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Annual Newsletter 2015

Dear Friends of the Alliance,

2015 was a year of transitions for the Board with a talented group of new people stepping up into leadership roles as **Christyne Davidian** stepped down after six years as the Alliance Board President. Do read about her accomplishments over those years in her report that follows. We are all in her debt for her dedication, devotion and energy and her key role in supporting the sale of “remembrance” bricks in the Holocaust & Genocide Memorial Grove. I am honored to be able to step in again to serve as President of the Alliance as the Board develops and its newest members begin to spread their capable wings.

2015 was indeed a year of change and growth for the Alliance. Our Alliance Education committee saw an infusion of new energy and enthusiasm that resulted in an event in August called “Stories in the Garden.” We are especially grateful to **Margery and John Van Dorp** and **Arthur Shostak** who joined Alliance Board members **Susan Dregey, Flora Lee Ganzler, Lillian Mattimore, Mac McCaffry** and **Kate McGerity** in making this event a success. Close to thirty people attended and more than a dozen Holocaust and genocide survivors and their descendants accepted an invitation to consider becoming active in educating students in our community about the impact of intolerance. We know that this will have a profound impact for years to come.

2015 also saw an expansion of the Board’s outreach in the community which included tabling at three events in April: two Yom Hashoah commemorations (one community-wide and one at Congregation Shomrei Torah), as well as the Jewish Community Center’s annual cultural festival, Simcha Sunday. The next month, we were at a special showing of *The Story of the Bamberger Family* at the Rialto Cinema in support of Friendship Circle. As Christyne notes, the attendance at lectures at the annual series at Sonoma State has dramatically increased as a result of these efforts. Board members were also actively involved in events marking the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide and the 21st anniversary of the genocide of Tutsis in Rwanda.

We took initial steps in an important long-term project of digitizing the 30 plus years of lectures in the series, many of which are in very fragile formats. We are especially grateful to the guidance of **Julie Golde** of the Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin and Sonoma Counties and the generosity of its Academic Consortium and Holocaust Memorial/Education Fund.

As the reports by Center Director Myrna Goodman and Academic Coordinator Diane Parness indicate, the 2015 series was enormously successful with a number of new speakers joining many of those who have been stalwarts of the series. And the 2016 series promises to be inspiring. We extend a warm welcome to Professor of Political Science **Cynthia Boaz** who will be teaching in the series for the first time. Much gratitude goes to **Lillian and Dennis Judd** and **Pearl and David Furman** who stepped up to underwrite lectures in the upcoming series.

In 2008, I last wrote to you as President of the Alliance and said that “the past year has been a roller coaster of highs and lows. We continue to be both distressed and vigilant about the global context of strife and warfare.” While some of the countries on our radar may have shifted since then, the need for action and attention have not. There are situations in the Middle East and Africa and other corners of the globe that are volatile. The political dialogue in our own country regarding immigrants and Muslims is deeply troubling. And we have

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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

also heard a few reports of anti-Semitic comments made about students in schools in Sonoma County. So the need for education about the Holocaust and genocide is critical and the Alliance, in conjunction with the Center for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide, continues to work to address this.

We hope that as the year begins, many of you will be able to continue to support the Alliance and allow us to continue 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 dinner with our guest speaker, the faculty and Alliance members. New this year is a **Facebook** page for the Alliance that will have information on upcoming lectures in the series and events in the community. Please “like” us. Or send an e-mail to alliance@sonoma.edu with your current e-mail and we will send the information to you.

May 2016 begin for all of you with the promise of peace more a reality than it was as 2015 ended.

With deepest gratitude,

Barbara Lesch McCaffry, Ph.D.

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

Emerita Professor, Hutchins School of Liberal Studies, Sonoma State University



Report from the Past President of the Alliance

As I look back on the past six years serving as President of the Alliance, I am honored to have provided leadership for many events and changes. We revised our mission statement reaffirming our commitment and viability to Sonoma State University’s Holocaust and Genocide Lecture Series, Holocaust and genocide education, community outreach, and support of local and regional groups serving genocide survivors and their descendants. The name of the Alliance was changed to the Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide to include all those affected by genocide.

We sponsored an event to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Alliance and the retirement of Professor Myrna Goodman with all our Alliance past Board, SSU faculty, friends, and supporters recommitting to our continued future. We were presented with a golden proclamation from Sonoma County and proclamations from the Cities of Santa Rosa and Petaluma. Several new funds were established to support the digitization of lectures by more than 30 years of speakers in series, a program documentary, and a Rwandan student education and travel program. We were so proud that the keynote address was given by our Senior Advisor and past Board member, now the Ambassador from the Republic of Rwanda to the United States, Her Excellency Professor Mathilde Mukantabana.

The Benko Endowment continued to grow, as well as the Armenian Genocide Memorial Fund, from all your generous contributions as well as the continued generous annual grants from the Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin and Sonoma Counties.

We supported the success of the Holocaust & Genocide Memorial Grove, now a permanent fixture on the Sonoma State campus and now graced by the Anne Frank Tree which was planted across from the grove in April, 2013.

The community attendance at our lecture series grew phenomenally from under 200 annually to over 500 in 2015 and those receiving this annual newsletter grew from 700 to over 1,000 as a result of ongoing community outreach by members of the Board at the lectures and events.

I stepped down as the Alliance Board President in 2015 with the deepest gratitude to Alliance Board members, Professor Emerita Myrna Goodman, Professor Diane Parness, our past speakers, and all those who have supported me these past six years. I pass the baton back over to Professor Emerita Barbara Lesch McCaffry to lead the Alliance into our next phase supporting Holocaust and genocide education in the community.

Most sincerely,

Christyne Davidian

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

Report from the Center for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide at Sonoma State

2015 was a year of consolidation for the Center for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide. We moved our office into the School of Social Sciences suite in Stevenson Hall. Our new location facilitates closer contact with the Center support staff and with Professor Parness whose office is now close by. Katie Musick, our support person for many years has moved into the University's Office of Academic Programs. Her diligence and assistance made an important contribution to our success each year. We are grateful to have continuing support from Viri Ruiz, the new Operations Coordinator and Assistant to the Dean of the School of Social Sciences.

This year was a difficult one for me personally. I faced some serious health challenges in the spring and in April could not finish the semester. Sadly, I missed the last month of the Series. Thanks to Dr. Barbara Lesch McCaffry who stepped in and guided my students to semester's end. I am mended now and look forward to teaching again during the Spring 2016 semester.

The 2016 Series schedule promises to be the most diverse we have ever offered. Dr. Parness has crafted a formidable list of speakers. She has, with additional support from Dr. Elaine Leeder, arranged for the showing of a remarkable film, *Karski and The Lords Of Humanity*. The film features the story of Jan Karski, a World War II Polish resistance fighter who displayed courage, integrity and humanity in his efforts to bring information about German atrocities to the Allied leaders in the West. The film will honor the memory of Adele Zygielbaum, whose family has a personal connection with Karski. Lillian and Dennis Judd will underwrite Alex Alvarez' talk on "Climate Change, Border Regions & The Genocide Impulse," an examination of the influences of climate change on genocidal situations that was so well received last year.

I would like to thank each member, past and present, of the Alliance Board for their hard work in service to our mission, especially Christyne Davidian for her dedication as President of the Board since 2009. Her diligence and commitment has been a crucial factor in our 32 years of providing a unique educational experience for Sonoma State University students and to the citizens of the North Bay. Through the efforts of the Alliance Board, Dr. Lesch McCaffry and grants from the Jewish Community Federation's Academic Consortium and its Holocaust Memorial/Education Fund we will be working to facilitate the digitization of our recordings of the lecture series since its inception. We look forward to bringing that history to an even larger audience.

I look forward to seeing you at the 2016 Lecture Series.

My very best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year,

Myrna Goodman, Ph.D.

*Emerita Professor of Sociology, Sonoma State University
Director, Center for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide*



Christyne Davidian presenting certificate of appreciation to Professor Myrna Goodman for the Center for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide from the Armenians of the North Bay



Professor Myrna Goodman

In Memoriam

Holocaust Survivors:

HARRY HANKIN and EVA HIRSCHER

Long-Standing Supporters of the Lecture Series:

EUGENE KRAVIS (former Alliance Board member)

Lecture Series Academic Coordinator Report

I welcome the opportunity to write this report and reflect on the many highlights of the past lecture series. In 2015 many of our speakers noted the centenary of the first genocide of the 20th century—the Armenian genocide. It was an honor to welcome Bared Maronian and his outstanding film on this genocide to our lecture series. We extend special thanks to Christyne Davidian for her work in making this event happen. We were able to welcome back Prof. Sergio La Porta to deliver his masterful analysis of the Armenian genocide as well. Our lecture series has a backbone of lecturers who grace our schedule year after year. These include Dr. La Porta, the Hon. Mathilde Mukantabana speaking of her personal experience with the Rwandan genocide, and Prof. James Waller, who again captivated and inspired our audience with his presentation on *Becoming Evil*. We are very fortunate to have heard three compelling accounts of personal experience with genocide offered by Lillian Judd, Paul Schwarzbart, and Hans Angress. Year after year, these are the presentations that affect our students most strongly and compel them to learn more about past genocides and current threats.

Several of our new speakers made a strong and positive impression on our audience. Prof. Elaine Leeder debuted her personal memoir of life as a second generation survivor, “The Daymare.” Dr. Erik Nielsen analyzed the origins and condition of the Darfur genocide, and Prof. Alex Alvarez presented a scintillating account of the evolving connection between climate change, border wars, and genocide.

We are delighted to bring back several of these outstanding speakers in 2016. Our theme for this year’s series is *Into the 21st Century: Genocide In Our Time*. We are honored to again welcome Prof. Carol Rittner to speak on the topic of gender and genocide. Prof. Wendy Lower will present her highly regarded analysis of *Hitler’s Furies*, the women who served the Third Reich. Irfan Mirza will again captivate us with his recollections of the Bosnian genocide. This year we will welcome Dr. Song Tan speaking about the killing fields of Cambodia, Kerry Whigham talking about the politicide in Argentina, and Nick Underwood offering an account of Jewish life in interwar Europe. I am very excited that we will bring a new and acclaimed film on the wartime experiences of Prof. Jan Karski—*Karski and the Lords of Humanity*—to Sonoma State. We thank Dr. Leeder for her efforts in contacting filmmaker Slawomir Grünberg and making this opportunity a reality.

Our 2016 series shows every sign of continuing the exceptional educational tradition of the SSU Holocaust and Genocide Lecture Series. We hope many of you will have the opportunity to join us.

Dr. Diane L. Parness, Ph.D.
Professor of Political Science
Academic Coordinator, Holocaust & Genocide Lecture Series
Sonoma State University



Professor Diane Parness

33rd Annual Sonoma State University
**2016 Holocaust and
Genocide Lecture Series**

January 26-May 3, 2016 / Tuesdays 4:00 PM-5:50 PM

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**INTO THE 21st CENTURY:
GENOCIDE IN OUR TIME**

January 26: **BETWEEN CULTURE & POLITICS: JEWISH LIFE IN INTERWAR EUROPE**
Professor Nick Underwood, University of Colorado, Boulder

February 2: **THE CONCEPT OF GENOCIDE**
Professor Myrna Goodman, Ph.D., Sonoma State University

February 9: **KARSKI AND THE LORDS OF HUMANITY**
Slawomir Grünberg, filmmaker
Adele Zygielbaum Memorial Lecture

February 16: **THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE**
Professor Sergio La Porta, Ph.D., CSU Fresno Armenian Studies Program
Armenian Genocide Memorial Lecture

February 23: **THE DAYMARE: A SECOND GENERATION STORY**
Professor Elaine Leeder, Ph.D., Sonoma State University

March 1: **THE CAMBODIAN GENOCIDE**
Dr. Song Tan

March 8: **CLIMATE CHANGE, BORDER REGIONS, & THE GENOCIDE IMPULSE**
Professor Alex Alvarez, Ph.D., Northern Arizona University
Underwritten by Lillian and Dennis Judd

March 15: **SPRING BREAK**(campus closed)

March 22: **GENDER AND GENOCIDE**
Professor Carol Rittner, RSM, Distinguished Professor Emerita of Holocaust & Genocide Studies
and the Dr. Marsha Raticoff Grossman Professor of Holocaust Studies, Stockton University
Robert L. Harris Memorial Lecture

March 29: **GENERATIONS OF MEMORY: VIOLENCE, ACTIVISM, MEMORY, AND
TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE IN ARGENTINA**
Professor Kerry Whigham, New York University

April 5: **BECOMING EVIL**
Professor James Waller, Ph.D., Cohen Endowed Chair of Holocaust
and Genocide Studies, Keene State College

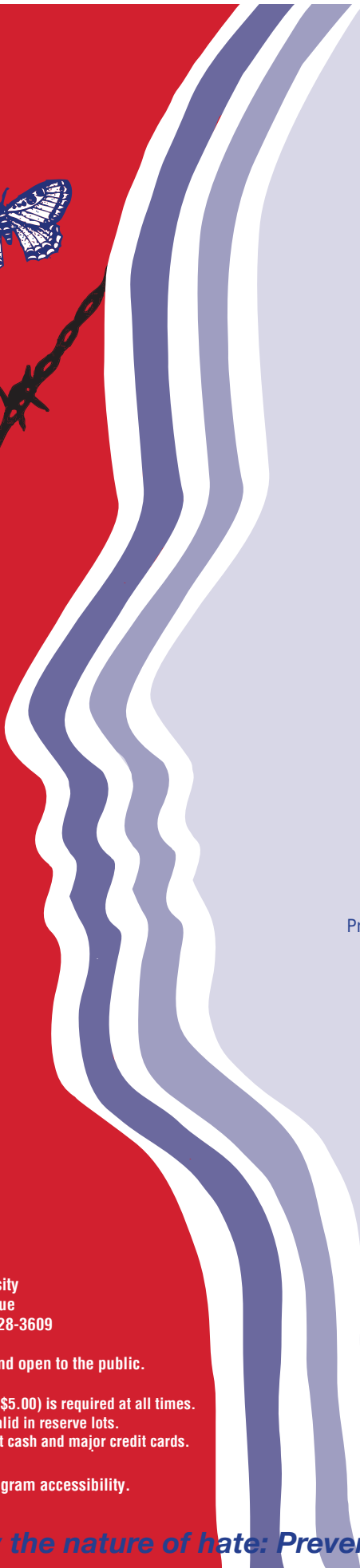
April 12: **PERSPECTIVES ON INTERNATIONAL WAR CRIMES**
Professor Eric Williams, Ph.D., Sonoma State University

April 19: **THE BOSNIAN GENOCIDE - PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE**
Irfan Mirza, Voices of the Bosnian Genocide

April 26: **A SURVIVOR'S STORY**
Hans Angress

May 3: **HITLER'S FURIES: GERMAN WOMEN IN THE NAZI KILLING FIELDS**
Professor Wendy Lower, Ph.D., John K. Roth Professor of History, Claremont McKenna College
*Underwritten by Pearl and David Furman
in memory of Ruth Mruvka and Gussie and Edward Furman*

Holocaust and genocide lectures since 2004 are archived and available for viewing via YouTube by searching "CSU Sonoma Holocaust and Genocide Lecture Series." 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 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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Professor Alex Alvarez



Lillian and Dennis Judd



Professor Elaine Leeder

2016 Holocaust and Genocide Commemorations and Events

The **Annual County-Wide Yom Hashoah Commemoration** will be held at the Friedman Center, 4676 Mayette Avenue in Santa Rosa on Sunday, May 1st from 2-4 p.m. The theme will be *Expressing Experiences of the Holocaust*. For more information about this year’s theme and guest speakers, please see <http://www.jccsoco.org> and click on the link for “Special Event” or contact the Jewish Community Center, Sonoma County at 707-528-4222.

Congregation Shomrei Torah (CST) will host its annual **Yom Hashoah Holocaust Memorial Observance** on Wednesday, May 4, 2016, the actual Day of Remembrance, at 7 p.m. at 2600 Bennett Valley Road in Santa Rosa. 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 lighters representing Native America, Armenia, Cambodia, Darfur, and Rwanda genocide victims. Cantor David Frommer and the CST Choir will provide musical interludes, as will Mama Loshn. Jenny Levine-Smith will also sing a related Yiddish song. Professor Art Shostak will briefly discuss “Stealth Altruism, the Neglected Story of Forbidden Care by Jews, of Jews, in Nazi Europe.” Rabbis George Gittleman and Stephanie Kramer will officiate. Following the program there will be refreshments, and Professor Shostak will lead a small informal question and answer discussion of Holocaust topics. For more information, contact Art Shostak at arthurshostak@gmail.com or 707-800-7470.

April 24th will mark the **101st 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.rememberanddemand.org. The SF Bay Area Armenian National Committee also coordinates events that will be listed at <http://www.ancsf.org>.

The **22nd Annual Commemoration of the Tutsi Genocide** is being coordinated by the Friends of Rwanda Association (FORA). Events will be listed at www.friends-of-rwanda.org.

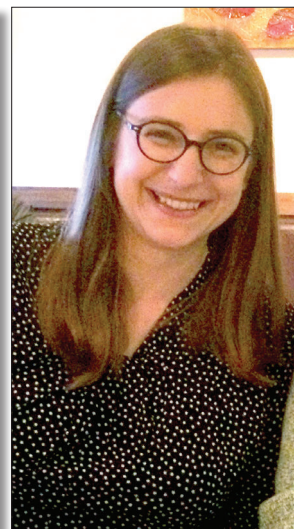
The **8th Annual Walk to End Genocide: Santa Rosa**, in coordination with Jewish World Watch, is tentatively scheduled at Congregation Shomrei Torah, 2600 Bennett Valley Road in Santa Rosa in the afternoon of Sunday, May 15th, 2016. For more information, see <http://www.jewishworldwatch.org>.



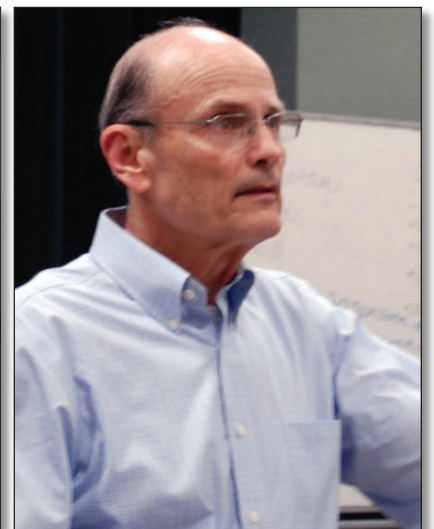
Professor Erik Solevad Nielsen



Hans Angress



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Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide

Armenians around the world commemorated the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide in 2015 under the theme of “Remember and Demand” and with the forget-me-not flower symbol.



The Bay Area Armenian Genocide Centennial Committee sponsored events from ballet, concerts, lectures, a Golden Gate Bridge commemorative march, a day of learning with a teacher training workshop, liturgies, photo exhibits, and a film festival culminating in the main event on the annual commemoration day worldwide of April 24, 2015 at San Francisco City Hall. Our own Alliance Board member Yehoyada Mbangukira spoke on behalf of the Rwandan community and past board members Larry Carlin and David Salm attended as Sonoma County special guests. On April 23rd, victims of the genocide were anointed into sainthood during memorial services around the world. More information on the centennial event can be viewed at www.rememberanddemand.org.

Two well-attended film screenings of *Orphans of the Genocide*, nominated for a Regional Emmy, were presented in Sonoma County by the award-winning film director Bared Maronian. The first screening was during the Holocaust and Genocide Lecture Series at Sonoma State. That evening the second took place at Congregation Shomrei Torah co-sponsored by its Social Action Committee and the Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide.

Due to the persistence of 4th generation Armenian Genocide survivor and teenager Will Twomey from Petaluma, the Armenians of the North Bay was presented with a Sonoma County Gold Resolution and proclamations from the Cities of Santa Rosa and Fairfax recognizing the Armenian Genocide centennial.

Pope Frances stunned Armenians worldwide with his recognition of the genocide and putting an end to denial. Twenty-seven countries have officially recognizing the Armenian Genocide including Germany, Brazil, Austria, and Bulgaria. Sadly, Turkey continues to deny the genocide and the United States still refuses to recognize it even though 43 states have officially issued recognitions including California.

The Armenian community gratefully acknowledges the importance of the annual Armenian Genocide Memorial Lecture at Sonoma State for continued education in recognition of the genocide and in support of an end of denial.

Christyne Davidian,
On behalf of the Armenians of the North Bay



Alain Serkissian, Professor Sergio La Porta, Christyne Davidian, and Joanne Mickalian



Bared Maronian at Congregation Shomrei

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.
- ❖ **Digitization of the Holocaust and Genocide Lecture Series (C0408):** This fund will support the transfer of all lectures on magnetic media to digital media for preservation and archival purposes
- ❖ **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 Rwandan Genocide survivors.
- ❖ **Adele Zygilbaum Endowment Fund (E0396):** This endowment fund, created in memory of a Holocaust survivor, supports Holocaust and Genocide Education including the lecture series.

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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.

Questions can be directed to the Alliance at alliance@sonoma.edu

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.

We extend our thanks and goodbyes to board members **Flora Lee Ganzler, Dick Grant** and **Lillian Mattimore**. Flora Lee served on the Board for more than a dozen years and was the caterer extraordinaire for many of our events and served on the membership committee. This past year she served as the facilitator of the Alliance Education Committee that hosted the “Stories in the Garden” event. Dick served as our secretary and mailing list guru. Lillian, who was actively involved in the Alliance Education Committee this past year, served as a liaison with the second-generation Holocaust survivor group at Congregation Shomrei Torah and also took photographs at lectures during the Spring 2016 series. We are also extremely grateful for the work of **Margery and John Van Dorp** and **Arthur Shostak** who served as volunteer members of the Alliance Education Committee this past year.

In January we welcomed new Board members **Miriam Dregey** (a child Holocaust survivor), **Kate McGerity** (a teacher at Rancho Cotate High School), Naomi Granvold, and **Dennis Judd** (a child of Holocaust survivors). **Mac McCaffry**, a former Board member and retired Windsor High School teacher, also re-joined the Board. This Fall **Brian Wilson**, Chair of the Music Department at Sonoma State University and coordinator of its Jewish Studies Program, joined us as well. We also welcomed **Pam Ish** as a volunteer coordinating our mailing list and other data-related projects.

❖ ❖ ❖ ❖ **2015 Donations** ❖ ❖ ❖ ❖

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