Dear Friends of the Alliance,

Annual Greetings! Reflecting back on our 27th year, the Alliance had a very busy year. In addition to our primary focus which is supporting the lecture series, the Alliance Board defined and adopted a new mission statement that we believe more appropriately reflects our present day work to broaden our scope and support of all communities impacted by genocide. Fully endorsed by our senior board advisors, we hope that you will find our new statement printed below both inspirational and a source of pride worthy of your support. To fulfill the alignment of our new mission, we have also updated our organizational name to include “Genocide” which once again confirms our commitment to support all genocide communities. Our 2011 goal is to create a new Alliance logo to complete the final steps and align it with our newly defined mission.

The broader scope of the Alliance was evident this past year as we supported an impressive variety of community events including: Simcha Sunday, the Petaluma Historical Library’s Schindler’s List exhibit, the Santa Rosa Middle School Multicultural Week, the Jewish World Watch Walk to End Genocide in Santa Rosa, the Annual Community Yom HaShoah Commemoration at the Friedman Center, the Yom HaShoah Candle Lighting Ceremony at Congregation Shomrei Torah, the 95th Annual Armenian Genocide Commemoration Golden Gate Bridge Walk, the 16th Annual Tutsi Genocide Commemoration at the University of the Pacific in Stockton., and the Global Majority’s Global Peace Award Ceremony in Carmel honoring the Friends of Rwanda Association (FORA).

We welcomed two new board members in 2011: Lillian Mattimore from the Shomrei Torah Second Generation Survivor Group and Yehoyada Mbangukira from the Friends of Rwanda. Regretfully, we sadly say goodbye to Barbara Tobin, our Board Secretary, and Nick Firestone, a SSU alumni who had been on leave while working in China. Both Michael “Mac” McCaffry and B.J. Stolbov, who is serving a 2 year commitment with the Peace Corps in the Philippines, have taken leaves of absence and we look forward to their participation in the future. We are hope to add several teachers to the educational committee of our board in January and look forward to filling additional board positions representing all genocides this year. We welcome anyone interested in joining the board.

Your continued support of Holocaust and Genocide Education at Sonoma State during this challenging economy is deeply appreciated. We once again would like to acknowledge with special appreciation the Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco, The Peninsula, Marin, and Sonoma Counties whose very generous grant for a second year will support the 2011 Robert L. Harris Memorial Lecture and reception with Dr. Michael Berenbaum. As we move forward into our 28th year, we are truly grateful to you for making a yearly contribution, attending our lecture series and speaker dinners, and/or volunteering with the Alliance.

With deepest gratitude,

Christyne Davidian
President, Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide
Email: alliance@sonoma.edu

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**Alliance New 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
2010 was an active year for the Holocaust and Genocide Studies program. The 27th Annual Lecture Series: “Repercussions of Genocide: Family, Community and Society” featured several unique and compelling lectures: Holocaust survivors Lucille Eichen-green, Paul Schwarzbart and Hans Angress shared their powerful life stories and Jim Waller helped us understand the disturbing fact that we are all capable of doing great harm to others. In Genocide Beneath Our Feet, Greg Sarris, Chairman of the Federated Indians of the Graton Rancheria, returned to the Warren Auditorium podium to speak on the continuing effects of the eradication of Native American culture in Marin and Sonoma counties. In addition to John Roth, Ph.D. who presented the Robert L. Harris Memorial Lecture, we were awed by a spirited performance of Klezmer music by the Santa Rosa Youth Orchestra and insightful commentary by Robin Seletsky. The Armenian Genocide Memorial Lecture featured Sergio LaPorta, Ph.D. from CSU Fresno. Board member Mathilde Mukantabana, M.A. and M.S.W. discussed the situation in post-genocide Rwanda.

The 2011 series “History, Memory and Testimony,” will feature several new and distinguished speakers along with what we know will be exciting presentations. The Armenian Memorial Lecture will again feature Sergio La Porta, Ph.D. The following week will feature a presentation of Armenian Lullabies and Folk Traditions by Hasmik Harutyunyan. Carl Wilkins, the last American in Rwanda during the genocide will also present a lecture. Rabbi Michael Berenbaum will present the annual Robert L. Harris Memorial Lecture.

The Center received several generous donations this past year, including one from Henry and Lucille Libicki through the Jewish Community Federation Endowment. The 2010 Series was also supported in part through a generous grant from the Sonoma State Instructionally Related Activities Fund (which is supported by student fees). Associated Student Productions (ASP) continued their strong support and thanks to Bruce Berkowitz and Casey Kelly we co-sponsored the presentation of Arn Chorn Pond, a survivor of the Cambodian genocide as well as the film The Rape of Nanking.

Our work this year has benefited from the encouragement and support of the entire Alliance Board. I am most appreciative of the collegial support I have received from Board Chair, Christyne Davidian and Barbara Lesch McCaffry, our Treasurer.

I am grateful for your support as well and look forward to seeing you at the upcoming lectures. Your efforts on our behalf are deeply appreciated and assure the continuing success of our mission.

Myrna Goodman, Ph.D.
Director, Center for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide
News from the Friends of Rwanda Association (FORA)

The Friends of Rwanda Association (FORA) is a non-profit people-to-people program for helping orphaned children from the Tutsi Genocide in Rwanda to support themselves. FORA helps to equip young survivors to better support themselves and their families and has helped to launch and maintain many educational and vocational projects. Annual donations resulting from the passing of a special hand-crafted wooden Rwandan bowl by those attending the Tutsi Genocide lectures at Sonoma State over the past years including students, faculty, Alliance members, and those from the community, have resulted in an orphanage building where vocational training is held in Rwanda being named Sonoma House in honor of the generous support from the lectures.

The 16th annual Tutsi Genocide in Rwanda commemoration was held at the University of the Pacific in Stockton. The keynote speaker was Alan Campbell who was an American witness to the genocide from April to November 1994. Dr. Myrna Goodman and Christyne Davidian from Sonoma State gave Declaration of Sentiments statements.

FORA was recently honored with the prestigious Global Peacemaker Award for 2010 by the Global Majority, a non-profit organization that promotes peace through dialogue. FORA members and their supporters, including several Alliance Board members, attended the award ceremony on November 14th in Carmel, CA. The award acknowledges organizations and individuals who have contributed to the cause of global peace.

The Third International Conference on Genocide co-organized by FORA is scheduled to take place at Sacramento State University on November 3-5, 2011. Featured speakers are expected to include Desmond Tutu and George Clooney, who also was honored together with FORA with the 2010 Global Peacemaker Award by the Global Majority. FORA also will hold its annual cultural fundraising event on the evening of the last day of the Conference.

We are especially gratified by the active role of the Center for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Sonoma State and the Alliance will play at the Conference, as well as their support for FORA events.

Mathilde Mukantabana, M.A. and M.S.W.
President of FORA, Alliance Board Member

In Memoriam

We mourn the death of Dr. Alexandre Kimenyi, husband of Mathilde Mukantabana, founder of FORA, and professor of Ethnic Studies at Sacramento State University
2010 Holocaust and Genocide Commemorations

The Annual Sonoma County Yom Hashoah Commemoration will be held at the Friedman Center, 4676 Mayette Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95405 on Sunday, May 1, from 2-4 p.m. The theme will be transmitting the legacy of Holocaust remembrance to the upcoming younger generations. Engagement between survivors, teens, and young adults will provide the focus for the event. For more information, contact the Jewish Community Center at 707-528-4222.

Congregation Shomrei Torah (CST) will host a simple Yom HaShoah Candle Lighting Ceremony on Sunday, May 1, 2010 at 9:30 a.m., 2600 Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95404. The service will be conducted by Rabbi George Gittleman and the featured speaker will be Christyne Davidian, President of the Alliance at SSU and Founder of Armenians of the North Bay. Special music from the Holocaust will be performed. A highlight of the program will be the Candle Lighting for six million Jews murdered, as well as non-Jews killed in the Holocaust, and genocides of Native Americans, Armenians, Cambodians, Rwandans, and those in Darfur. Hosted by the CST Social Action Committee. For more information, contact Shomrei Torah at (707) 578-5519.

April 24th marks the world-wide commemoration of the Armenian Genocide. The SF Bay Area Armenian Genocide Commemoration Committee will hold the 96th annual commemoration on Saturday, April 23rd at Mount Davidson Cross in San Francisco. For more information, see www.agccnc.org. The SF Bay Area Armenian National Committee also coordinates events throughout the month of April. For information, see http://www.ancsf.org.

The 17th annual commemoration of the Tutsi genocide in Rwanda by the Friends of Rwanda Association (FORA) is tentatively scheduled for Saturday April 16, 2011 in Sacramento. More details to follow. For more information, see the web page of the Friends of Rwanda Association at:http://www.friends-of-rwanda.org/.

Education Committee Report

The 2010 Education Committee included Rich Morley, Hans Angress, Flora Lee Ganzler, and Christyne Davidian. We continued annual work on reaching out to the Sonoma County schools about the lecture series, survivor speakers, and archived lectures. Displaying at the Santa Rosa Middle School Multicultural Week helped to increase the visibility of our programs and connections with secondary education.

A commitment to ensure that teachers in Sonoma County would have access to survivor speakers in their classrooms led Alliance Board Member Hans Angress to the newly formed Holocaust Survivor Speakers Bureau at Jewish Family and Children’s Services (JFCS) organization of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin, and Sonoma Counties. Due to the strength of this newly formed program and its staff, the Alliance has decided to partner with the JFCS and refer teachers requesting Holocaust survivor speakers to this service. The JFCS will work directly with teachers to appropriately match class and age group with survivors.

Teachers and other educators seeking Holocaust survivor speakers should contact Jessica Minturn, Holocaust Speakers Bureau Program Coordinator, at 415-449-1281 or email JessicaM@jfcs.org. Additionally, survivors interested in registering as speakers with this new Holocaust Speakers Bureau should also contact Jessica Minturn.

Under the leadership of Rich Morley, we worked intently with Dr. Myrna Goodman, Mathilde Mukantabana, and the Genocide Education Project, a non-profit organization that delivers education and training on human rights and genocide (www.genocideducation.org), to develop a framework, curriculum, and budgeting for a Summer Teacher Training Program on the Holocaust and Genocide on the SSU campus and our 2011 goals are to seek the funding required to make this a reliable and sustainable program.
Giving to the Alliance

You can make a gift to the Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide using the enclosed envelope.

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

- **Paul V. Benko Holocaust Education Endowment Fund (E022):** 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.

- **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 directly online through Sonoma State University “Give Online” system:

- 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.

Further questions on donations can be directed to the Alliance at alliance@sonoma.edu

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We would like to express our gratitude to the following donors who made it possible for us to continue the work for those who founded the Alliance.

**Paul V. Benko Holocaust Education Endowment Fund**

- Alliance Board, in honor of Sylvia Sucher’s 98th birthday
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- Rich Morley
- Mathilde Mukantabana
- B. J. Stolbov
- Barbara Tobin
**All donations made toward inscribed memorial bricks for the SSU Holocaust and Genocide Memorial Grove this past year have been separately acknowledged. Your continued support is needed and appreciated as we plan for the 28th Annual Lecture Series. Donations received after 12/1/10 will be acknowledged in the 2011 annual report.**

A limited number of bricks are still available at the Holocaust and Genocide Memorial Grove. Please find order forms at http://www.sonoma.edu/holocaust/grove/index.html.

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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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**Alliance Board Members**

Herbert Hans Angress: Survivor Speaker and Education Committee  
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Christyne Davidian: President, Liaison to Armenians of the North Bay, and Education Committee  
Flora Lee Ganzler: Education and Membership Committees  
Myrna Goodman: Director of the Center for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide  
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**Past Lecture Archives**

A treasure trove of past Holocaust and Genocide Lectures are archived and available for viewing via YouTube and Streaming Video from the Center Website: http://www.sonoma.edu/holocaust/lectures/index.html

Click on Previous Lecture Series Schedules to the Video Archives link.
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February 1-May 24, 2011/ Tuesdays 4:00 PM-5:40 PM
Warren Auditorium (Ives Hall)
SSU Students: SOCI 305, Perspectives on the Holocaust and Genocide counts as upper-division General Education credit under GE category D5, and towards the B.A. Degree in CJ, English, Global Studies, History, Liberal Arts, Nursing, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, and the Hutchins School of Liberal Studies

HISTORY, MEMORY AND TESTIMONY

February 1: INTRODUCTION TO THE SERIES
Myrna Goodman, Ph.D., Sonoma State University

February 8: HOLOCAUST IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE
Stephen Bittner, Ph.D., Sonoma State University

February 15: HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR PANEL (TBA)
In Memory of Adele Zygielbaum

February 22: THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE: MEMORY AND MEMOIR
Sergio LaPorta, Ph.D., CSU Fresno Armenian Studies Program
Armenian Genocide Memorial Lecture

March 1: ARMENIAN LULLABY AND FOLK TRADITIONS
Hasnig Harutyunyan, Folklorist, Singer, and Teacher with Kitka Women’s Vocal Ensemble

March 8: BREAKING THE SILENCE: A HOLOCAUST CHILDHOOD
Paul A. Schwarzbart

March 15: BECOMING EVIL
James Waller, Ph.D., Cohen Endowed Chair of Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Keene State College

March 22: PERSPECTIVES ON INTERNATIONAL WAR CRIMES
Eric Williams, Ph.D., Sonoma State University

March 29: EYEWITNESS TO THE TUTSI GENOCIDE IN RWANDA: THE WORLD OUTSIDE MY SHOES
Carl Wilkins, Director, World Outside My Shoes

April 5: LESSONS LEARNED FROM A HOLOCAUST CHILDHOOD
Hans Angress

April 12: LEGACIES OF GENOCIDE: CAMBODIAN STORIES OF TRAUMA AND RECOVERY
Lucia D. Roncalli, M.D., Santa Rosa Family Medical Residency Program

April 19: SPRING BREAK (campus closed)

April 26: REACHING OUT: MEMORY AND EDUCATION
Morgan Blum, M.A., Jewish Family and Children’s Services Holocaust Outreach Program and Jack Weinstein, M.A., Director, Facing History and Ourselves

May 3: HIDDEN CHILDREN DURING THE HOLOCAUST
Jeanette Ringold, Ph.D., Chair, Bay Area Hidden Children’s Group

May 10: REFLECTIONS ON HISTORY, MEMORY AND TESTIMONY
Michael Berenbaum, Ph.D., Director, Sigi Ziering Institute, American Jewish University
Robert L. Harris Memorial Lecture

May 17: GENOCIDE BENEATH OUR FEET
Greg Sarris, Ph.D., Endowed Professor, Sonoma State University and Chairman, Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria

May 24: WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?
Student/Faculty Panel

To view prior lectures see: http://www.sonoma.edu/holocaust/lectures/previous.html or see http://www.sonoma.edu/holocaust/ for more information

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