



Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide

at Sonoma State University

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Annual Newsletter 2021

Report from 2021-2022 Alliance Co-Presidents

The Alliance for the Study of Holocaust and Genocide Board voted for Christyne Davidian and Yehoyada Mbangukira to serve as Co-Presidents from 2021-2022 with the intent to create more value by lessening the burden placed on one person to lead the organization as it fulfills its mission in the community. This new structure is believed to provide shared leadership while at the same time not minimizing the importance of the many activities that the Alliance serves.

Christyne is a third generation Armenian Genocide descendant, founded the Armenians of the North Bay in 2002, served on the Alliance Board since 2003 and as past Alliance President for 7 years. She established the Armenian Genocide Memorial Lecture at SSU to ensure Armenian Genocide Education inclusion in the Lecture Series annually. Christyne works as a Senior Sourcing Specialist for Medtronic, a medical device company, located in Santa Rosa and has been Sonoma County resident for over 30 years. Currently serving on the San Francisco Bay Area Artsakh Task Force and Humanitarian Aid Committee Co-Chair, Christyne also helped to raise \$100,000 in 2021 for the victims of the acts of genocide against the Armenians of Artsakh.

Yehoyada has been an Alliance Board member since 2010 and served as past Vice-President. Yehoyada is originally from Rwanda though born in the Congo due to the ethnic cleansing that caused exiles of many Rwandans in the 1960s and he was born of exiled parents in the Congo. He currently works in the Pharmaceutical Industry specializing in Infectious Diseases and HIV. He is a graduate of the University of San Francisco School of Management with a master's degree in Organizational Development and Management focusing on what is possible in any organization to optimize needed resources, such as Human Resources, Wellness and Engagement, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Currently serving as President of the United States Rwandan Community Abroad (USRCA), Yehoyada also serves on TIP Global Health.

We are both committed to serving the mission of the Alliance and supporting the valuable activities our Education Committee and the SSU Holocaust and Genocide Lecture Series.

Most sincerely,
Christyne Davidian and Yehoyada Mbangukira



Christyne Davidian
Alliance Co-President



Yehoyada Mbangukira
Alliance Co-President

Report from the Past Alliance President

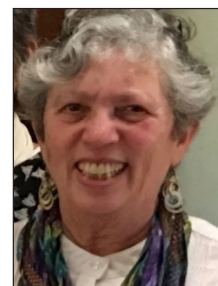
I first became an active member of the Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide twenty years ago in the Spring of 2021 and I started teaching in the series the following year. So much has happened in those 20 years; the creation of a vibrant Education Committee which trains Holocaust and Genocide survivors and their descendants in sharing their stories, a pivot to providing those live and pre-recorded presentations via Zoom, and a solid program that coordinates presentations in local middle and high schools and the community. Last Spring the lecture series moved to a digital platform which now reaches, not only those locally, but across the country. As a result of your generous participation in the first annual Sonoma State Giving Day and the efforts of many board members, we have notably increased our funds and endowments this past year.

It has been a very difficult year for the community of survivors and mourn the deaths of Dina Dasberg Angress, Hans Angress, Maurice Blaug, Eric Gattmann, and Olga Winkler. In addition, I recently discovered the deaths of Sylvie and Harry Saunders several years ago.

My humble thanks to all of you whom I have met or befriended in the past two decades for your warm welcome and support for the Alliance. I hope you will extend those to the current Co-Presidents Christyne Davidian and Yehoyada Mbangukira. May the Alliance continue to grow and thrive under their stewardship.

With deepest gratitude,

Barbara Lesch McCaffry, Ph.D.
Emerita Professor,
Hutchins School of Liberal Studies



Professor Barbara Lesch McCaffry
Past 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

This past year, very much like the rest of society, the Center experienced isolation and dislocation from our affiliates, donors, and support staff. In addition to our compliance with the University's Covid 19 protocols and restrictions, we experienced dislocation from our physical space in Stevenson Hall. Stevenson Hall is undergoing a complete renovation/remodel. Contractors are removing the asbestos that has been a problem for several decades and the building's internal space is being completely redesigned. As of this writing (Winter 2021) the building will not be ready for occupancy until the summer of 2023.

We are mourning the loss of our good friend and ally in the cause of Holocaust and Genocide education, Hans Angress. In his honor, we will launch The Hans Angress Award for Community Service and Social Justice. Sponsored by the Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide and the Center for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide, the award will be presented annually to a Sonoma State University student enrolled in the Lecture Series: Perspectives on the Holocaust and

Genocide. The award will recognize the scholarly and personal achievements of the recipient which reflects the ideals and service exhibited by the exemplary life of Hans Angress, a child survivor of the Holocaust, his dedication to sharing his story and being a force for tolerance and kindness.

We are also creating a closed-captioned video from one of his lectures given at SSU. When completed, it will be available on our website and can be shown at our Lecture Series and in the local schools.

My best wishes to all of you for a safe and healthy 2022.

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



*Professor Myrna Goodman
Center Director*

Report from the Lecture Series Academic Coordinator

For the first time in its thirty-eight year history, the 2021 rendition of the Holocaust and Genocide lecture series took place entirely online. I was personally quite worried about how we would survive the leap to Zoom. But from our first lecture forward it was clear that Zoom offered definite possibilities and advantages for our series. These presentations had power, intimacy, and clarity that is difficult to attain in a large, noisy auditorium like Warren Hall. Speakers, students, and our expanded online audience applauded the new adaptation of the lecture series. No one was more surprised than I. Once the Zoom learning curve and technical glitches were behind us, the series sailed very smoothly. It may be that for the foreseeable future the Holocaust and Genocide Lecture series will continue online.

One of the obvious advantages of this format is that it allows us to invite distinguished speakers from across the country and around the globe. While COVID remains a concern, speakers were relieved to be able to present from home. Our theme for 2021, Overcoming Adversity, was never more appropriate. We were moved and inspired by the words of Barbara Lerner, Michael Berenbaum, Mimi Malayan, and our outstanding panel on Rwanda, Her Excellency Mathilde Mukantabana, Lilliane Pari Umuhzoza, and Ndahiro Bazimya. Our broad array of topics included Islamophobia, the Uyghurs, the DRC, Cambodia, Ireland, and the American genocide. By every standard this was a successful and memorable series.

The theme for our current lecture series is Persecution as A Political Weapon: Genocide Through the Ages. Our

distinguished speakers include Prof. Kitty Millet of SFSU, who presented the Adele Zeigelbaum Memorial Lecture, "Persecution & the Formulas of Genocide." I am delighted to announce that the Robert Harris Memorial Lecture will be given by Carl Wilkens. This series features several new speakers. Prof. Elisa Von Joeden-Forgey will speak on "Prevention's Missing Link: Genocide as A Gendered Crime;" Dawn MacKeen will discuss The Hundred Year Walk: An Armenian Odyssey; Miriam Ibrahim will speak about "Extensions of An Olive Tree: Resisting the Ongoing Nakba of Palestine; Ellen Kennedy will offer an analysis of the Rohingya crisis, and Arn Chorn-Pond will return to reflect on "How Music Changed My Life—A Story of the Cambodian Genocide." Some of our favorite featured speakers again take part in this series: Steve Bittner, the Victor Family, Alex Alvarez, Ashley Greene, Jim Waller, and Irfan Mirza.

The 39th Holocaust and Genocide lecture series will be different. In many ways it will be better. I hope you will be able to join us for this educational and inspirational series.

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



*Professor Diane Parness
Academic Coordinator*

Lecture Series Speakers

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Harbor from the Holocaust Film 2/9/2021



Professor Mehmaz Afridi Lecture 2/16/2021



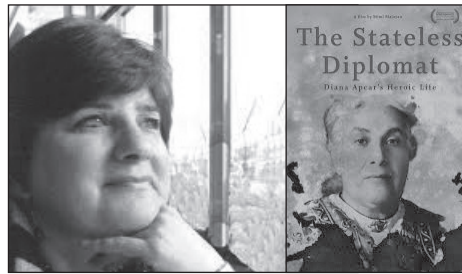
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Professor Ashley Greene
Lecture 3/30/2021 and 5/4/2021



Professor James Waller Lecture 4/6/2021



Professor Ben Kiernan Lecture 4/13/2021



Professor Benjamin Madley
Lecture 4/20/2021



Ellen Kennedy, Ph.D. Lecture 4/27/2021



Her Excellency Mathilde Mukantabana, Rwandan Ambassador to the United States, Liliane Pari Umboza and Ndabiro Bazimya



Lecture 5/11/2021

The schedule for the 2022 Lectures Series can be found at:
<http://holocaust.sonoma.edu/lectures>





In Memorium



Holocaust Survivors: Dina Dasberg Angress, Hans Angress, Maurice Blaug, Claude Ganz, Olga Winkler, Sylvie and Harry Saunders

Report from the Chairs of the Alliance Education Committee

Despite the COVID restrictions that went into place March of 2020, the Alliance Education Committee was very successful coordinating speakers for classrooms, religious organizations and profession groups during the 2020-2021 academic year.

We reached out to 25 classes, 726 middle and high school students, 20 teachers, and 63 community members. Due to the virtual capabilities of our speakers the school presentations spanned through several counties: San Mateo, San Francisco, Marin and Napa. This year we presented at Berkeley Hillel, Sonoma Regional Jewish Teen Initiative, and Sonoma State University's teacher credential program for English and Social Studies candidates,

Currently, the Alliance Education Committee has a group of 16 speakers. Our speakers include Holocaust survivors, Holocaust descendants, and a third generation Armenian Genocide descendant. We are also supporting 4 additional speakers craft their presentations. Their personal accounts of the impact of intolerance and prejudice provide the listeners with the reminder: "They remember so we don't forget." We also continue to work collaboratively with Jewish Family and Children's Services Holocaust Center in San Francisco.

The pandemic has tested all of us. The Alliance Education Committee has risen to the challenge. Due to our dedicated members, we were able to offer a variety of formats: live and pre-recorded Zoom, Quick Time, You Tube and live in the classroom.

It has been an honor for me to have been Chair of the Alliance Education Committee for the past seven years. What a joy it has been to work with such a committed and dedicated group of volunteers. As of July 2021, I decided to step away from my responsibilities as the Chair. I continue to work with new and seasoned speakers and am an active participant in our meetings.

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



*Arline F. Thomas
Past Education Committee Chair*

I have been elected as the new Chair for the Education Committee in June 2021. I am a Social Science teacher at Roseland Collegiate Prep in Santa Rosa. I have a degree in History and Philosophy from Western Michigan University and my California teaching credential from Sonoma State University. I have worked with the Alliance Education Committee for the past 7 years to set up my own classroom presentations and excited to hold this bigger role.

The Education Committee is responsible for outreach to schools and scheduling survivor and descendant presentations in classrooms and in our community. The Education Committee kicked off to a great start for 2021-2022 school year even though many schools are still facing challenges while reopening their schools. We have done our best to schedule as many classroom presentations (via zoom and in person) as possible by contacting the teachers via letters and reminders.

We have also gone fully digital with all forms and information sent to teachers digitally. Please pass on our information to any teacher or community members that might be interested in hosting a speaker.

Rachel Sibley
Teacher, Roseland Collegiate Prep,
Santa Rosa
Chair, Alliance Education
Committee



*Rachel Sibley
Education Committee Chair*



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If you are interested in learning more about the Alliance, our work supporting the SSU Holocaust and Genocide Lecture Series, and our speaker programs in the local county schools, please email us at alliance@sonoma.edu.

2022 Holocaust and Genocide Commemorations and Events

The Annual Sonoma County You Hashoah Commemoration will be held on Sunday May 1, 2022 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. on Zoom. The theme of this year's commemoration will be **Speaking Up and Standing Up**. Three local Holocaust survivors or descendants – Eric Angress, Miriam Susan Dregéy, and Sandy Feldhorn – will be sharing how they were helped by “upstanders” who did the right thing. There will be musical performances as well as candle lighting by Jewish and other Holocaust survivors and those targeted by genocide.

There will a Memorial Book listing the names of victims of the Shoah remembered by members of our community. **Names submitted by April 18th will be included in 2022 Memorial book. The program is free, but registration by no later than April 24th is required to obtain the Zoom link.** To register for the commemoration and receive the Zoom link, submit names for the 2022 Memorial Book, make a donation, access the recording of the 2021 commemoration or view the 2021 Memorial Book, please go to: <https://www.jccsoco.org/main/yom-hashoah-commemoration/>. Questions can be sent to socoyomhashoah@gmail.com.

April 24, 2022 marks the 107th Annual World-Wide Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide. The SF Bay Area Armenian Genocide Commemoration Committee is scheduled to sponsor and commemorate at Mount Davidson Cross in San Francisco at 2:00 PM. For more information, follow www.mountdavidsoncross.org and www.sfbaycalendar.com. The SF Bay Area Armenian National Committee also may coordinates events at www.ancsf.org.

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May 21, 2022 marks the 28th Commemoration of the Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda. The Rwandan Community of Northern California, TRCC, will observe Kwibuka28 on Saturday, May 21, 2022. For additional information contact: Roger Remera 415-215-1556 or email rogerremera@gmail.com.

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The First Reunion & 28th Commemoration of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi will be held May 27-29, 2022 at the Sheraton Salt Lake Hotel, Salt Lake City UT organized by IBUKA USA for assistance and advocacy for 1994 survivors. For additional information, follow at ibukausa.org.

SPECIAL IN MEMORIAM: HANS ANGRESS

We mourn the passing of Holocaust survivor Hans Angress on November 10, 2021. He was an integral part of the Alliance for more than 25 years. Hans joined the Board in 1991 and stepped down in 2017. He first spoke in the lecture series in 1992 about “Hiding from the Enemy” and shared his talk, “A Survivor’s Story” in the lecture series for many years, the last one in 2017. Professor Diane Parness, the Academic Coordinator of the Lecture Series at Sonoma State, said that: “Our students adored Hans and were always inspired by him. He was a treasure.”

Hans also spoke to thousands of young people as a member of the Alliance Speaker’s Bureau which was chaired by Sylvia Sucher, and through both the Alliance Education Committee and Jewish Family and Children’s Services’ Holocaust Center in San Francisco.

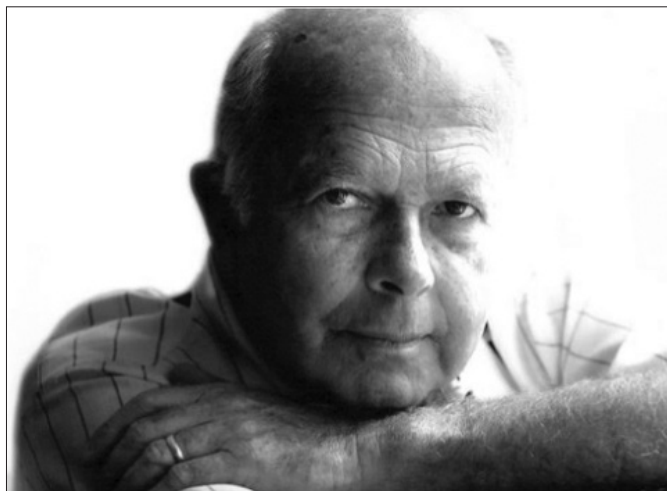
Hans also played a key role with the Erna & Arthur Salm Holocaust & Genocide Memorial Grove at Sonoma State University. It was created to honor both survivors and victims of the Holocaust and genocides. The memorial grove now includes an ANNE FRANK tree grown from a sapling from that tree that once gave Anne Frank hope as she hid from the Nazis in Amsterdam. Hans, who was briefly a classmate of hers in Amsterdam, assisted the University in its application. It was dedicated on April 14, 2013.

Even more than Hans’ support of the Alliance, the Lecture Series and his talks to young people, for many of us what also resonates

is the kind and gentle soul with whom we shared so many meals after the guest lectures.

Professor Myrna Goodman, the Director of the University’s Center for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide, spoke of him as a “a quiet and noble giant.” As Arline Thomas noted, “he was the heart and soul of the Alliance.” He encouraged us to dedicate ourselves to countering intolerance and to reaching out to those who were its targets.

May we continue his legacy.



Hans Angress

2021 Donations

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to the following donors who make it possible to continue the works of the founder of the Alliance

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- ◆ **Paul V. Benko Holocaust Education Endowment Fund (E0022):** Named for Paul V. Benko, an SSU faculty member who was one of the founding members of the Alliance. Supports the annual Holocaust and Genocide Lecture Series.
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- ◆ **Alexandre Kimenyi Memorial Education Fund (C0410 - formerly The SSU Rwanda Student Education and Travel Fund):** Renamed in memory of Alexandre Kimenyi, National Hero of Rwanda, and founder of the Friends of Rwanda Association (F.O.R.A.). Supports a lecture related to the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda. Will continue to support the education of SSU student(s) on the Genocide and/or support their travel to Rwanda to work and teach in F.O.R.A. vocational schools with Genocide Survivors.

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Go to: <https://www.sonoma.edu/give>

- ◆ For the Benko Endowment, click on Endowments, then School, Department, and Program Endowments.
- ◆ For the Center Fund, click on Schools and Departments twice.
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- ◆ Once at the fund you desire, click on the name/link for the desired fund and choose recurring or one-time.
- ◆ You may use the Comments Box to list donations in memory of someone, in honor of someone or an event, or to request an acknowledgement to someone else of your gif.

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 gratitude to former board members **Samuel Cohen** who will be missed.

Our special thanks and deepest gratitude to **Michael "Mac" McCaffry** who has served on the Alliance Board for many years as Education Committee Chair and Member, Education Speaker Advocate, Corresponding Secretary, and our cheery Lecture Series and Tabling greeter. Mac's support, wisdom, encouragement, and guidance will be missed as a Board Member but very pleased that he will serve as our Senior Advisor.



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- For 24-hours on April 7th, the Alliance will be raising money for our Sonoma State Holocaust and Genocide funds.
- Go to: givingday.sonoma.edu for donating to the Benko, Alliance, Center, Armenian, Kimenyi funds.
- To find the fund you desire for GivingDay!, please follow the **Online Donation instructions** on Page 7.
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