café: The Legacy of Trauma and the Labyrinth of Memory* for our Robert L. Harris Memorial Lecture. Ms. Rosner's recollections of living with the legacy of trauma and her discussion of epigenetics fascinated her audience. Ms. Rosner will again present the Harris Lecture in our 2024 series.

Several other speakers stirred and motivated our audience. We were honored to meet His Excellency Johnston Busingye, High Commissioner for Rwanda to the UK. HC Busingye developed a fascinating depiction of the development and legacy of Rwanda's distinctive Gacaca court system. HC Busingye will be back with us this year to offer his valuable insight into the unique value of the Gacaca courts.

Professor Kristina Hook presented a provocative account of "The Ukrainian Holodomor and the Russia-Ukraine War Today: Understanding Past and Present Questions of Genocide." This was a timely analysis of a current crisis and its antecedents.

We were glad to welcome back some of our favorite recurrent speakers. Dennis Judd returned to present his moving story of his mother Lillian's traumatic experience of the Holocaust and her impressive resilience and determination to overcome that horrific memory. Thanks to Dennis' determination to preserve his mother's message, our students will hear her testimony for years to come.

We are always eager to call upon the exceptional analysis of Prof. James Waller and his mesmerizing discussion of his classic *Becoming Evil*. Several semesters ago Dr. Waller suggested we invite one of his colleagues at Keene University to join the series. Prof. Ashley Greene's depiction of "Genocide and Human Trafficking in History" has been a highlight of the series ever since. We look forward to welcoming them both back this year.

Irfan Mirza is always willing to speak of his experience as a rescuer during the Bosnian genocide. His account is consistently one of the most inspirational presentations in the series. Another annual lecture that I cannot imagine going without is that of Her Excellency Mathilde Mukantabana, Rwandan Ambassador to the United States. Ambassador Mukantabana's perception of the genocide and her role in Rwanda's remarkable recovery is always the right note to end our semester. Typically, Mathilde brings exceptional speakers with her to add another dimension to our understanding of this genocide. This time around we welcomed back Ndahiro Bazimya and Simon Mudahogora. Both are outstanding motivational speakers.



Diane L. Parness, Ph.D.  
Professor Emerita of  
Political Science

Our core speakers in the series provide an essential foundation for our audience's grasp of the causes and effects of genocide. These lectures include Prof. Stephen Bittner on "The Holocaust in Historical Perspective," Prof. Alex Alvarez on "Authoritarianism & Genocide in An Age of Climate Change," and Prof. Sergio La Porta on "The Armenian Genocide." In the past series we also benefited from the contributions of Prof. David Biale on "Why Did Nazi Germany Decide to Commit Genocide Against the Jews," Elaine Kennedy on "Justice After Genocide: The Role of the ICC," and Prof. Kitty Millet on "The Importance of Literature for Holocaust Survivors."

2023 was the 40th Anniversary of the Holocaust and Genocide Lecture Series and my tenth year as Academic Coordinator of the series. I am deeply grateful for the gift of being associated with this remarkable lecture series. Our 40th Anniversary celebration last November was a fine opportunity to reflect on the amazing speakers who have come to SSU, the faculty and colleagues in the Alliance who have contributed so much to its success, and the steady flow of students who have told me every semester that this course has changed their life for the better. Thank you all for your support of this iconic series. We live in a world rife with conflict and division. I cannot imagine a more critical time for this series to thrive. The understanding that it provides is the key to healing.

I hope to see you in the lecture hall this semester.

## Report from the new 2024 Lecture Series Academic Coordinator

After more than three years of online instruction, I am pleased to announce that the 2024 lecture series, "*Genocides Past, Present, and Future*," will be held almost entirely in-person. Of the fifteen speakers, twelve will be joining us on campus. Lectures will be held on Tuesday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. in Stevenson Hall 1301. As always, the lectures will be open to the public. However, the newly renovated classroom in Stevenson Hall will also allow us to livestream presentations via Zoom for those who prefer to listen from home. This is a capability we did not have in our previous venue in Ives Hall.

The lecture series has a new curricular home at Sonoma State. Its longtime companion course, Political Science 307 (Perspectives on Holocaust and Genocide), is now cross-listed with a course in the History Department, History 307, and fully re-certified as an upper-division Area D (Social Sciences) General Education Course. Consequently, POLS 307/HIST 307 is now embedded in the degree requirements for two majors; it also satisfies a requirement that all Sonoma State students must fulfill for graduation. I am hopeful that this will help grow enrollments in coming years. I also believe that having a foot in both the Political Science and History Departments reflects the unique inter- and cross-disciplinary thinking that has characterized the lecture series since its founding.

As the lecture series embarks on its 41st year, it welcomes back to the podium several treasured and familiar contributors: Dennis Judd (second generation Holocaust descendant); Rena Victor (a Holocaust survivor), Professor Susan Victor (Sonoma State University and a second generation Holocaust descendant) and Micah Victor Lesch (third generation Holocaust descendant); Elizabeth Rosner (author of *Survivor Café*); Professor Alex Alvarez (University of Northern Arizona); Professor Sergio La Porta (Fresno State University), Professor James Waller (University of Connecticut), Professor Ashley Green (Keene State College); Irfan Mirza (Bosnian American Institute); His Excellency Johnston Busingye (High Commissioner of Rwanda to the United Kingdom); and Her Excellency Mathilde Mukantabana (Rwandan Ambassador to the United States). These speakers are always favorites among students; I am honored they will join us again.

The lecture series also includes a few new faces for 2024. Professor Jeffrey Kopstein (University of California, Irvine) will be speaking about the new social science of the Holocaust for the Sylvia Sucher Memorial Lecture. Kopstein is the co-author, most

recently, of *Intimate Violence: Anti-Jewish Pogroms on the Eve of the Holocaust*. In addition, Professor Francine Hirsch (University of Wisconsin, Madison) will be speaking about Soviet involvement in the prosecution of German war criminals at Nuremberg, and its lessons for prosecuting Russian atrocities in Ukraine. Hirsch's book, *Soviet Judgment at Nuremberg: A New History of the International Military Tribunal after World War II*, has won numerous awards since its publication in 2020.



Stephen V. Bittner, Ph.D.  
Academic Coordinator,  
Holocaust and Genocide Lecture  
Series, Chair and Faculty,  
Department of History

The lecture series is also pleased to host Professor Ronald G. Suny (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor). Suny has long been a central figure in scholarly debates about Soviet nationalities policy, Stalin and Stalinism, and Georgia, Armenia, and Azerbaijan. Among Suny's many books are *They Can Live in the Desert but Nowhere Else: A History of the Armenian Genocide*. Suny will be presenting for the annual Armenian Genocide Memorial Lecture.

Finally, Daqing Yang (George Washington University) will be speaking about Japanese atrocities in China as the newly endowed Peter Stanek Memorial Lecture. I am grateful to Emerita Professor Jean Chan (Sonoma State University) for the donation that will fund the lecture. Since 2004, Yang has worked as a consultant to the Nazi War Crimes and Japanese Government Records Interagency Working Group at the U.S. National Archives. He has also written widely on memories of the Second World War in Asia and Japanese-Chinese reconciliation.

Finally, I want to acknowledge that the lecture series exists because of the generosity of its donors and the hard work of members of the Alliance and many staff and faculty persons at Sonoma State. If you have an idea for a future lecture, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I am committed to honoring what the lecture series has done so well over the last four decades, while including new topics and new faces on the roster of speakers to reflect our changing world.

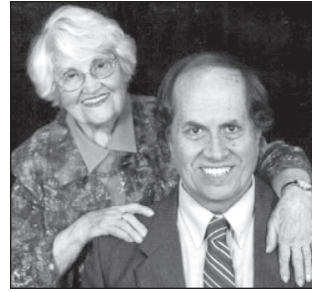
# 2023 Lecture Series Speakers



*Professor Stephen Bittner  
Lecture 1/25/2023*



*Professor David Biale  
Lecture 2/1/2023*



*Dennis and the late Lillian Judd  
Lecture 2/8/2023*



*Professor Kitty Millet  
Lecture 2/15/2023*



*Bernice Lerner  
Lecture 2/22/2023*



*Elizabeth Rosner  
Lecture 3/1/2023*



*Professor Alexander Alvarez  
Lecture 3/8/2023*



*Professor Sergio La Porta  
Lecture 3/15/2023*



*Professor Ashley Greene  
Lecture 3/29/2023*



*Professor James Waller  
Lecture 4/5/2023*



*Professor Kristina Hook  
Lecture 4/12/2023*



*Irfan Mirza  
Lecture 4/19/2023*



*Dr. Ellen Kennedy  
Lecture 4/26/2023*



*His Excellency Johnston Busingye  
Lecture 5/3/2023*



*Her Excellency Mathilde Mukantabana  
Lecture 5/10/2023*



*Simon Mudahogora  
Lecture 5/10/2023*



*Ndahiro Bazimya  
Lecture 5/10/2023*

2024 Lecture Series Schedule can be found at:  
<https://holocaust.sonoma.edu/annual-lecture-series>



# Report from the Education Committee Chair

## Outgoing Education Committee Chair, Rachel Sibley, January – May 2023 report

During the 2022-2023 school year, our speakers were able to present to 48 classes and over 1800 students and teachers. We were able to be almost fully meet in the classrooms this past year with Zoom as an option to reach a larger audience. Our speakers ventured all over Sonoma and Marin Counties as well as to Berkeley to share their and their family's history. With today's climate and struggles it is even more important and impactful for people to hear their stories and realize the damage that can be caused by hate. Teachers often report that it is one the most impactful days of their school year and one of the best ways to learn about history. While I was honored to schedule these presentations and be a part of this amazing group, I am unable to continue as the Chair due to scheduling conflicts. However, I am very excited to see Susan Victor take over this important role.



Rachel Sibley  
Teacher, Roseland Collegiate Prep, Santa Rosa

To learn more about our speaker program in local county schools,  
please email us at [allianceeducationsonoma@gmail.com](mailto:allianceeducationsonoma@gmail.com).

## New Education Committee Chair, Professor Susan Victor, August – December 2023 Report

I am honored to take over as Chair of the Education Committee. I have been on the Board of the Alliance for several years. Both my parents survived the Holocaust, and my mother is currently the only survivor speaking in schools for the Alliance. I retired after 32 years as a professor of secondary education at SSU and before that taught at SFSU. During this past Fall 2023 semester, our speakers completed 9 presentations at 8 schools, reaching a total of 920 students and 37 teachers. We have 22 active speakers with 3 more preparing their presentations. The 7 new speakers who joined our group this semester include Eric Angress and his sister Madelyn Hodges whose father, Hans Angress, spoke for the Alliance and was a Board Member for many years. We presented for the first time in Solano and Lake Counties this past semester, as well as at Marin Country Day School where Rena Victor spoke to 84 6th graders reading R.J. Palacios' graphic novel, *White Bird*. The teacher commented, "The highlight was hearing Rena weave in parts of a graphic novel that our 6th graders had recently read into her story." Teachers at Petaluma High school where 3 speakers spoke to 150 students commented, "The highlight of the speaker was hearing a personal, detailed account of someone's story about living through the Holocaust. I loved the speaker's enthusiasm for teaching our students and pushing them to ask questions about what can be an uncomfortable topic for some." So far, all but one of the presentations have been in person including Christyne Davidian's presentation to 11th/12th grade students studying historical and current genocides at Carle High School in Lake County, driving the 3 hours to a school that had never hosted a guest speaker. Our dedicated and brave speakers continue their work despite and amidst the rise in antisemitism, Holocaust denial and painful current events. As Rabbi Shalom Bochner, one of our new speakers, said at our last meeting "Our work has never been more important."



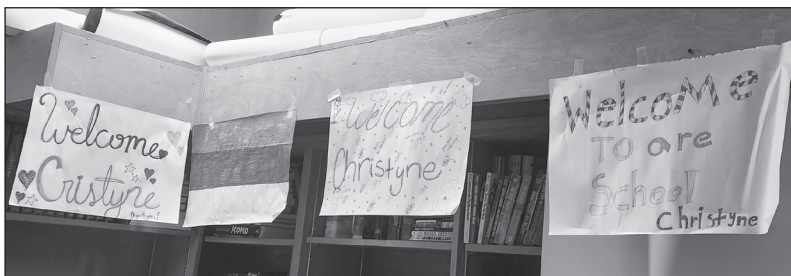
Professor Emerita Susan Victor  
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and Secondary Education



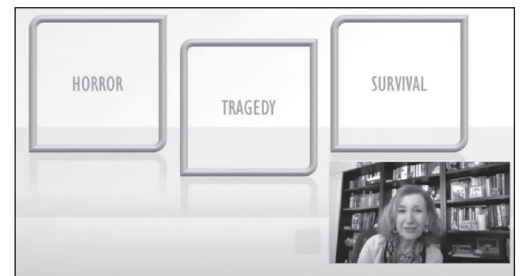
Rena Victor at Marin Country Day School



Christyne Davidian at W.C. Carle Continuation High School, Lake County



Welcome for Armenian Genocide presentation at W.C. Carle Continuation High School, Lake County



Gloria Tausk Glickman presenting on Zoom

# 10th Anniversary of the Anne Frank Tree Planting

## April 14, 2023



*Anne Frank Tree Plaque*



*Dean Troi Carleton*



*Provost Karen Moranski*



*Professor Emerita Diane Parnes*



*Dean Emerita Elaine Leeder*



*Professor Emerita Barbara Lesch McCaffry*



*Eric Angress, son of Hans Angress*



*Enola Nelson, wife of Hans Angress*



*David Salm, son of Erna & Arthur Salm named for the Holocaust and Genocide Memorial*



*Sam Youney, former SSU Landscape Director*



*Susanne Otteman, wife of the late Professor Emerita Myrna Goodman*



*Christopher Dinno SSU Chief Planning Officer, Professor Emerita Elaine Leeder & Sam Youney*



*Nicole Bloch, first Hans Angress Student Awardee, Eric Angress & Enola Nelson*



*Top – L to R: Christyne Davidian, Susan Victor, Barbara Lesch McCaffry, & Todd Cereghino  
Bottom – L to R: Rena Victor, Suzanne Roberts, Gloria Tausk Glickman & Arline Thomas*

# Dean's Letter



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Happy New Year!

It is with great pleasure and gratitude that we start the new year building on the success of an incredible annual lecture series, and the opening of new space dedicated to the Holocaust and Genocide Studies in the newly renovated Stevenson Hall.

I would like to thank the Alliance Board of Directors, volunteers, and friends for all you have done and continue to do to support this work and engage and educate our community. In 2023 we celebrated the 10-year anniversary of the planting of the Anne Frank Tree and the 40th Anniversary of the annual lecture series. How wonderful it has been to meet so many of you, some I knew only by name, some by stories, all of which have made such a significant impact on this important work.

And this important work must go on. In his keynote address at the 40th Anniversary, Genocide scholar and author James Waller, Ph.D., delivered a powerful presentation and asked “Can we make ‘never again’ more than a slogan? Can we make it a lived reality?” I believe our combined efforts to continue awareness and education in this area of study is key. We must continue to outreach beyond our university borders, dedicated to becoming a true regional hub for this education.

We look forward to carrying on this work with you and developing opportunities for our students, who by studying and learning through these atrocities, will apply their knowledge and compassion to whatever they explore after graduation and beyond.

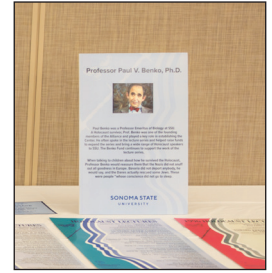
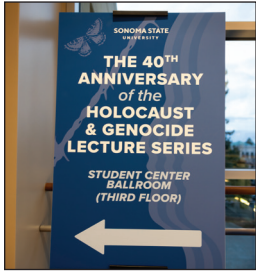
Wishing you all the best in the New Year!

Sincerely,

Troi Carleton, Ph.D.  
Dean, School of Social Sciences

# 40th Anniversary Gala Photos

## November 28, 2023



# Open House for the new Center for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide December 5, 2023



Professor Stephen Bittner, right, Coordinator of the Holocaust lecture series, greets guests at Sonoma State University's Center for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide during an open house to celebrate a new space for the center in Stevenson Hall on the Rohnert Park Campus Tuesday, December 5, 2023. (Chad Surmick / *The Press Democrat*)



Guests mingle in the library of Sonoma State University's Center for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide during an open house to celebrate the new space for the center in Stevenson Hall on the Rohnert Park Campus Tuesday, December 5, 2023. (Chad Surmick / *The Press Democrat*)



Memorabilia hangs on the walls at the entrance to Sonoma State University's Center for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide during an open house to celebrate a new space for the center in Stevenson Hall on the Rohnert Park Campus Tuesday, December 5, 2023. (Chad Surmick / *The Press Democrat*)



Forty years worth of Holocaust Lecture Series programs line the walls of Sonoma State University's Center for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide during an open house to celebrate the new space for the center in Stevenson Hall on the Rohnert Park Campus Tuesday December 5, 2023. (Chad Surmick / *The Press Democrat*)



# Jewish-American Heritage Month Proclamation Given to the Alliance by Rohnert Park City Council May 9, 2023



*Alliance Board Members  
L to R: Arline Thomas, Gloria Tausk Glickman, Yehoyada Mbangukira, Suzanne Roberts,  
Todd Cereghino, and Susan Victor*



*Alliance Board Members with the Rohnert Park City Council*

## 2023 Hans Angress Student Awardee: Jennifer Dy Khaone



*Left to Right: Charlene Lennon, Christyne Davidian, Todd Cereghino &  
Jennifer Dy Khaone in front of the Anne Frank Tree*

## 2024 Holocaust and Genocide Commemoration Events

**The Annual Sonoma County Yom HaShoah Commemoration** will be held on Sunday, May 5, from 2-3:30 p.m. The event will be held live at the Friedman Center, with streaming available for people who can't attend in person. The theme of this year's commemoration will be "Remember Us... Then and Now." The commemoration will feature Geshet Calmenson and the work of Remember Us - the B'nai Mitzvah Project that brings to our hearts and minds the memory of children lost during the Holocaust. Geshet will discuss the mitzvah of adopting, researching, and choosing how to remember a child who died in the Holocaust, and how we can bring the past into the present. There will be musical performances as well as candle lighting by Jewish and other Holocaust survivors and those targeted by genocide.

The program is free, but registration is required. Information about how to register for the event and submit names for the memorial book is available at: <https://www.jccsoco.org/main/yom-hashoah-commemoration/>. You can view last year's commemoration using the same link.

**April 24, 2024 marks the 109th Annual World-Wide Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide.** The SF Bay Area Armenian Genocide Commemoration Committee will sponsor this year's commemoration on Sunday, April 21st at 2:00PM at Mount Davidson Cross in San Francisco. For more information, follow [www.mountdavidsoncross.org](http://www.mountdavidsoncross.org), <https://www.facebook.com/AGCCNC/>, and [www.sfbaycalendar.com](http://www.sfbaycalendar.com).

**The Rwandan Community of Northern California, TRCC**, will observe Kwibuka30, the 30th Annual Commemoration of the Genocide Against the Tutsi in Rwanda, on Saturday, May 18 at Cal State University, Sacramento. For the final details, please contact: Vianney Mugabo at [ruzavm@gmail.com](mailto:ruzavm@gmail.com).

# 2023 Donations

*Our deepest gratitude to the following donors who make it possible to continue the work of our Alliance founders:*

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Todd W. Cereghino (in memory of Hans Angress & Mac McCaffry)

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## **Center for the Study of the Holocaust & Genocide (C0183)**

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Susan Dregely (in memory of Ignacz and Mari Grossman)  
Susanne Otteman (in memory of Myrna Osoff Goodman, Professor Emeritus SSU)

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Sue B. Garfin (in memory of Myrna Goodman)

## **\*NEW: Dr. Peter Stanek Memorial Lecture on the History of the Japanese Occupation of China and the War in the Pacific Endowment (E0464)**

Charles J. Shao  
David Stanek (in memory of Dr. Peter Stanek)  
Jean Bee Chan  
Lillian Sing  
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## Alliance History

The Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust was formed in 1983 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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## 40th Anniversary Gala



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