

Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide

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Annual Newsletter 2012

Dear Friends of the Alliance,

Happy New Year and annual greetings! Our 29th lecture series year once again brought outstanding speakers and lectures. The Alliance supported the following community events: the Jewish World Watch Walk to End Genocide in Santa Rosa, the Annual Community-Wide Yom Hashoah Commemoration at the Friedman Center, the Yom Hashoah Holocaust Memorial Observance at Congregation Shomrei Torah, and the 2nd Annual Bay Area Walk Against Genocide.

We welcomed new board member Sue Ross in 2012 but sadly said goodbye to Michael “Mac” McCaffry and Larry Carlin after over 10 years of service. We continue to seek new board members, especially to fulfill representation from all genocides, and welcome your email if you are interested in joining the board or have any recommendations.

Of special note, 2013 will mark the 30th anniversary of this amazing lecture series which would not have been possible without your kind and generous support. We are truly grateful for your continued generosity as well as attendance at our lecture series, speaker dinners, receptions, and special events. Please do send us your e-mail address if you want to be notified about the special events now being planned in conjunction with the 30th anniversary including an exhibition on campus from the Anne Frank House in New York and the annual reception following the Robert L. Harris Memorial Lecture.

We once again acknowledge special appreciation to the Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco, The Peninsula, Marin, and Sonoma Counties whose very generous grant for a fourth year will support the 2013 Robert L. Harris Memorial Lecture and reception.

With deepest gratitude,



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



Top Photo From Left: Nancy Sandborn, Barbara Lesch McCaffry, Sergio La Porta, Christyne Davidian, David Salm, and Hans Angress

Bottom Photo: James Waller and SSU Students

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 at Sonoma State

We experienced another memorable year for the Center in 2012. The 29th Annual Lecture Series: *“Lessons As Legacies: Learning from the Past”* featured several compelling lectures and set the bar very high in anticipation of the 2013 Series and our 30th Anniversary.

Holocaust survivors Hans Angress and Paul Schwarzbart deeply impressed and moved our students with their unique perspectives on the better world they hope the students will help build. Lillian and Dennis Judd introduced students to Lillian’s moving and inspiring story. The Armenian Genocide Memorial Lecture featured Sergio La Porta, Ph.D. who will speak again in 2013. His breadth of knowledge continues to expand our understanding of the Armenian Genocide. We were honored once again when Dr. James Waller explained how, given the right set of circumstances, all individuals are capable of doing great harm to others. His important analysis of evil-doing is a message our students find compelling. Dr. Waller will return this coming year. Hamdan Goumas and Leyla Mavris, associates with the NGO Global Majority, lectured on the genocide in Kosovo and the origins of current conditions in the Sudan, respectively. They have also agreed to return to the 2013 Series. In cooperation with SSU’s Associated Students Productions (ASP), we featured filmmaker Socheata Poeuv who introduced and commented on her film “New Year Baby,” an award winning exploration of the legacies of the Cambodian genocide. In 2013, Dr. Lucia Roncalli and 2nd generation Cambodian survivors will appear. Also of note in 2012, Claudia Stevens gave a memorable performance of *“An Evening with Madame F”* for the Robert L. Harris Memorial Lecture.

The 2013 series *“Seeds of Remembrance”* will feature several distinguished speakers in addition to Dr. Sergio La Porta and Dr. James Waller. The Robert L. Harris Memorial Lecture will be given by Dr. James E. Young, whose lecture topic is “The Texture of Memory.” His lecture will be presented on April 9th, 2013, the Tuesday prior to the planting of the Anne Frank Sapling. Thomas Wood will present the first Adele Zygielbaum Memorial Lecture which will remember Jan Karski, a Polish diplomat and Righteous Person. Dr. Brenda Flyswithawks from Santa Rosa Junior College will speak about the continuing effects of the eradication of Native American culture in Marin and Sonoma counties.

The Center received several generous donations this past year, including a continuing award from Henry and Lucille Libicki through the Jewish Community Federation Endowment. The family of Adele Zygielbaum established a memorial fund in her memory and the proceeds are being used to support the Series and the work of the Center .

Our work this year has also benefited from the encouragement and support of the Alliance Board. I am most appreciative of the strong personal support I have received from Christyne Davidian, Mathilde Mukantabana, Hans Angress, and Barbara Lesch McCaffry. They have contributed so much to our continuing success. Community and board member support on behalf of our work is also deeply appreciated; it assures the continuing success of our mission.

Although I will have retired from active teaching as of January 1st, 2013, I will remain as the Center Director. Professor Diane Parness will coordinate the Series and teach the academic portion of our work. I have great respect for Professor Parness and look forward to continuing the successful collaboration between the Center and the course faculty.

Myrna Goodman, Ph.D.

Director, Center for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide



Larry Carlin



Dennis and Lillian Judd with SSU students David Smith and Ashley Duke



Mathilde Mukantabana and Simon Mudahogora

30th Annual Sonoma State University 2013 Holocaust and Genocide Lecture Series

January 15-May 7, 2013 / 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 CCJ, English, Global Studies, History, Liberal Arts, Nursing, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, and the Hutchins School of Liberal Studies

SEEDS OF REMEMBRANCE

January 15: **INTRODUCTION TO THE SERIES**

Course Faculty

January 22: **THE HOLOCAUST IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE**

Stephen Bittner, Ph.D., Sonoma State University

January 29: **BREAKING THE SILENCE: A HOLOCAUST CHILDHOOD**

Paul A. Schwarzbart

February 5: **FROM NIGHTMARE TO FREEDOM**

Lillian and Dennis Judd

Holocaust Generations: Parent and Child

February 12: **THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE**

Sergio LaPorta, Ph.D., CSU Fresno Armenian Studies Program

Armenian Genocide Memorial Lecture

February 19: **BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA:
TRANSITIONING FROM GENOCIDE TO JUSTICE**

Leyla Mavris, Vice President, Global Majority

February 26: **GENOCIDE IN SUDAN**

Hamdan Gouumaa, Global Majority

March 5: **THE AFTERMATH TO GENOCIDE IN RWANDA**

Mathilde Mukantabana, M.A. and M.S.W., Cosumnes Community College, and President, Friends of Rwanda Assn. (FORA) and Simon Mudahogora, Rwandan Survivor

March 12: **FIGHTING GENOCIDE AND MASS ATROCITIES:
EMPOWERING HANDS-ON ACTION**

Mina Rush, Director of Outreach, Jewish World Watch

March 19: **SPRING BREAK** (campus closed)

March 26: **WE EXIST! DESCENDANTS OF THE CAMBODIAN GENOCIDE SPEAK OUT**

Lucia Roncalli, M.D. and Sonoma County 2nd generation Cambodian survivors

April 2: **BECOMING EVIL**

James Waller, Ph.D., Cohen Endowed Chair of Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Keene State College

April 9: **THE TEXTURE OF MEMORY:HOLOCAUST MEMORIALS AND MEANING**

James E. Young, Ph.D., Professor of English and Judaic Studies, University of Massachusetts Amherst

Robert L. Harris Memorial Lecture

April 16: **LESSONS LEARNED FROM A HOLOCAUST CHILDHOOD**

Hans Angress

April 23: **REMEMBERING JAN KARSKI: A HOLOCAUST HERO**

E. Thomas Wood, Journalist and Historian, Nashville, TN
Adele Zygielbaum Memorial Lecture

April 30: **PERSPECTIVES ON INTERNATIONAL WAR CRIMES**

Eric Williams, Ph.D., Sonoma State University

May 7: **GENOCIDE BENEATH OUR FEET**

Brenda Flysworthhaws, Ph.D., Santa Rosa Junior College

To view prior lectures see: <http://www.sonoma.edu/holocaust/lectures/previous.html> or see <http://www.sonoma.edu/holocaust/> for more information. 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 Sonoma State 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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2012 Holocaust and Genocide Commemorations and Events

The **Annual County-Wide Yom Hashoah Commemoration** will be held at the Friedman Center, 4676 Mayette Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95405 on Sunday, April 7th, from 2-4 p.m. The theme will be *The Future of Holocaust Memory*. The guest speaker will be Jack Weinstein, the San Francisco Regional Director of Facing History and Ourselves. For more information, contact the Jewish Community Center at 707-528-4222.

Congregation Shomrei Torah (CST) will host their annual Yom Hashoah Holocaust memorial observance on Sunday, April 7th at 10:30 a.m. at 2600 Bennett Valley Rd. in Santa Rosa with guest speaker Mina Rush, Director of Outreach for the Jewish World Watch, and will feature Yiddish music of the Holocaust from Gail Kissin's musical group. The annual Candle Lighting service will include Jewish survivors and children of survivors; lighters for the Roma/Gypsy, Gays & Lesbians, Disabled, Righteous Gentiles, and Political Prisoners; and other genocide lighters from Native America, Armenia, Cambodia, Rwanda & Darfur. Rabbis George Gittleman and Stephanie Kramer will officiate. For more information, contact Larry Carlin at larrcar@comcast.net or 707 569-8879.

April 24th will mark the **98th Annual World Wide Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide**. The SF Bay Area Armenian Genocide Commemoration Committee coordinates Bay Area events and will be listed at www.agcnc.org. The SF Bay Area Armenian National Committee also coordinates events throughout the month of April and will be listed at <http://www.ancsf.org>.

The **19th Annual Commemoration of the Tutsi Genocide** is coordinated by the Friends of Rwanda Association (FORA) and events will be listed at www.friends-of-rwanda.org.

The **5th Annual Jewish World Watch Walk to End Genocide: Santa Rosa** will be held on Sunday, April 14th at Congregation Shomrei Torah, 2600 Bennett Valley Rd, Santa Rosa. For more information, see <http://www.jewishworldwatch.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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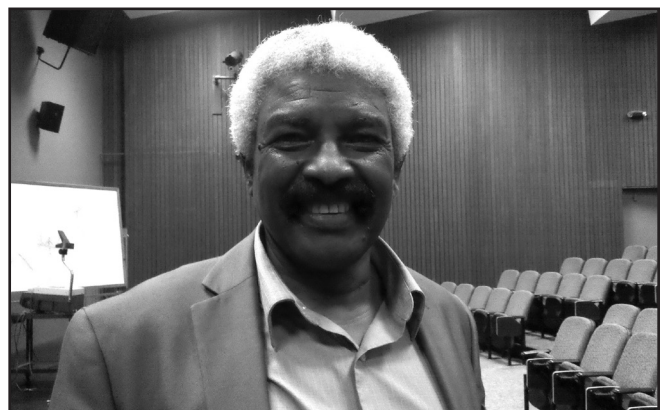
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Your kind gift to the Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide can be submitted using the enclosed envelope.

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.
- **Adele Zygielbaum Endowment Fund (E0396):** This endowment fund, created in memory of a Holocaust survivor, supports Holocaust and Genocide Education including the lecture series.
- **Guest Lecturer Hospitality Fund (not tax deductible):** This fund supports guest speaker dinner costs.

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
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- **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.

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to the following donors who made it possible to continue the work of those who founded the Alliance:

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Jewish World Watch 5th Annual Walk To End Genocide, Santa Rosa

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