



Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide

at Sonoma State University

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Annual Newsletter 2022

Report from the Alliance Co-Presidents

As we start a new year, we have a moment to reflect on the previous one.

Last year, the Alliance Board voted to reaffirm our leadership of Christyne Davidian and Yehoyada Mbangukira as Co-Presidents. After serving as interim Co-Presidents of the Alliance, we will continue to sustain the activities of the Alliance and share the responsibilities of the Presidency. The successful interim of a Co-Presidency has helped the Alliance continue its work.

The 2022 Lecture Series had another successful year experiencing robust attendance even though it used a virtual format due to the restrictions brought on by the pandemic. The reception of the virtual series is a testament to the value of our speakers and the experiences they bring.

Sadly, the Alliance lost two very dear members and friends, Professor Emerita Myrna Goodman, Ph.D. and Michael “Mac” McCaffry. We share our deep sorrow in losing Myrna and Mac as they were integral members of the Alliance and the Sonoma County community for so long. We are at the same time filled with gratitude for their contributions and we shall miss them greatly. More is included in the newsletter regarding their legacy.

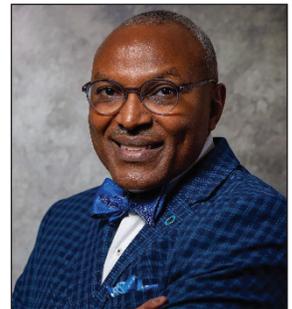
2023 marks the 40th anniversary of the Holocaust and Genocide Lecture Series and a commemoration will be held on campus in the Fall 2023. Information will be provided to the community later this year.

Your continued support of the Alliance and its mission is deeply appreciated, and it sustains our efforts and strengthens our learning community.

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.

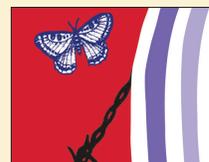
Seek funding and support methods to preserve memory.

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.

Coming this Fall 2023

Commemoration of the 40th Anniversary
of the Holocaust and Genocide Lecture Series
with the community sponsored by
the Alliance, Center, and School of
Social Sciences at SSU.



SPECIAL IN MEMORIAM

Director of the Center of the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide Professor Myrna Lea Goodman

May 4, 1942 - January 5, 2023



As we begin the 40th year of the Holocaust & Genocide lecture series, we mourn the loss and commemorate the legacy of a very dear friend. Professor Myrna Goodman was one of those most responsible for the growth and development of genocide studies at SSU. Up to her last days, Myrna was a constant supporter and advocate for the lecture series, the Center, and the work of the Alliance. It's hard to imagine going forward without Myrna's calm and wise presence. Her influence and guidance will always sustain us.

Myrna was born in Chicago on May 4th, 1942. Her grandparents were Jewish immigrants from Ukraine. The influence of that culture would mark her entire life. Myrna came to Sonoma in the late 1970's and earned her B.A. in Sociology from SSU in 1988. She was a student assistant in the Center of the Study of the Holocaust from 1987-1988.

Myrna's success in academia and abiding interest in Holocaust research led her to pursue graduate studies at UC Davis, where she earned a Ph.D. in Sociology in 2002. The focus of Myrna's dissertation was rescue and resistance in Denmark during WWII. Myrna's knowledge of the Danes' determination to save as many Jewish lives as possible contributed to many of our presentations over the years. Myrna admired the Danes and was a great fan of the Danish concept of *hygge*, with its emphasis on comfort, togetherness, and gratitude for the simple pleasures that bring you joy. Her home in Sonoma was filled with an atmosphere of "hygge".

Following Prof. John Steiner's retirement, Myrna took on the roles of Academic Coordinator of the lecture series and Director of the Center for the Study of the Holocaust & Genocide. She would guide those two cornerstones of SSU's genocide studies for over a decade. During this time leading scholars and activists, as well as survivors and witnesses of genocides around the world came to share their insight

and remarkable experience with the students and community of Sonoma State. Our speakers in the lecture series included Jan Karski, Yehuda Bauer, Michael Berenbaum, Phillip Zimbardo, John Roth, Carol Rittner, Carl Wilkens, James Waller, Christopher Browning, Richard Hovannissian, Stephan Astourian, and Peter Hayes. Myrna's persistence in strengthening and expanding the lecture series has made it a globally recognized bastion of genocide education.

Of many accomplishments over her long career at Sonoma State, I believe Myrna was most proud of her role in bringing a sapling from the Anne Frank Tree to Sonoma State and participating in the massive effort that would produce the Holocaust Memorial Grove. Many were involved in this remarkable project that demanded exceptional dedication, skill, and persistence. Myrna devoted an enormous amount of time to the success of the Grove project. The dedication of the Holocaust Memorial Grove on May 29th, 2009, and subsequent planting of the Anne Frank sapling were momentous events at our university.

It's very difficult to contemplate the lecture series without Myrna. It's our task to preserve and enhance what Myrna helped to build. We will miss her unflinching kindness, enormous patience, gentle sense of humor, and ability to make everyone feel included. We cherish her memory and take comfort in the privilege and joy of knowing her.

Diane L. Parness, Ph.D.
Newly appointed Director, Center for the Study of the
Holocaust and Genocide
Academic Director, Holocaust & Genocide Lecture Series
Professor, Department of Political Science

Report from the Lecture Series Academic Coordinator

Most of us appreciate that online presentations can be highly effective and stimulating. Our 39th Holocaust & Genocide lecture series, *Persecution as A Political Weapon: Genocide Through the Ages*, strongly supports this view. Our lectures were very well attended, and many more visitors contributed to lively and productive Q&A sessions. Our speakers were very skilled practitioners of online presentations and offered dramatic visual support for their lectures. Students found the series enlightening and were eager to participate in our group discussions.

We were delighted to welcome back the Victor family. Rena, Susan, and Micah Victor Lesch again offered us a unique and compelling portrait of how the Holocaust has affected three generations of a remarkable family.

Dawn Anahid MacKeen presented another amazing and moving account drawn from her book, *The Hundred Year Walk: An Armenian Odyssey*. Several viewers commented on how her family's story was so riveting.

Prof. Kitty Miller's work on *Persecution & the Formulas of Genocide* inspired the theme for the series. Her lecture offered a valuable perspective on this topic.

Prof. Elisa von Joeden-Forgey gave one of several outstanding lectures offered by the faculty of Keene State College. Dr. von Joeden-Forgey spoke of *Prevention's Missing Link: Genocide as A Gendered Crime*. This was a masterful treatment of a perspective that inspired vigorous discussion in our sections.

Journalist Mariam Ibrahim introduced her view of the Palestinian situation. Controversial by nature, this topic was welcomed by students as a basis for further discussion and critical debate.

We were very pleased to welcome back two of our favorite presenters from past series: Carl Wilkens and Arn-Chorn Pond. Both have a gift for crafting compelling presentations. Carl was our choice for the Robert Harris Memorial Lecture. His

topic, *Rwanda's Pathway Back to Trust*, conveyed his unique experience of the Genocide Against the Tutsi in Rwanda to a new generation of students. Arn Chorn-Pond visited us from Phnom Penh (another advantage of an online series) to discuss his dramatic narrative of *How Music Saved My Life—A Story of the Cambodian Genocide*. Both presentations were hallmarks of the series.

Ellen Kennedy returned to offer an excellent analysis of the Rohingya crisis in Myanmar. Just as she did last year with the Uyghur crisis in Xinjiang, Dr. Kennedy fashioned a comprehensive picture of a very complex situation that suggests a modern genocide.

We were grateful to bring back some of the stalwarts of our lecture series whose work has formed the foundation for our essential curriculum. These speakers include Prof. James Waller, Her Excellency Mathilde Mukantabana, Ambassador from Rwanda to the United States, Irfan Mirza, Prof. Ashley Greene, Prof. Sergio La Porta, Prof. Alex Alvarez, and Prof. Stephen Bittner.

For our 40th annual series, we look forward to welcoming back many outstanding speakers. We will introduce to the series Prof. David Biale (*When Did Nazi Germany Decide to Commit Genocide Against the Jews?*), Elizabeth Rosner (*Legacies of Trauma and Resilience: How the Past Lives Inside the Present*), Prof. Kristina Hook (*The Ukrainian Holodomor and the Russia-Ukraine War Today: Understanding Past and Present Questions of Genocide*), and His Excellency Johnston Busingye (*The Gacaca Courts of Rwanda*).

As always, we are grateful for your support of this important and unique lecture series. We hope you will join us as we begin our fifth decade.



Professor Diane L. Parness
Lecture Series
Academic Coordinator

2022 Lecture Series Speakers



Professor Stephen Bittner
Lecture 1/26/2022



Rena Victor, Prof. Susan Victor, and Micah Lesch
Lecture 2/1/2022



Prof. Elisa von Joeden-Forgey
Lecture 2/8/2022



Professor Kitty Millet
Lecture 2/15/2022



Professor Alexander Alvarez
Lecture 2/22/2022



Professor Ashley Greene
Lecture 3/1/2022



Professor Sergio La Porta
Lecture 3/8/2022



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Lecture 3/15/2022



Mariam D. Ibrahim
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Professor James Waller
Lecture 4/5/2022



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Lecture 4/19/2022



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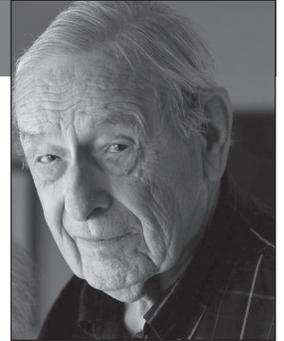


In Memorium



Holocaust Survivors: Alfred Batzdorff and Vera Korkus
Alliance Board Members: Prof. Myrna Goodman, Michael “Mac” McCaffry
Armenian Genocide Descendant: Larissa Goliti

IN MEMORIAM: Alfred Batzdorff



We mourned the passing of our beloved Holocaust survivor Alfred Batzdorff last year on April 2, 2022.

Al spoke about this story of survival together with his wife Susanne to hundreds of students in the local Sonoma County middle and high schools through the Alliance Education Committee for years. We would often see Al and Susanne attending many of the SSU Holocaust and Genocide lectures as our community guests. They participated astutely in the lecture Q&As.

Al was born in Germany where he lived until November 1938 when he was put on the first Kindertransport that arrived in England on

December 2, 1938. He eventually immigrated to the United States in June 1940, became an engineer in New York where he married his wife, Susanne Biberstein. They raised a family of 3 sons and eventually retired to Santa Rosa in 1982 close to family.

Al attributes his survival during the persecution to Jews and non-Jews alike who, at great risk, extended themselves. He lived by the deep conviction to always keep his wits about him and to never give up.

Report from the Education Committee Chair



Rachel Sibley
Education Committee Chair

The Education Committee focuses on the importance of sharing the stories of Holocaust and genocide survivors and descendants so that the memories and their history will live on. In today’s environment, it is more important than ever that people understand the horrors of genocide and acknowledge the atrocities of the past so that they will stand against it in the future. In 2022, the Alliance Education Committee was able to return to the classroom. Our speakers entered 68 classes and spoke to 2033 people. Even though some presentations are still virtual, it was a joy to see others return in-person. Our speakers shared their stories throughout Sonoma County middle schools, high schools, college classes and in community centers. One presentation even reached 307 highschoolers at Windsor High School. Several teachers reported that their presentations were a powerful way to learn history and they could see the impact it had on the students. In relation to a presentation from Sanders Feldhorn, one teacher said “His family’s story was terrifying and poignant. And his ability to connect the history with modern concerns about Anti-Semitism, intolerance, and racism made an impact on students.”

The Alliance currently has 16 active speakers including one Holocaust survivor, Holocaust descendants, and a third generation Armenian Genocide descendant. We also continue to work collaboratively with Jewish Family and Children’s Services Holocaust Center in San Francisco. Due to our dedicated members, we were able to offer a variety of formats: live and pre-recorded Zoom, YouTube and live in the classroom. It is an honor and a privilege to serve as the Chair of the Alliance Education Committee and I look forward to scheduling our speakers into even more classrooms this year!

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



Speakers Rena and Susan Victor



Speaker Gloria Glickman

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.

SPECIAL IN MEMORIAM Michael “Mac” McCaffry



We are saddened to let you know of the death on Friday December 2, 2022 of Alliance Board Member Michael “Mac” McCaffry, husband of former Alliance Board President and board member Barbara Lesch McCaffry.

Michael was born in Stafford, England. At age 13, Michael decided he wanted to be a priest and entered the seminary where he stayed until age 23. In 1968, Michael moved to the US and soon settled in Madison, WI, where he met Barbara some years later. Eventually they both moved to California separately, where they reunited and were married in 1984.

In addition to his early jobs as pizza chef, maitre d', and telecommunications equipment scheduler, Michael's varied professional career focused on service. He worked with individuals on probation after completing his degree in social work at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. After completing his teaching credential at Sonoma State, he taught for the court and community schools in Sonoma County (in a one-room schoolhouse in Healdsburg) with teens who were no longer welcome in their original schools. “Mr. Mac” went on to teach English at both Windsor Middle School and Windsor High School.

For the past 22 years Michael and Barbara were involved in the work of the Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide and supporting the annual lecture series at Sonoma State University. In particular, Mac accompanied Holocaust and genocide survivors and their descendants who gave presentations in local middle and high schools through the

Alliance's Education Committee and was a valued member of that committee.

Shared sentiments:

Christyne Davidian: “Our times together at the Alliance, Mac’s humorous stories and comments at speakers dinners, and personal times together are priceless. Your devotion and love for each other shines through every word you send, every decision you’ve made together, and every day you’ve spent. I will always cherish Mac’s wisdom, help with tutoring [my son] Gregory, tea and cookies together, and his caring and loving support.”

Deborah Brownstone: “A kinder, sweeter, gentler man does not exist.”

Carol Swanson, who remembered that Mac always ate his dessert before dinner: “I’m eating green tea ice cream tonight in his honor,” a tradition at dinners after lectures at China Village.

As a fellow Board member noted, “Mac was such a character -- his enormous wit, his magnificent voice along with his intellectual curiosity. Michael’s compassion and warmth were remarkable and always set an impossibly high bar for others to reach.”

Myrna Goodman stated before she passed:

“Mac will be remembered as a model for manners, generosity, and loving kindness who was always impeccably dressed. We will miss him deeply.”

2023 Holocaust and Genocide Commemorations and Events

The Annual Sonoma County Yom HaShoah Commemoration will be held on Sunday, April 16, 2023, from 2-3:30 PM via Zoom. The theme of this year’s commemoration will be “Step by Step . . . towards . . . Never Again!” Peter Krohn, a local Holocaust survivor, will be sharing his experiences, followed by the words and voices of local students and their teachers about the impact of hearing in-person testimonies in their schools. The commemoration will highlight the work currently being done in our community to carry forward the lessons of the Holocaust, especially considering the recent rise of anti-Semitism. 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 by noon on April 13th to obtain the Zoom link.**

There will be a Memorial Book listing the names of those who died in the Shoah or a survivor who is no longer with us, remembered by members of our community. **Names submitted by April 1st will be included in the 2023 Memorial book.** To register for the commemoration and receive the Zoom link, submit names for the 2023 Memorial Book, make a donation, access the recording of the 2022 commemoration or view the 2022 Memorial Book, please go to: <https://www.jccsoco.org/main/yom-hashohah-commemoration/>. Questions can be sent to socoyomhashohah2023@gmail.com.

April 24, 2023 marks the 108th Annual World-Wide Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide. The SF Bay Area Armenian Genocide Commemoration Committee is scheduled to commemorate at Mount Davidson Cross in San Francisco. For more information, follow www.mountdavidsoncross.org, <https://www.facebook.com/AGCCNC/>, and www.sfbaycalendar.com. The SF Bay Area Armenian National Committee also may coordinate events at www.ancsf.org.

The Rwandan Community of Northern California, TRCC, will observe the 29th Commemoration of the Genocide Against The Tutsi in Rwanda, Kwibuka29 this year. Details will be forthcoming. For the final date and additional information contact: Roger Remera 415-215-1556 or email rogerremera@gmail.com.

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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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We extend our gratitude to former Board Member Alexia Moreno and Associate Board Member Micah Lesch who have both moved on to new endeavors. We sadly say goodbye to Prof. Myrna Goodman and Michael "Mac" McCaffry who will be deeply missed.



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The Hans Angress Award for Community Service and Social Justice, launched in 2021, is sponsored by the Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide and the Center for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide at Sonoma State University to honor the memory of Hans Angress, a cherished Holocaust survivor.

This award is presented annually to a student enrolled in “Perspectives on the Holocaust and Genocide” course at Sonoma State University who will be recognized for their scholarly and personal achievements that reflect the ideals and community service exhibited by Hans Angress.

Hans, who was a hidden child during the Holocaust, dedicated his life to being a force of tolerance and kindness which he modeled to thousands of students by sharing his story. This award will honor the life of Hans as a living testament to community service and social justice, echoing the message of “never again.” The annual award will include an honorarium and an award plaque.

To learn more, go to the Hans Angress award page on our website: <https://holocaust.sonoma.edu/hans-angress-award>



Presenting the plaque to Nicole Bloch, the first Hans Angress awardee, and Christyne Davidian, Alliance Co-President

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