Holocaust Studies Conference Schedule DRAFT
Thursday, September 22 - Friday, September 23, 2022

All events held in the MTSU Student Union Ballroom

Thursday, September 22

7:30  Registration and Refreshments

8:15-9:15  Panel 1: MTSU Student Research Showcase
Lillian Hickman, MTSU, Music as Oppression and Resistance in the Camps
Caleb Franklin, MTSU, Homosexuality and the Holocaust: A Podcast
Justine Smith, MTSU, Memory, Memorialization, and Material Culture in American Holocaust Museums and Memorials
Panel Chair: Elyce Rae Helford, MTSU

9:25-10:25  Panel 2: The Power of Performance: Art, Film, and Theater
Mark Celinscak, College of Charleston, Painter of Questions: Samuel Bak and Holocaust Education
Anthony Hostetter, Rowan University, The Manya Project: Embodying Memories of Holocaust Survivors Through Performance
Madeline Levy, Harvard University, Nazi Aesthetics in Holocaust Representation: Schindler’s List and Its Reception as a Case Study
Panel Chair: Laura Cochrane, MTSU

10:30-10:45  Conference Welcome
Leah Lyons, Dean, College of Liberal Arts, MTSU

10:45-12:15  Keynote: Remapping Holocaust Studies: Teaching and Research in Global Context
Atina Grossmann, The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art

12:15-1:15  Luncheon
Remarks by the Tennessee Holocaust Commission

1:15-2:00  Panel 3: Women’s Holocaust Literature
Tiffany Sidders, University of Alabama-Tuscaloosa, Lifting the Silence: Understanding and Teaching Women’s Role in the Holocaust Through Martha Hall Kelly’s Lilac Girls
Elyce Rae Helford, MTSU, Traumatic Timescapes: Holocaust Memory in Jane Yolen’s The Devil’s Arithmetic and Nava Semel’s And the Rat Laughed
Panel Chair: Martha Hixon, MTSU

2:30-3:30  Panel 5: Gender, Sexuality, and the Holocaust

Michael Gans, Keiser University, The Politics of Homosexual Desire in Nazi Germany
Sarah Hall, Germanna Community College, Romantic Resistance: Love, Sex, and Women’s Survival in the Holocaust
Panel Chair: Rebekka King, MTSU

Friday, September 23

8:45  Registration and Refreshments

9:15-10:00  Panel 6: Questions of Justice

Christopher Harrison, Northern Arizona University, Teaching Genocide: Lemkin’s Impositions and Forced Servitude
Jarrett Patrick, Independent Scholar, Right Place, Right Man? Justice, Tribalism, and Trial by Historian in The Right Wrong Man
Panel Chair: Mark Doyle, MTSU

10:15-11:15  Panel 7: Postwar Memory and Discourse

Alicja Podbielska, Emory University, Early Postwar Jewish Discourse on Poles’ Attitudes during the Holocaust
Adam Taylor, Purdue University, The Incomplete Memorial at Gurs: A Tortuous Effort to Build a Memorial Museum at the Site of a Notorious Vichy Concentration Camp
Ashley Valanzola, MTSU, Simone Veil and the Debate over Holocaust Education in France
Panel Chair: Emily Baran, MTSU

11:30-12:45  Panel 8: Holocaust Education: Methods and Practice

Joe Delap, Athens State University, Teaching with Holocaust Eyewitness Accounts: From Traditional to Online Modalities of Learning
Chad S. A. Gibbs, College of Charleston, Holocaust Legacies and Descendant Oral Histories in the Classroom
Abigail Lewis, University of Notre Dame, Teaching Trauma through Photography: Visual Primary Sources and the Holocaust
Priyanka Das, Presidency University, India, Universalization or Trivialization: Engaging with the Holocaust in Indian Classrooms
Panel Chair: Amy Sayward, MTSU
1:00-2:00    Luncheon

2:00-2:15    Welcome

Cheryl Torsney, Vice Provost of Faculty Affairs, MTSU

2:15-4:00    Finding Schifrah: A Holocaust Child Survivor’s Journey and the Making of a Memoir

Sonja DuBois, Child Holocaust Survivor
Alice Catherine Carls, University of Tennessee at Martin
Hanno Weitering, University of Tennessee-Knoxville

4:00-4:30    Book signing