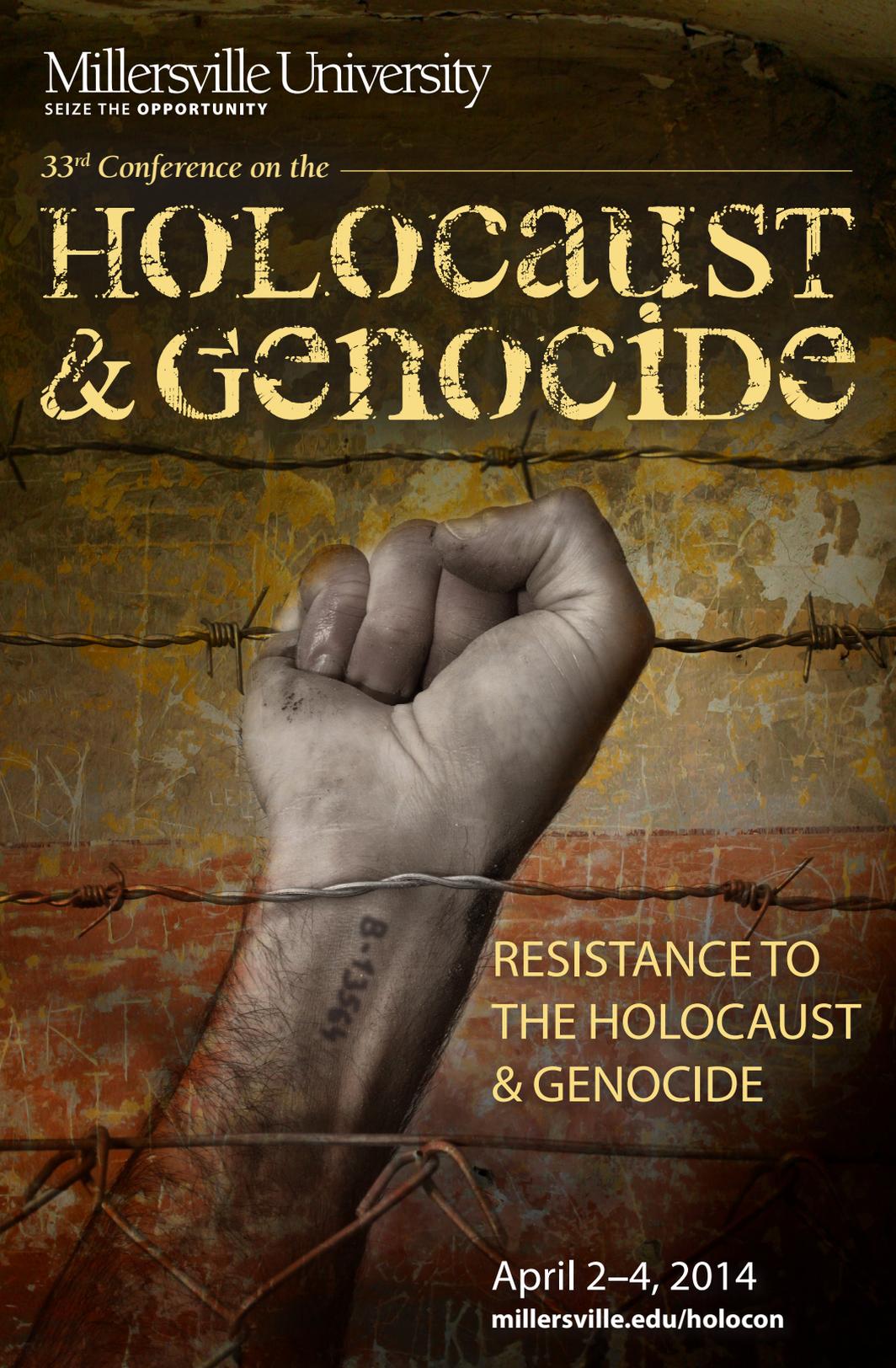


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The 33rd Conference on the Holocaust and Genocide is pleased to acknowledge the support of the Offices of the President and Provost.

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Special Thanks to Millersville University Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society, and the Honors College Student Association.

We invite everybody to attend the Blavatnik Archive exhibition

**LIVES OF THE GREAT PATRIOTIC WAR: THE UNTOLD STORY OF SOVIET
JEWISH SOLDIERS IN THE RED ARMY DURING WORLD WAR II**

McNairy Library and Learning Forum, Room 106.

Exhibition hours:

Wednesday, Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 10 p.m., Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 7 p.m.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

7 – 9:30 p.m.

Opening of the Conference

Welcoming Remarks by Victoria Khiterer, Millersville University

The documentary film **Misa's Fugue**, (2012). Afterword by film director/producer Sean D. Gaston Student Memorial Center (SMC), Multi-Purpose Room

Free admission

Limited shuttle transportation from and to Heritage Hotel – Lancaster (500 Centerville Road, Lancaster, PA 17601) will be provided before and after the conference opening.

**All conference sessions will be at the Bolger Conference Center
(Gordinier Hall), Millersville University, 2nd floor**

Limited shuttle transportation from and to Heritage Hotel – Lancaster will be provided on the mornings of both April 3 and April 4, at night on April 3 and at 1:40 p.m. on April 4.

Thursday, April 3, 2014

9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Registration of Invited Conference Participants

9:15 – 10:45 a.m.

SESSION 1:

JEWISH RESISTANCE IN GHETTOS AND CONCENTRATION CAMPS Lehr Room

Chair: Igor A. Kotler, Museum of Human Rights, Freedom and Tolerance

Martin Dean, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, *Strategies for Jewish Survival in Ghettos and Forced Labor Camps*

Paul R. Bartrop, Florida Gulf Coast University, *Confronting the Nazis in the Concentration Camp: Roza Robota, Sylvia Salvesen, and Alma Rosé – Three Approaches to Resistance* (**The Jack Fischel Lecture**)

Sara Bender, University of Haifa, *Ghetto Uprisings – Reality or Myth? A Comparative Discussion*

SESSION 2: THE HOLOCAUST IN SOVIET LITERATURE

University Room

Chair: Victoria Khiterer, Millersville University

Maxim D. Shroyer, Boston College, *Jewish-Russian Literature as a Form of Resistance to the Shoah, 1940-1946*

Gennady Estraiikh, New York University, *Heroism vs Kidush-Hashem: The Second World War in Soviet Yiddish Literature*

11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

SESSION 3: THE FIRST HOLOCAUST FILMS

Lehr Room

Chair: Victoria Khiterer, Millersville University

Stuart Liebman, Queens College, CUNY, *Resistance and Representation in Alfred Radok's Distant Journey (1949)*

Lawrence Baron, San Diego State University, *American Jewish Organizations and Holocaust Fundraising Docudramas* (**The Reynold Koppel Lecture**)

SESSION 4: THE RESCUE OF JEWS DURING THE HOLOCAUST University Room

Chair: Jeffrey Scott Demsky, San Bernardino Valley College

Dean Jeffrey Kotlowski, Salisbury University, *Finding Havens to Save Lives: Four Examples from the Jewish Refugee Crisis of the 1930s*

Zohar Segev, University of Haifa, *Activism and Restraint: The World Jewish Congress Rescue Activity during the Holocaust*

Lenore Weitzman, George Mason University, *When Rescue Became Resistance: the Kashariyot in the Jewish Resistance Who Saved Jews on the 'Aryan Side' in Poland*

SESSION 5: THE HOLOCAUST AS GENOCIDE

Old Main Room

Chair: Seth Ward, University of Wyoming

Dennis Klein, Kean University, *Witnesses and the Hidden Realities of Genocide*

Hartmut Heep, Pennsylvania State University, *Contextualizing the Holocaust as Genocide*

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch for Invited Conference Participants

Lehr Room

Lunch Talk: Dennis Klein, Kean University, *Opportunities for Advanced Study: The Master of Arts in Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Kean University*

1:30 – 3:15 p.m.

SESSION 6:

THE HOLOCAUST PERPETRATORS, WITNESSES AND VICTIMS University Room

Chair: Dean J. Kotlowski, Salisbury University

Peter Black, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, *Foot Soldiers of Operation Reinhard: The Trawniki Training Camp and the Implementation of Final Solution in German-Occupied Poland, 1941-1943*

Amy Simon, Indiana University, *The Keeper of Words: Herman Kruk as Librarian, Archivist, Author, Diarist, and Chronicler of the Vilna Ghetto*

David W. Wildermuth, Shippensburg University, *"And From That Moment, the Shoah Began for Us": What Survivor Testimony Can Tell Us About the Wehrmacht and Its Victims*

**SESSION 7: THE HOLOCAUST AND POST-WAR ANTI-SEMITISM
IN THE SOVIET UNION**

Lehr Room

Chair: Zvi Gitelman, University of Michigan

Julie Chervinsky, Blavatnik Archive Foundation, *Jewish Soldiers and Partisans of the Soviet Army of the Great Patriotic War, Blavatnik Archive: Veteran Video Project*

Jeffrey Veidlinger, University of Michigan, *Potatoes and Torah Scrolls: Small Acts of Kindness and Resistance in Transnistria*

Igor Kotler, Museum of Human Rights, Freedom and Tolerance, *The Case of Cultural Genocide: The Struggle of Soviet Jews against Soviet-Style Antisemitism, 1967 – 1989*

**SESSION 8 (GRADUATE STUDENT SESSION): THE CONTRIBUTION
OF GENOCIDE MEMORY TO MEMORY STUDIES**

Old Main Room

Chair: Dennis Klein, Kean University

Michael McGauley, Kean University, *Memory and Its Salience in Genocide Studies: An Individual Memory Exploration*

Ilyse Shainbrown, Kean University, *The Holocaust and Bosnian Genocide: Remembering Their Perpetrators Through Trials*

Timothy Chin, Kean University, *Memorializing Genocide: A Study in Remembrance, Guilt, and Society*

3:30 – 5:15 p.m.

**SESSION 9: MOVING PAST: RECONSIDERING THE HOLOCAUST IN
GERMANY, AMERICA AND UKRAINE**

Lehr Room

Chair: Victoria Khiterer, Millersville University

Holli Levitsky, Loyola Marymount University, *Provoked by Metaphor: Holocaust Memory in the New Germany (The Miriam Fischel Lecture)*

Jeffrey Scott Demsky, San Bernardino Valley College, *Moving Past "Abandonment": Reconsidering American Discursive Resistance to Nazi Anti-Semitism and the Holocaust*

Anatolii Podolskyi, Ukrainian Center for Holocaust Studies, *Holocaust Memory in Modern Ukraine: Current Situation and Challenges*

**SESSION 10:
THE RWANDAN GENOCIDE AND VIOLENCE IN AFRICA**

University Room

Chair: Onek Adyanga, Millersville University

Musa Wakhungu Olaka, University of South Florida, *Resistance as Presented in Handwritten Testimonies of Children from Gitarama Prefecture Who Lived Through the 1994 Rwanda Genocide*

Spring Ulmer, West Chester University, *What Representations of the Rwandan Genocide, or the Lack Thereof, Might Tell Us about Globalization and Ourselves*

Oscar Edoror Ubhenin, Ambrose Alli University, *Informal Networks and Resistance to Mass Violence in Nigeria*

5:30 – 6:50 p.m. Dinner for Invited Conference Participants

Campus Grill

7 – 8:30 p.m.

PLENARY SESSION

Lehr Room

Welcoming Remarks by Diane Umble, Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Millersville University

The Aristides De Sousa Mendes Lecture, Keynote Speech

Zvi Gitelman, University of Michigan, *Rumination, Resignation and Resistance*

Introduction by Victoria Khiterer, Millersville University

Friday, April 4, 2014

8:45 – 10:45 a.m. Registration of Invited Conference Participants

9 – 10:30 a.m.

**SESSION 11: CHOOSING LIFE: SURVIVING AND RESISTING VIA
MEDICINE AND MUSIC**

Lehr Room

Chair: Victoria Khiterer, Millersville University

Kobi Penland, University College London, *The Realm Outside Operation T4: Jewish Utilizations of Mental Institutions During the Holocaust*

Seth Ward, University of Wyoming, *Cultural Production as Resistance and Memory: Towards a History of "Zog nit Keinmol"*

Michael C. Steinlauf, Gratz College, *Performance as Resistance in the Warsaw Ghetto*

SESSION 12: THE HOLOCAUST AND CHURCHES

University Room

Chair: Oscar Edoror Ubhenin, Ambrose Alli University

Mary Johnson, Facing History and Ourselves, *Resistance of the Churches in the Nazi Era, 1933-1939*

Ovidiu Creanga, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, *Resisting Religious Persecution during the Holocaust in Romania: The Baptists of Southern Bessarabia*

10:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

SESSION 13: THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

Lehr Room

Chair: Tanya Kevorkian, Millersville University

Introduction by Lawrence Baron, San Diego State University

Film ***Music to Madness – the Story of Komitas***

Afterword by film director David Robert Deranian

Comments by Sylvia A. Alajaji, Franklin & Marshall College

**SESSION 14 (UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SESSION):
COLLABORATION AND RESISTANCE**

University Room

Chair: Laura Cray, Millersville University

Daniel Day, Millersville University, *Elie Wiesel: Struggle and Triumph*

Ashley Swift, Millersville University, *The Jewish Question in the Netherlands:
An Explanation for Dutch Collaboration*

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch for the Invited Conference Participants Lehr Room

Lunch Talk: *Refusenik Resistance: A Conversation with Maxim D. Shrayer*, Boston College Professor and Author of *Leaving Russia: A Jewish Story* (finalist of the 2013 National Jewish Book Awards).

Conference Closing Remarks by Victoria Khiterer, Millersville University

2 – 4 p.m.

CONFERENCE CULTURAL PROGRAM Myers Auditorium, McComsey Hall

Reading from Barry Kornhauser's Dramatic Adaptation of Jane Yolen's Novel ***The Devil's Arithmetic*** (A Holocaust Novel, Winner of the National Jewish Book Award).

The reading is to be performed by Millersville University students, under the direction of Professor Tony Elliot, Millersville University.

Tony Elliot, Millersville University, Barry Kornhauser, Millersville University, the Novel's Author Jane Yolen, and Dr. Wayne Brinda, artistic director of Prime Stage in Pittsburgh and a teaching fellow of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, along with participating students, will lead a post-reading discussion of the play.

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Visit us at **millersville.edu/holocon**.

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For detailed directions to campus, please visit: **millersville.edu/directions**.

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Conference participants may park their cars in any Millersville University parking lot on April 2–4. No parking permit is required. **Please do not park in any reserved parking areas.**

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