

**2009 Middle Tennessee State University
9th Biennial International
Holocaust Studies Conference
“The Holocaust and World War II”**

Thursday, October 22

- 8:00 - 9:25 am **OFFICIAL WELCOME TO THE 9th MTSU HOLOCAUST STUDIES CONFERENCE**
Mark Byrnes, Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts, MTSU
- SESSION I: **HIDDEN FROM HISTORY: WHAT SHOULD WE HAVE KNOWN?**
- “Unrecorded Voices in the Holocaust: The Story of Leo Laufer”
Diane Plotkin, Brookhaven College, Dallas, TX
- Hitler in “Kinderland”: Holocaust Writing for Children in the Canadian Yiddish Press, 1939-45
Rebecca Margolis, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
- Moderator: Cathy Crabtree, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE
- 9:25 - 9:40 am **BREAK**
- 9:40 - 11:05 am **SESSION II: CRIMES BEHIND THE FRONT LINES
VIOLENCE AGAINST CIVILIANS IN WORLD WAR II**
- “‘The situation is once again quiet:’ Gestapo Crimes in the Rhineland, Fall 1944”
Michael Patrick McConnell, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN
- “Sterilization Experiments in Auschwitz-Birkenau”
Aleksandra Loewenau, Oxford Brookes University, Oxford, England
- “Behind Rommel: Italian Occupation Policy in North Africa, 1940-1943”
Patrick Peter Bernhard, *Deutsches Historisches Institut*, (German Historical Institute) Rome, Italy
- Moderator: Dewey Browder, Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, TN
- 11:05 - 11:20 am **BREAK**
- 11:20 - 12:45 pm **SESSION III: AMERICA AND THE HOLOCAUST**
- “Obstructionism as Paradigm: The Case of Breckinridge Long (1881-1958) and Its ‘Successes’ Fifty Years Later”
Steven L. Jacobs, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL
- “African American POWs: Forgotten Voices of the Holocaust”
Randolph Jackson, Independent Scholar, Dubuque, IO
- “American Soldiers – Camp Survivors: Preliminary Operations”
Theresa L. Ast, Reinhardt College, Waleska, GA
- Moderator: Sheila Crifasi, University of Delaware, Newark, DE

1:00 - 2:25 pm **LUNCH** (Dining Room C)

2:40 - 4:05 pm **SESSION IV: "LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT MISFORTUNE...LET'S TALK ABOUT SHAME!" ART IN OPPOSITION TO HITLER: SPOTLIGHT ON BERTOLT BRECHT**

Introduction to Bertolt Brecht: Nancy Rupprecht, MTSU

A Selection of Poems by Bertolt Brecht

Read by:

Jo Wintker, Murfreesboro, TN

Charles Dean, MTSU

Artistic Consultant: Anne Cantrell, MTSU Emeritus

and

"The Jewish Wife" by Bertolt Brecht

From: *The Private Life of the Master Race (Furcht und Elend des III Reiches)*

Directed by: Donna Seage, Murfreesboro, TN

Actors:

Elyce Helford, MTSU

Todd Seage, Murfreesboro, TN

Moderator: Nancy Rupprecht, MTSU

4:05 - 4:20 pm **BREAK**

4:20 - 5:45 pm **SESSION V: PORTRAYING THE HOLOCAUST IN WORD AND IMAGE**

"We, the Resurrected": Christian Imagery in Jewish Holocaust Survivors' Autobiographies"

Deborah Lee Prescott, Palm Beach Atlantic University, West Palm Beach, FL

"Childhood, Photography and Comics: Narrating the Shoah in "Paroles d'Etoiles" (Words of Stars)"

Audrey Brunetaux, Colby College, Waterville, ME

"Suicide in Alexander Donat's *The Holocaust Kingdom: Recovering 'Unrecorded Voices'*"

Mark A. Mengerink, Lamar University, Beaumont, TX

Moderator: Jesse Scott, Newberry College, Newberry, SC

6:00 - 6:45 pm **DINNER** (Dining Room C)

7:00 - 8:15 pm **PLENARY SESSION** (Tennessee Room)

Welcome: John McDaniel, Dean, College of Liberal Arts, MTSU

Introduced by: Nancy Rupprecht, MTSU

"Roosevelt, Truman and the Holocaust"

Gerhard L. Weinberg, University of NC, Chapel Hill, NC, Emeritus

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Friday, October 23

- 8:00 - 8:55 am **SESSION VI: THE HOLOCAUST IN EASTERN EUROPE**
- “Memory of the Holocaust and Ukrainian Society”
Anatoly Podolsky, Ukrainian Holocaust Center, Kiev, Ukraine
- “Holocaust in the Occupied Slovenian Territories: The Importance of Class, Gender and Geography”
Andrej Pančur, *Inštitut za novejšo zgodovino* (Institute for Contemporary History) Ljubljana, Slovenia
- Moderator: David Hendon, Baylor University, Waco, TX
- 8:55 - 9:10 am **BREAK**
- 9:10 - 10:05 am **SESSION VII: HOLOCAUST MUSEUMS: EDUCATION AND COMMEMORATION**
- “Motion And Sound: Investigating the New Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center”
Wendy Koenig, North Central College, Naperville, IL
- “The Holocaust Taught and Commemorated in Museums”
Stephanie Rotem, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel
- Moderator: Brenden Martin, MTSU
- 10:05 - 10:20 pm **BREAK**
- 10:20 – 12:20 PM **SESSION VIII: SURVIVORS AND LIBERATORS** (Tennessee Room)
- Moderator: Derek Frisby, MTSU
- Survivors Panel:
Frances Cutler Hahn, Nashville, TN
Ben Lesser, Las Vegas, NV
Eric Rosenfeld, Nashville, TN
Eva Rosenfeld, Nashville, TN
- Liberators Panel:
Jimmy Gentry, Franklin, TN
James Dorris, Chattanooga, TN
- Military Color Guard, MTSU ROTC
Ceremony of Commemoration for the 6 million and those who liberated the Camps
Presiding: Steven L. Jacobs, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL
- 12:30 - 1:10 pm **LUNCH** (Dining Room C)
- 1:15 – 1:50 pm Memorial tribute to Elizabeth Limor, Leon Nuell and Thad Smith
Introduction by Mark Byrnes, Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts, MTSU (Tennessee Room)
- Elizabeth Limor - Jill Coble, Smyrna Middle School
Leon Nuell - Jimmy Cain, MTSU
Thad Smith - Nancy Rupprecht, MTSU

- 1:50 - 2:50 pm **PLENARY SESSION** (Tennessee Room)
Introduction by Jeremy Rich, MTSU
- "Racial Hatred: Black African Victims of Nazism"**
Raffael Scheck, Colby College, Waterville, ME
- 2:50 - 3:00 pm **BREAK**
- 3:00 - 3:55 pm **SESSION IX: INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES ON HOLOCAUST
EDUCATION**
- "The "Hidden Curriculum" and Transfer Problems in Holocaust Education"
Joachim Neander, Independent Scholar, Kraków, Poland
- "Germany is NOT *Judenfrei*: Including the Study of Post-Holocaust
Jewish Life in Germany in Holocaust Education" (paper by Ann L.
Saltzman and Joshua Kavaloski)
Ann L. Saltzman, Drew University, Madison, NJ
- Moderator: Wendy Koenig, North Central College, Naperville, IL
- 3:55 - 4:10 pm **BREAK**
- 4:10 - 5:05 pm **SESSION X: THE MANY FACES OF THE HOLOCAUST:
DEFIANCE, JUDGEMENT, REBIRTH**
- "Piecing Together the 'Many Faces' of the Holocaust"
Alice-Catherine Carls, University of Tennessee, Martin, TN
- "Engaging the Holocaust Face to Face"
Stephen Carls, Union University, Jackson, TN
- "From Torah to Community: Reclaiming the Past in Horovice"
Zach Albert, Rhodes College, Memphis, TN
- Moderator: David Hendon, Baylor University, Waco, TX

K-12 Teachers Day Schedule

Saturday, October 24, 2009

- 8:00 am **WELCOME TO THE EDUCATION SESSIONS**
Terry Whitside, Interim Dean, College of Education, MTSU
- 8:00 - 9:00 am **SESSION XI: USING ALTERNATIVE SOURCES IN THE CLASSROOM**
- "New Historical Accounts of the Holocaust in France and Italy"
Rennie Brantz, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC
- "Young Adult Literature of the Holocaust by the Israeli Author Uri Orlev"
Rosemary Horowitz, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC
- Moderator: Terry Whitside, Interim Dean, College of Education, MTSU

- 9:00 - 9:10 am **BREAK**
- 9:10 - 10:10 am **SESSION XII: THE GENERATIONAL IMPACT OF HISTORICAL FIGURES WHO SHAPED PUBLIC OPINION OF THE HOLOCAUST IN AMERICA DURING WORLD WAR II**
- “Historical Figures Who Impacted American Perspectives Before, During and After WWII
JoAnn Magnesen, U. S. Director of Christian Friends of Yad Vashem
- “Recollections from an American Jewish Girl Before, During and After WWII”
Speaker: Esther Levens, President, Israel Unity Coalition
- “Connecting the Past to the Future: Engaging This Generation of Learners in Holocaust Studies”
Beverly J. Boulware, MTSU
- Moderator: Ellen Garrison, MTSU
- 10:10 - 10:20 am **BREAK**
- 10: 20 - 11:15 am **SESSION XIII: *LIVING ON: USING THE TENNESSEE HOLOCAUST COMMISSION’S ON-LINE *LIVING ON* EXHIBIT IN THE CLASSROOM***
- Monnie DeBerry, Hardin County Middle School, Savannah, TN
Duane Eliff, Hardin County Middle School, Savannah, TN
- Moderator: Felicia Anchor, Tennessee Holocaust Commission, Nashville, TN
- 11:15 - 11:25 am **BREAK**
- 11:25 - 12:45 pm **SESSION XIV: *SECOND GENERATION PANEL*** (Hazelwood Room)
- Felicia Anchor, Chair, Tennessee Holocaust Commission, Nashville, TN
Steven L. Jacobs, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL
Sylvia Wygoda, Georgia Commission on the Holocaust, Decatur, GA
- Moderator: Rebecca Conard, MTSU
- 12:45 - 1:30 pm **LUNCH** (Dining Room C)
- 1:30 - 2:20 pm **SESSION XV: *Perspectives on Holocaust Education***
- “Walk a mile in my shoes: Cinemeducation and shared stories in Holocaust Education”
Mixon Ware, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY
- “Were the House Still Standing: Art, technology and digital storytelling in Holocaust education”
Douglas Quin, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY
- Moderator: Lyn Newman, Smyrna Middle School

2:20 - 2:30 pm

BREAK

2:30 – 4:30 pm

PLENARY SESSION: *THE PAPERCLIP PROJECT* (Tennessee Room)

Introduction by Jill Coble, Smyrna Middle School

“The Paper Clip Project”

**Linda Hooper, Principal of Whitwell Middle School and
2009 MTSU Distinguished Alumni**

Screening of the film “Paper Clips”

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