30th Annual Conference on the Holocaust and Genocide  
Millersville University of Pennsylvania  
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HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE:  
A HALF-CENTURY OF CHANGING NARRATIVES

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The 30th Annual Conference is pleased to acknowledge the support of the  
Offices of the President and Provost.

Special thanks to Amnesty International, Millersville University Chapter and the  
Millersville University History Club.
Wednesday’s program will be held in the Lehr Room, Gordinier Conference Center. All Thursday and Friday sessions will be held in the venues indicated.

**Wednesday, April 14**

5-6:30 p.m.  Information and Contacts  . . . . . . . .Second Floor, Gordinier Center

7-7:20 p.m.  Opening of the Conference  
Saulius Sužiedėlis, Millersville University

**Welcoming Remarks**
John N. Short  
Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Millersville University

**Invocation**

7:20-9 p.m.  The Aristides de Sousa Mendes Lecture  
**Introduction: Why Aristides de Sousa Mendes?**  
Saulius Sužiedėlis, Millersville University

**The Lecture**  
*Babi Yar: The Holocaust in Soviet and Russian Literature and the Arts*  
Yevgeny Yevtushenko, University of Tulsa

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The book exhibit organized by the Library of Social Sciences will be open during the Conference. Please stop by the Audubon Room and browse. All books are on sale at special, discounted prices.

**Thursday, April 15**

9-10:15 a.m.  The Reynold Koppel Lecture  . . . . . . . .Lehr Room, Gordinier  
Introduction: Saulius Sužiedėlis, Millersville University  
*Genocide by Bullet: The First Phase of the Holocaust*  
Peter Black, Senior Historian, Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Session 1:
The Holocaust & Changing Theological Narratives............ Old Main Room
Chair: Joseph P. Huffman, Messiah College

Bonhoeffer and the Jews: The Essay of 1933
Michael Dickerman, Richard Stockton College

A Christian Post-Modern Hebrew Scholar Rethinks Biblical Choseness
Stephanie Day Powell, Drew University

Voluntary Covenant: A Critique of Irving Greenberg’s Post-Shoah Conception of Covenant
Amy W. Beth Jones, Drew University

Session 2:
The Balkans, Africa and Genocide: Narratives ............... Matisse Room
Chair: Robert Bookmiller, Millersville University

The Greek Genocide (1908-1923) and the American Sources
Theofanis Malkidis, Democritus University of Thrace

Genocide in Cyprus, 1963-1974: Changing Narratives or Realized Reality?
J. D. Bowers, Northern Illinois University

The Role of Music and Music Education in Genocide: Three Case Studies
Amanda Byrd, Teachers College, Columbia University

Session 3:
Rethinking Narratives and Sources on the Holocaust I ............. Kline Room
Chair: Jeffery S. Prushankin, Millersville University

The Testimonies of Jewish Holocaust Survivors: Characterizing the Narratives of Resistance and Resilience by Self and Other
Judith Kaplan-Weinger, Northeastern Illinois University
Yonit Hoffman, Independent Scholar

Rethinking Treblinka: Critical Analysis of the Sources Concerning the Treblinka Extermination Camp
Tomáš Vojta, Charles University, Prague

Session 4:
Rethinking Narratives & Sources on the Holocaust II ........ University Room
Chair: Saulius Sužiedėlis, Millersville University

How ‘Collective’ is War’s Collective Memory?
Ruth Linn, University of Haifa
Homosexuals and the Holocaust: Liberating Stories through Film and Popular Media to Change the Narratives of Today
Mixon Ware and David Anderson, Eastern Kentucky University

Holocaust Denial and Heroization of Nazi Criminals in the Former Soviet Union
Igor Kotler, Museum of Human Rights, Freedom and Tolerance, Livingston, NJ

12:30-1:45 p.m. Conference Luncheon and Presentation . . . . . . . . . .Lehr Room
Hitler and America
Klaus Fischer, Allen Hancock College, California

2-3:45 p.m. Plenum Session - Panel
Anti-Semitism, Jewish Resistance and the War on Fascism in History and Collective Memory. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .University Room
Chair: Antony Polonsky, Brandeis University
Comment: Saulius Sužiedėlis, Millersville University

After Babi Yar: The Influence of Nazi Propaganda on the Rise of Anti-Semitism in Kiev during World War II and in the Post-War Years (1941-1947)
Victoria Khiterer, Millersville University

Lithuanian Archives: Jewish Partisans and the Soviet Anti-Nazi Resistance
Šarūnas Liekis, Mykolas Romeris University and Vilnius Yiddish Institute

Resisting Genocide: Bisesero (Rwanda), Srebrenica (Bosnia), and the Bielskys in Poland Compared
Paul R. Bartrop, Deakin University and Bialik College, Australia

4-6 p.m. The Miriam Fischel Lecture and Program . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .Lehr Room
The Story of Jewish Defiance: A Special Presentation and Discussion
Introduction: Jack R. Fischel, Millersville University

Defenders or Protectors of the Jews? The Portrayal of Adam Czerniaków and the Warsaw Jewish Police in Three Feature Films
Lawrence Baron, San Diego State University, Jewish Studies Program

Memories of Resistance: the Bielsky Brothers
Zvi Bielsky, New York

Film: JERUSALEM IN THE WOODS

7-8:45 p.m. Evening program . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .Lehr Room
Only a Girl
Light Keeper Productions:
David Mulholland, Greg Montgomery, Jen Faith Brown
The remarkable true story of Holocaust rescuer, Irene Gut Opdyke told through narrative, visited memories, film images and original music.
Friday, April 16

9-10:15 a.m.
Plenum – Soviet Jewish Literature and the Holocaust. . . . . . . . . . . . .Lehr Room
Chair: Victoria Khiterer, Millersville University

Art from Agony: Vasily Grossman and the Holocaust
John Garrard, University of Arizona
Carol Garrard, Independent Scholar

‘You’re forgetful—don’t you dare forget’:
Jewish-Russian Poets Bearing Witness to the Holocaust
Maxim D. Shrayer, Boston College

10:30 a.m. 12:15 p.m.
Special Plenum, Sponsored by
Millersville University Honors College . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .Lehr Room
Nazi Germany and Persecution of Persons with Disabilities
Chair: Dennis Downey, Millersville University

Giving a Face to a Faceless Crime: the ‘Euthanasia’ Program and the Persecution of Persons with Disabilities in Nazi Germany
Patricia Heberer, Senior Historian, Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

Conference is free and open to the public

Conference Book Exhibit
Audubon Room, Gordinier Hall
HOTEL INFORMATION

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